

Mullion Parish Council Meeting held on **Tuesday 15 December 2009** at 7.00pm at The Schoolroom, Methodist Chapel, Mullion

Councillors Present

R Curnow	Mrs C Rule (Vice Chairman)
A V Gilbert	C Rule
Mrs S Ireland	R Willey
J Lang (Chairman)	D Williams

PC Derek Cormack and one member of the public also attended the meeting.

1. Public Session

No comments were received from the public.

2. Police Report

PC Cormack updated the meeting of the Police Reports for the months of November and December as attached to these minutes.

Councillor Mrs C Rule asked PC Cormack to pass on the Council's thanks to the Officers involved in the Mullion Christmas Lights event.

PC Cormack was asked to investigate the abandoned vehicle in the Forge Car Park. The Clerk advised that this had previously been reported to Cornwall Council in the appropriate way.

3. Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors R Curnow and C Williams.

4. Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 17 November 2009 were proposed by Councillor R Willey, seconded by Councillor Mrs S Ireland, unanimously approved and then signed off by the Chairman as a true record.

5. Declarations of Interest

Councillor P Wilkins declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 10 – PA09/01456/F – Mr A Punter – Pendower, Nansmellyon Road – Erection of a dwelling (amended design) due to being a relative of the applicant.

6. Report from Cornwall Councillor Mrs C Rule

Councillor Mrs C Rule advised the meeting of the newly published dates for the Cornwall Council Out and About Service, as follows:-

19 and 26 January 2010, 16 and 23 February 2010 and 23 and 30 March 2010.

The Clerk was asked to publish notices on the notice board advising the public of the dates.

Once again, Councillor Mrs C Rule gave details of the community grant that was available to groups within her ward. A total of £2195 was available until the end of February, and the Clerk had copies of the grant form.

A Cabinet meeting had been scheduled for the following day to discuss the Council tax increase for 2010/11. It had been suggested that an increase of 2.9% would be applied to Cornwall, part of which would hopefully increase the Highways budget.

7. Public Rights of Way

Complaints had been made to Councillors regarding the access in and out of the Wesley Field, at Angrouse Farm regarding the condition of the footpath during wet weather. The Clerk was asked to contact the Countryside Officer in this respect.

8. Public Open Spaces

No issues were raised.

9. County Highways Issues

The Clerk advised the meeting that Cornwall Council were offering extra street cleaning facilities to cover special events such as local markets or other street events. No charge was made for this service, and could prove to be useful in the future.

Following complaints made by the Parish Council regarding tourist and directional signs around the village, the Clerk had emailed a photo of the blue directional sign on Lender Lane to Cornwall Council, who had agreed to prioritise our request against other similar requests across the country.

Issues regarding moss on footpaths had also been passed to the Highways Service who would investigate the problems at Laflouder Fields, Old Vicarage Lane, Redannack Estate and Carey Parc.

The Clerk confirmed to the meeting that, as previously agreed, three new street lights had been installed at Gibbons Fields.

Complaints had been made to Councillors by members of the public regarding the condition of the road at the entrance to Redannack Estate. The road, which was recently laid, appeared to have moved, therefore creating an uneven surface. The Clerk agreed to report the problem to the Highways Service.

10. Planning

Following consideration by the Councillors of the Planning Applications received from Cornwall Council, the following decisions were made. Councillor A V Gilbert abstained from voting on all applications.

Councillor P Wilkins declared a personal and prejudicial interest in respect of the following item and did not take part in the vote.

PA09/01456/F – Mr A Punter – Pendower, Nansmellyon Road - Erection of a dwelling (amended design)

No comments had been received from the public regarding this application for a minor alteration on an existing approval, which was located within the development boundary.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs S Ireland, seconded by Councillor R Willey and agreed to support the planning application.

PA09/01434/F – Mr & Mrs D Lagdon – The White Cottage, Meaver Road – Erection of a two story double garage and annexe

Following a lengthy discussion, the following comments were made:-

- Located outside of the development boundary
- Overdevelopment of the site
- Existing property already doubled in size
- Plans do not show the true size of the existing dwelling
- Known drainage problems exist on site
- Dangerous access onto main road from the property
- The creation of an additional dwelling would increase the number of cars on site, therefore adding to the vehicular movement onto the main road.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs C Rule, seconded by Councillor R Willey and agreed to object to the planning application on the above grounds.

PA09/01477/F – Mr D Skeites – 10 Park Enskellaw – Raising of part of roof and loft conversion of dwelling

The applicant attended the meeting and spoke in favour of the application.

No comments had been received from the public regarding this application which was located within the development boundary.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs C Rule, seconded by the Chairman and agreed to support the planning application.

PA09/01427/LBC – Mr I Stanley – Parc Venton House, Garro Lane – Erection of garden room extension and installation of external door to dwelling

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs S Ireland, seconded by Councillor D Williams and agreed to object to the planning application on the following grounds:-

- Not in keeping with the existing Listed Building
- Overdevelopment of plot
- Substantial increase on the existing floor area

PA09/01500/F – Messrs D G Developments – Angrouse Farm Barns, Angrouse Lane – Temporary stationing of two caravans for construction workers

Councillors noted that a Cornish hedge had already been removed at the site, and one caravan was already installed. Councillors agreed that a more suitable location within the site could be found, without the need to access the main road at such a dangerous point.

It was proposed by Councillor C Williams, seconded by Councillor C Rule and agreed to support the planning application with a condition attached that a Cornish hedge be re-instated and caravans being removed from the site on completion of construction.

The Clerk was also requested to advise the Planning Officer of the creation of a new access onto the main road without planning consent.

PA09/01528/F – Mr B Thomas – Lanherne, Meaver Road – Change of use of dental surgery to form part of existing dwelling

It was reported to the meeting that an integral garage used to be located within the dwelling, however the garage was not shown on the plans. The Parish Council had not received a change of use application for that alteration to the property.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs C Rule, seconded by Councillor D Williams and agreed to support the planning application. The Clerk was requested to notify the Planning Department of the change of use from domestic garage to consulting room (which had not previously been approved).

PA09/01509/F – Mr B Thomas – Lanherne, Meaver Road – Proposed erection of a detached domestic garage

Following the comments made on the previous planning application for this property, Councillors noted that a garage had previously been available for use by the occupants, and queried the necessity for a further detached double garage. It was also agreed that a building of this size on the plot was an extensive development, and overdevelopment of the site. The property was also located outside of the development boundary.

It was proposed by Councillor P Wilkins and seconded by Councillor D Williams to support the planning application. However this proposal was not supported and it was agreed by the majority of the Council to object to this application on the above grounds.

PA09/01508/F – Mrs Andrews – Island View, Mullion Cove – Conversion of dwelling to form 1 residential unit and 3 holiday units

Councillors agreed that restoration works were needed on the building, however it was noted that the parking indicated on the attached plans at the front (& possibly the side) of the property was not located within the plots boundary or control. Parking difficulties were known to exist on the harbour, however a public car park was located nearby.

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor P Wilkins and agreed to support the planning application. The Clerk was asked to forward the above comments to the Planning authority.

The Clerk confirmed that she had reported the untidy condition of The Chalet, Gwel An Garrek to the Planning Enforcement Section, and had been advised that the current state of the site was acceptable. The Clerk was requested to contact the Planning Enforcement Officer again, with photographic evidence of the site.

The Parish Council had received notification that planning application PA09/01866/F, Wayton House, Nansmellyon Road would be reported to the Planning Committee for decision on Tuesday 22 December 2009.

In relation to the erection of a building in the Cove Car Park, the Planning Enforcement Officer had advised that the owner had agreed to remove the old shed and paint the new unit which had been built to provide cover for the parking meter. Development Control would invite application for the unit once the works had been completed.

11. Village Warden

Following a previous request by the Council, the Clerk confirmed that she had emailed ten similar sized Councils in Cornwall regarding the amalgamation of contracts and the provision of a Village Warden in place of the contracts. The only Council to provide such a service shared an employee with an adjoining Council, and the remaining Councils found it better value for money to contract out the required services.

The Chairman then deferred the meeting for six months and asked the Clerk to continue investigating the possibility of a Village Warden for Mullion.

12. Criggan Mill Decision Notice

Following the letter of support sent to CPRE regarding the possible legal action against the Criggan Mill decision notice, and the donations made by members of the public towards such costs, the Parish Council agreed to become a member of CPRE Cornwall to benefit from future planning advice on applications.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs C Rule, seconded by Councillor A Gilbert and agreed to donate £100.00 to CPRE Cornwall to include membership costs.

13. Amenity Monies

The Clerk advised the meeting of more suggestions received by the public for the spending of the amenity monies.

After a lengthy discussion, it was suggested that the Clerk look into the possibility of a 'Map of Mullion'. Circular walks and points of interest around the village could be shown, and the Clerk was asked to bring ideas back to the following meeting.

14. Polurrian Toilets

Councillor Mrs C Rule advised the meeting that following conversations with the owner of Polurrian Hotel, the Hotel was keen to be involved with the toilets at Polurrian beach. The Hotel was keen to secure the future of the toilets and Mullion SLSC.

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Mrs S Ireland and agreed that Councillor Mrs C Rule could open negotiations between the Hotel and Cornwall Council, but that any suggestions should be brought back to the Parish Council before any decision is made.

15. Mullion Parish Diary 2010

The Parish Council had received a request from a member of the public suggesting that the Parish Diary is published twice a year, covering six months each time. The Parish Council, however, agreed to continue publishing the Parish Diary once a year in January to keep costs to a minimum.

16. CCTV in Tremenhee and The Forge car parks

The Councillors resolved to defer this item to the January meeting for a decision to be made.

17. Precept - 2010/11

Following the documents circulated by the Clerk relating to various percentage rises, costs to the a Band D property, and income to be received by the Parish Council, it was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor R Willey and agreed to increase the 2010/11 precept by 7% to £29,621.88.

18. LGA 1972 Requests for funding.

The Parish Council had received a request for funding from Tanya's Courage Trust. It was agreed at this time not to give any funding to this charity.

The Parish Council had received a request for funding from the Cornwall Blind Association. It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor A Gilbert and agreed to donate £100.00 to the charity.

The Parish Council had received a request for funding from the Cornwall Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre. It was agreed at this time not to give any funding to this charity.

19. Finance and Accounts

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs C Rule, seconded by Councillor P Wilkins and unanimously agreed to confirm the accounts and to pay the invoices

20. Standards Committee Vacancy Advertisement

Further to the application form and related documents that had been previously circulated by the Clerk, the meeting was advised to apply directly to Cornwall Council, should Councillors wish to respond to the advertisement.

21. Helston and the Lizard Community Network Panel Meeting

Following notification of the inaugural meeting of the Helston & The Lizard Community Network Panel meeting to be held on Wednesday 13 January 2010 at 7.00pm at Helston Community College, it was requested that a nominee and substitute be made by each Parish Council within the Community Network area.

It was agreed that the Chairman would be the nominated representative, and that the Clerk would be the substitute.

22. Development management pre-application consultation paper and questionnaire

Following the previous circulation of the Development management pre-application consultation paper and questionnaire to the Councillors, it was agreed that the Chairman and the Clerk would complete and submit the questionnaire on behalf of the Council by 8 January 2010.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20pm and wished everyone a peaceful Christmas and a happy New Year.

Signed:
Chairman

Dated: