

Mullion Parish Council Meeting held on **Tuesday 16 March 2010** at 7.00pm at The Schoolroom, Methodist Chapel, Mullion

Councillors Present

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

One member of the public also attended the meeting.

1. Public Session

No issues were raised under this item.

2. Police Report

Apologies had been received from PC Cormack and PCSO Berry. Their report, as attached to these Minutes, had been sent to the Clerk and was read out by the Chairman.

Councillor Mrs C Rule added that at a meeting she had attended with Inspector Coad, it was announced that the Helston Beat Area had the lowest crime levels in the Devon and Cornwall Police Authority.

3. Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors C Rule.

4. Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 16 February 2010 were proposed by Councillor C Williams, seconded by Councillor R Curnow, unanimously approved and then signed off by the Chairman as a true record.

5. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were received.

6. Report from Cornwall Councillor Mrs C Rule

Councillor Mrs C Rule advised the meeting that all Cornwall Councillors had been given a Community Chest for 2010/11 amounting to £2195.00 (the same as the previous year). The application forms were the same as previously used, and interested groups were asked to contact the Clerk for copies. Cornwall Councillors had also been given a small budget to spend on highway maintenance for the forthcoming year. Any requests should be directed to Councillor Mrs C Rule.

Councillor Mrs Rule advised that the Community Network Manager had arranged for the Media Bus to visit Mullion on Friday 26 February 2010. Due to organisational difficulties and poor briefing however, it had only been sited at the Comprehensive School car park for a short amount of time, and had not appeared in Tremenhee Car park as published. Other villages had experienced similar problems causing Cornwall Councillors within the Lizard Community Network Area to agree to submit a letter of complaint to the company.

Councillor Mrs C Rule advised the meeting that the situation with Polurrian toilets was still ongoing. A covenant had been placed over the building stipulating no trade to take place on the site, however the owner of the covenant could not be traced. It was still hoped that the facility would be open for the forthcoming season.

Following the circulation of the draft bus timetable proposed by Western Greyhound following First giving up the contract for this area, several queries were received which would be taken back to Western Greyhound by Councillor Mrs C Rule.

7. Public Rights of Way

Councillor Mrs C Rule had received a complaint regarding the condition of Laflouder Lane which she had taken to the relevant Officer at Cornwall Council. The Officer had confirmed that the standard of the lane was suitable for its purpose and no action would be taken to improve its condition.

8. Public Open Spaces

Complaints had been received from members of the public regarding the area surrounding the recycling banks. Rubbish (including cardboard boxes and glass) was being left in and around the recycling enclosure, and the Clerk was requested to purchase and install a new sign in a prominent position.

Councillor Mrs C Rule advised the meeting that an agreement had been reached for the re-installation of one dog bin at the Trembel Road end of Chapel Lane. This would not be a new bin, but it was agreed that this would be satisfactory. The Clerk had also requested the replacement of the dog bin previously located at the Church end of footpath 49 (behind the park), but no response had been received. She would chase this request again.

9. County Highways Issues

No comments were received.

10. Planning

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

PA10/00175/F – The Swallowcourt Group – Poldhu Nursing Home, Poldhu Cove – Erection of 5 close care bungalows

No comments had been received from the public regarding this application which was located outside of the development boundary. Following a lengthy debate, the following comments were made -

- Provision had already been made within the village for sheltered housing for people aged over 55 at Woodlands
- Concern was raised over the proposed bungalows being in private ownership instead of being owned and controlled by the care home
- The only link that would exist between the care home and the proposed bungalows would be the lease, which could be sold to private individuals in the future
- With only one resident in the proposed two bedroom bungalow needing to be over 55 years of age, there was the possibility of an entire family moving into the close care home
- The care home could apply for the discharge of the S106 Agreement, therefore removing any connection between the proposed bungalows and the care home
- No new jobs would be created
- Enforcing the conditions of the S106 would be difficult and unlikely

This proposed development would take place in the open countryside in an area of SSSI and an AONB, therefore going against the policies set out by Cornwall Council.

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor C Williams and agreed to object to the planning application on the above grounds.

The Chairman advised the meeting of the following Decision Notices and correspondence received from Cornwall Council.

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

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

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

PA09/01561/F – Mr M Allen – 68 Redannack North – Extensions to dwelling and replacement garage – Conditional Permission Granted

The application for the felling and lopping of trees located with a Tree Preservation Order at Woodlands, Mullion had been withdrawn.

Planning application PA09/01341/F, the erection of an agricultural barn at Paradise Farm, Trevitho Lane, Meaver Road had been pulled from the March meeting of the Planning Committee, but would go before another Planning Committee for a decision in the future.

The Planning Enforcement complaint relating to Penny Cottage, Churchtown had been closed following an invitation for planning application which would be likely to be supported by the Planning Authority.

Planning application PA09/01427/LBC, the erection of a garden room extension and installation of external door the dwelling at Parc Venton, Garro Lane had been withdrawn following objections raised by English Heritage over the size of the extension.

A complaint had been received regarding works being carried out behind Polurrian Hotel on the existing 5-a-side pitch. Following further investigation by the Planning Enforcement Team, it was confirmed that works were being carried out under a Decision Notice granting planning permission in 2005.

11. Amenity Monies

The Clerk advised the meeting of the proposed costs of the creation of the Map of Mullion. Westcountry Publishing had given an initial quote of £600 for the master artwork which would include the drawing of the large scale Parish map, more detailed Village map, footpath and heritage trail routes and appropriate key to the map. Printing of the map would be dealt with once a scheme had been agreed by the Council.

It was proposed by Councillor R Willey, seconded by Councillor R Curnow and agreed to instruct Westcountry Publishing to commence with the first draft the Map of Mullion, to be brought back to the Council for comments, suggestions and alterations. It was agreed that the Parish Council should hold the copyright for the Map.

A response from Cornwall Council was awaited for the request for the use of amenity money to upgrade footpaths 34 (Polurrian) and 12 (Wesley Field and copse).

With regard to further expenditure of amenity funds, the Clerk was requested to advise on the balance remaining at the next meeting before any further projects were discussed

Following the site meeting held on Thursday 4 March 2010 for the installation of CCTV in St Mellans Park, the Clerk advised the meeting that several Councillors had attended and had received a short presentation from Delta CCTV regarding the positioning, specification and capability of the system. The Clerk was now in a position to progress this matter, and was awaiting confirmation of the quotes received several months ago before drawing up a timetable for the installation of the CCTV.

12. Standing Orders 2010

Following the circulation of the draft Standing Orders as published by NALC and amended for Mullion Parish Council, it was proposed by Councillor R Willey, seconded by Councillor P Wilkins and unanimously agreed to adopt the Standing Orders as set out in the draft document.

13. Parish Council Website

Councillor Mrs Rule advised that a website had already been established by Mr J Rule, but having not been utilised recently, now displayed an "Out of date" notice.

Following the recent offer by Cornwall Council to construct free web pages for Parish Councils, it was agreed to make an assessment of this option for Mullion Parish Council, before making an announcement to Press and public.

14. Grass Cutting in the Park and Cemetery for 2010

Following the quotation for grass cutting in the Cemetery and Playing Fields, the Clerk advised the meeting of the figures.

Councillors queried the necessity for hedge trimming, and the Clerk agreed to establish where and why this was needed.

It was proposed by Councillor C Williams, seconded by Councillor R Willey and unanimously agreed to accept the quote for grass cutting in the cemetery and park, and for the Chairman and Clerk to make a decision on accepting the quote for the hedge trimming once the reasons had been established.

Councillor Mrs C Rule suggested that she contacted the relevant department to check the figures were in line with the proposed co-ordination of services. The Clerk would await confirmation from Councillor Mrs C Rule before accepting the quote.

15. Cornwall Council questionnaire on Car Parking Charges

Cornwall Council had established a Parking Policy Advisory Panel to develop a new set of charges for the car parks across Cornwall to ensure consistency across the County. A questionnaire had been received from the Chairman of the Panel for completion. Following debate over the questions asked, the Clerk was asked to complete the questionnaire on behalf of the Council with the answers that had been agreed at the meeting.

16. Public Conveniences, Tremenhee Car Park

The Chairman advised the meeting of Mr Eric Tonkin's resignation given in relation to the opening and closing of the public conveniences. He would cease to open and close the facility on 31 March 2010, and would be paid for 2009 and the 90 days up to 31 March 2010. Initial enquiries in the community had found a couple in the village who were willing to open and close the public conveniences on the same terms to ensure that this facility would remain open. Mrs Sheila and Mr Dennis Archer had agreed to take over from Mr Eric Tonkin on 1 April 2010, and would ensure that the toilets were opened each day. Councillors showed their appreciation to the couple for taking over this task for the good of the village.

It had been requested that the toilets be painted prior to the South West in Bloom competition, and Councillor Mrs C Rule agreed to contact the relevant Officer at Cornwall Council with regard to this request.

17. LGA 1972 Requests for funding

A letter had been received from Shelter Cornwall requesting grant funding. This request was refused.

A letter had also been received from Redruth Citizens Advice Bureau requesting a grant. It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Mrs C Rule and unanimously agreed to donate £200.00 to the organisation.

18. Finance and Accounts

It was proposed by Councillor R Willey, seconded by the Councillor A Gilbert and unanimously agreed to confirm the accounts and to pay the invoices

19. Cornwall Council Housing Department – tackling long term empty properties

A letter had been received from the Housing Enforcement Officer advising the public of the newly adopted Housing Renewals Policy that offers financial assistance to empty property owners to bring properties back into use. Any information regarding such properties should be forwarded to 01726 223413 or see www.cornwall.gov.uk/emptyproperties for more guidance.

20. Police Authority Liaison Meeting – Wednesday 17 March 2010

The next Police Authority Liaison Meeting would take place on Wednesday 17 March 2010 at The Wesley Hall, Methodist Church, Coinagehall Street, Helston at 7.30pm.

21. Community Network Panel Meeting – Wednesday 21 April 2010

The first official Helston and The Lizard Community Network Panel meeting would take place on Wednesday 21 April 2010 at 7.00pm at Porthleven Football Club and that the Clerk would attend on behalf of the Parish Council.

The Clerk confirmed that she had attended the informal meeting held in February, which included a lengthy debate over the draft structure of the Network Panel. The revised structure would be available at the next Parish Council meeting for comment by Councillors.

22. Christian Aid House to House Collection – 9 - 15 May 2010

A house to house collection would take place between 9 – 15 May 2010 by Churches Together in Mullion, Cury and Gunwalloe on behalf of Christian Aid.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35pm.

Signed:

Chairman

Dated: