

Mullion Parish Council Meeting held on **Tuesday 20 April 2010** at 7.00pm at The Schoolroom, Methodist Chapel, Mullion

Councillors Present

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

PCSO Julia Berry and four members of the public also attended the meeting.

1. Public Session

A member of the public commented on the condition of the footpath leading from Angrouse Farm to the village, across the Wesley Field. He advised the meeting that often the footpath was impassable due to drainage issues. He suggested that the natural drain had been blocked by the creation of a hard standing at the gateway to another field. The Chairman confirmed that he would be meeting with the Countryside Officer during the forthcoming week, and would raise this issue with him, once again, as footpaths are controlled by Cornwall Council.

2. Police Report

PCSO Berry updated the meeting of the Police Reports for the previous month as attached to these minutes.

Although crime statistics for this area were excellent, councillors were asked to remind residents to be vigilant, especially with the imminent influx of visitors.

3. Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors P Wilkins and D Williams.

4. Minutes

The minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 06 April 2010 were proposed by Councillor R Willey, seconded by Councillor C Williams, unanimously approved and then signed off by the Chairman as a true record.

5. Declarations of Interest

Councillor R Curnow declared a personal interest in relation to item 10 PA10/00296/S – Coastline Housing Ltd – Redannack Estate - Erection of Notice board due to being a members of the Redannack Residents Association.

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.

Councillor Mrs C Rule confirmed that, further to a review of the existing policies, Predannack Manor Farm would not be sold. The farm would remain in the ownership of Cornwall Council within the County Farms Portfolio. A planning application would be submitted for the re-development of old farm buildings to generate income for the installation of new farm buildings to support the existing farm and regenerate the farmhouse. As with all planning applications, the Parish Council would be a consultee for this application.

Councillor Mrs C Rule advised the meeting that the situation with Polurrian toilets was still ongoing. The covenant over the building stipulating no trade to take place on the site was being dismissed. An advert would be placed in the press this week with tenders invited for the provision of a beach cafe with toilet facilities for the public.

Further complaints had been received from members of the public regarding buses to Helston. Western Greyhound travelled to Helston via Furry Way, instead of Meneage Street, therefore increasing the walking distance from the bus stop at Coinagehall Street to the nearest supermarket. Many older bus users requested that the bus stop at the top of Meneage Street be made available. Councillor Mrs C Rule had passed the complaints to the bus company. Concerns were also raised over the route to Redruth, and the necessary change at Helston. It was alleged that the timetables of the two bus operators did not make the journey easily accessible.

7. Public Rights of Way

A Councillor advised the meeting that the footpath bridge at Polurrian Cove had been replaced by Cornwall Council during the past fortnight.

The recent dry weather had improved bridleway 35 which led to Polurrian Cove and two separate paths had been created on the bridleway. It was suggested that the lower part of the path be used for horses and the higher part of the path for pedestrians. The Clerk was asked to contact horse riders in the area.

8. Public Open Spaces

The Clerk advised the meeting that following a conversation with the Operations Manager at Cornwall Council, it had been decided not to include hedge trimming in the park for the forthcoming year. If the Council felt that this was required at any time, Cornwall Council would undertake the work as the previously quoted rate.

9. County Highways Issues

Councillors commented positively on the recently resurfaced entrance to Redannack Estate.

Various resurfacing had begun in areas around the village, and it was hoped that the deteriorating condition of Meaver Road would be dealt with in the near future.

Tarmac covering the recently installed drainage pipe on Ghost Hill had sunk, and the Clerk was asked to report the issue to County Highways.

It was noted that a speed monitor was in place on Nansmellyon Road, and the Council awaited the results of the monitoring exercise.

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.

PA10/00322/F – Messrs Westlink Design – Plots 32 and 33, Riviera Close, Nansmellyon Road – Erection of 2 dwellings (amended design)

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

Councillors agreed that this design was an improvement on the previous permission granted.

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

PA10/00332/F – Mr Adrian Punter – Plot 1, Riviera Close, Nansmellyon Road - Erection of one dwelling (amended design)

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

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor R Curnow and agreed to support the planning application.

Councillor R Curnow declared a personal interest in relation to the following item and signed the Register of Interests.

PA10/00296/S – Coastline Housing Ltd – Redannack Estate - Erection of Notice board

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

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

PA10/00175/F – Swallowcourt Group – Poldhu Nursing home, Poldhu Cove – Erection of 5 Close Care Bungalows (additional information)

Following additional information which had been submitted to Cornwall Council by Swallowcourt Group, the Parish Council was in a position to be re-consulted on this application.

The additional information received included various clauses that had been added to the proposed S106 Agreement which would operate in parallel to the leases on the bungalow. These additional clauses were hoped to alleviate Councillors concerns over the link between the close care bungalows and care home.

Following further discussion, it was proposed by Councillor C Williams, seconded by Councillor R Curnow and agreed to support the planning application due to the alteration of the S106 Agreement in favour of the Council's previous concerns.

PA10/00360/TPO - Mr R Galbraith - Woodlands Mullion Helston Cornwall TR12 7RN - Felling of 4 Ash trees and crowing of Monterey Pine tree, Lime tree and 6 Sycamore trees

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

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

PA10/00355/F – Mr & Mrs M Bravery - 2 & 3 Meaver Cottages, Meaver Road - Alterations and extensions to dwelling and erection of garage with associated parking

The Council had (previous to the meeting) received verbal objections from the owner of the closest neighbouring property which included the proposed porches not being in keeping with the character of the cottages or the one remaining cottage and the overshadowing of the rear of his property due to the large extensions to number 2 and 3. It was also alleged that the boundary between number 1 and 2 was incorrect, and that the plan showed part of number 1 belonging to number 2. Existing plans showed that part of the cob built chimney in number 2 had already been removed, however works had been stopped and were not completed. Concern was raised in relation to the compliance of building regulations.

During a lengthy discussion, the following comments were raised:-

- The granting of planning permission would ruin the ambience of the traditional farm workers' cottages located in this rural position
- The proposed porches located at the front of the properties were not in keeping with the character of the cottages or the one remaining original cottage
- The extensions to the rear of the properties were grossly oversized and overshadowed the neighbouring adjoined property
- The application was for development on a property that was located outside of the development boundary
- It was alleged that the boundary between number 1 and 2 was incorrect, and that the plan showed part of number 1 belonging to number 2
- The location of the cottages was highly visible from many areas in and around the village of Mullion, as well as from numerous footpaths
- It was suggested that the proposed garages and parking spaces was indeed too much for the proposed dwelling

- Access onto the unclassified road (which was maintained by Cornwall Council) was situated very close to a blind bend

It was then proposed by Councillor Mrs C Rule, seconded by Councillor R Curnow and agreed to object to the planning application on the above grounds. The Clerk was also requested to mention the allegations of non compliance with building regulations surrounding the removal of part of the chimney. It was requested that this application went before the Planning Committee if the Parish Council's views differed to the Planning Officer's recommendations.

The Chairman advised Councillors of the necessity to hold an Extraordinary Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 4 May 2010 to comment on planning applications that had not been received in time for this meeting.

11. Amenity Monies

The Clerk had circulated outstanding amenity monies to Councillors prior to the meeting. Further suggestions for the spending of the money included an all weather bowls mat, an improved play area and picnic benches.

The Clerk updated the meeting on the installation of CCTV in St Mellans Park. Work had begun, and the underground works were now completed. The electrical wiring would be the next phase of the project, prior to the installation of the pole and cameras.

Westcountry Publishing had been instructed to begin work on the Map of Mullion, and it would be several weeks before a first draft was available for comment by the Council.

Following the previous request to Cornwall Council for the spending of amenity monies on the improvement of the bridleway to Polurrian Cove, no response had been received. By default, this meant that the request could be met.

12. Parish Council Website

Following the discussion held at the previous meeting, it was agreed to continue using the Mullion Parish Council webpage on the Cornwall Council website. The Clerk was requested to advertise the website address – www.cornwall.gov.uk/mullionparish - in the village and the press.

13. Mullion In Bloom Contract

Following the expiration of Mullion In Bloom's contract on 31 March 2010, the organisation had been approached regarding the renewal of the contract. Mullion In Bloom had agreed to renew the contract on the existing terms.

Councillors agreed that they were very pleased with the work undertaken around the village.

It was proposed by Councillor C Rule, seconded by Councillor R Curnow and agreed to renew the contract on the same terms for another two years, until 31 March 2012.

It was suggested that the wording of the contract be looked at (for clarity), and the Clerk and Chairman agreed to look at the document.

14. Helston and the Lizard Community Network Panel – Proposed Structure

Further to the previously circulated proposed structure of the Helston and Lizard Community Network Panel, no comments were received from the Councillors.

Councillor Mrs C Rule and the Clerk confirmed that they would be attending the meeting to be held on Wednesday 21 April 2010.

15. Cornwall Association of Local Councils Membership 2010-2011

Further to renewal forms being received for the 2010-2011 Membership of the Cornwall Association of Local Councils, it was proposed by Councillor R Willey, seconded by Councillor R Curnow and unanimously agreed to affiliate to the organisation for the forthcoming year.

16. Insurance quotation 2010-2011

Further to the renewal forms being received from Allianz Aon for the 2010-2011 insurance cover, and the provision of additional cover for the CCTV equipment, it was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor R Curnow and unanimously agreed to accept the insurance quote.

17. LGA 1972 Requests for funding

A letter had been received from Cruse Bereavement Care in Cornwall requesting grant funding. This request was refused.

18. Finance and Accounts

It was proposed by Councillor C Williams, seconded by the Chairman and unanimously agreed to confirm the accounts and to pay the invoices

19. Invitation to attend Local Council Planning forum – Saturday 19 June 2010

An invitation had been received from Cornwall Council for one representative of each Parish and Town Council to attend the Local Council Planning Forum to be held on Saturday 19 June 2010 between 9.30am and 4pm in the Council Chamber, New County Hall, Truro.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.25pm.

Signed:
Chairman

Dated: