

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

Councillors Present

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

PC Derek Cormack and two members of the public were also in attendance.

1. Public Session

No issues were raised.

2. Police Report

PC Cormack updated the meeting of the Police Report for the previous month as attached to these minutes.

PC Cormack passed a letter to the Clerk relating to the future provision of traffic management at public functions. Unfortunately, the Police would no longer manage road closures, and an application should be made to Cornwall Council for road closure (if required) to allow such events to take place. The Clerk was asked to forward the letter to the affected event organisers. Any further information and advice should be obtained from Sergeant Mark Pascoe at Helston Police Station on 01326 555192.

Previous to the meeting, a group of residents voiced concerns to the Chairman regarding a number of Highway and Footway matters, which included perceived speeding traffic through Churchtown and Nansmellyon Road, crossing Nansmellyon Road from the pavement to access the Health Centre/Primary School, Post Office and the Convenience store, and other items. He recommended that the residents wrote to the Cornwall Council Highways Department with copies to Mullion Parish Council in order that the subject could be addressed fully at the next Parish Meeting. In the interim however he was able to advise that he toured the village with an officer from Highways the previous day, where many of the points had been raised.

3. Absence

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

4. Minutes

The minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 06 July 2010 were proposed by Councillor Mrs S Ireland, seconded by Councillor P Wilkins, unanimously approved and then signed off by the Chairman as a true record.

5. Declarations of Interest

Councillor R Curnow declared an interest in item 13 due to being Chairman of the Redannack Residents Association and signed the register of interests accordingly. He did not take part in the discussion or vote on this matter.

6. Report from Cornwall Councillor Mrs C Rule

Councillor Mrs C Rule updated the meeting on the current issues with Cornwall Council. The Council was looking closely at budgets with the aim of making £16million in cuts.

The previously secured convergence funded projects which had been matched funded by private sector funding would still go ahead. This included the Wave Hub, regeneration works at Hayle and the provision of high speed broadband for Cornwall.

Councillor Mrs C Rule advised the meeting that the situation with Polurrian toilets was still ongoing. Councillor Mrs C Rule assured the meeting that she would contact the relevant Officers to ascertain the current position, however at the current time, she had no further information.

Councillor Mrs C Rule ended her report by thanking Councillor Roger Willey, on behalf of the Parish Council, for his dedicated service to the village following his retirement from the Fire Service after forty years.

7. Public Rights of Way

It was reported that the waste bin situated on a lamp post outside of the Atlantic Forge shop had been missing for several months. The Clerk was asked to contact the relevant Officer.

The Clerk was pleased to advise the meeting that three dog bins had finally been replaced in the Village.

She then went on to update the meeting on the two new dog control orders which came into force on 16 July 2010.

The first order, the Cornwall Council Dog Fouling Order replaced all those previously made by the former districts in Cornwall and created one single harmonised order for the County. The Council was under a statutory obligation to erect signs around Cornwall informing the public that the Order was in effect.

The second order, the Cornwall Council Dogs on Leads by Direction Order, required an owner of a dog to put a lead on when directed to do so by an authorised officer of the Council. That does not mean that a dog needed to be on a lead at all times, it was designed to deal with a dog that might be causing a nuisance in a public area.

In relation to the issue of dog fouling and enforcement, it was noted that Public Health and Protection employ 6.5 FTE Dog Welfare and Enforcement Officers (West and East). The Officers, however, had other duties such as dealing with lost and found dogs and enforcement could sometimes be problematic. The Officers could issue a fixed penalty notice based on the evidence provided by a third party, providing that person were prepared to sign a witness statement confirming that they saw a person not picking up after their dog has fouled. Such

behaviour could be reported to the Council on 0300 1234 212 and any information would be passed to an officer for investigation.

8. Public Open Spaces

The Chairman, following a complaint regarding the CCTV, assured the meeting that the cameras did not infringe on anyone's private space. The cameras were positioned to monitor St Mellans Park and the Forge Car Park.

Following an inspection by the South West In Bloom judges on the previous Thursday, the Chairman recorded the Parish Council's thanks to the various organisations, businesses and individuals in the Village for such a valiant effort in making Mullion look so wonderful. He then went on to wish Mullion In Bloom all the very best in the competition, the results of which would be made public in mid-September.

Following a complaint received via PCSO Berry, the Clerk had requested the Footpath Contractor to cut back the overgrowth from the Millennium Gardens onto Lender Lane which was reportedly obstructing the view of drivers and pedestrians.

9. County Highways Issues

Following a meeting with the Highways Officer, the Chairman advised the meeting that discussions had taken place regarding resurfacing, parking, flooding on Polhorman Lane and the provision of grit bins. The Highways Officer had agreed to email the Parish Council with his findings and any solutions or provisional dates for the commencement of works in due course. This information would be reported to the Parish Council when available.

Councillor Mrs C Rule updated the meeting on Cabinet discussions relating to the provision of grit bins. It had been agreed that all current bins (except for those located on A roads which were gritted by lorries) would remain in place. New bins would be offered for purchase by Town and Parish Councils, but would then be maintained by Cornwall Council. It was anticipated that more information would follow from Cornwall Council in the future. Councillor Mrs C Rule informed the meeting that all roads leading to and from secondary schools in the County would also be gritted in an attempt to keep the schools open in the event of extreme weather.

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.

PA10/00320/F – Mr B Bennetts – The Barn, Tregullas Farm, Ruan Minor - Conversion of redundant building to form dwelling

No comments had been received from the public on this application which had previously been a dwelling prior to a fire in 1915.

The Agent for the Applicant advised the meeting that three sides of the existing building would remain in place following a positive structural engineers report. The fourth side would be created

from stone that currently lay on the site to ensure that the new dwelling would be in keeping with its surrounding.

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor P Wilkins and agreed to support the planning application due to a dwelling previously being located on the site.

PA10/03798 – Mr M Dorrell – Tanglewood, Meaver Road – Extensions to dwelling

No comments had been received from the public on this application.

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

The Clerk informed the meeting of a complaint received regarding the formation of a parking space in the front garden of 6 St Mellans Terrace. This complaint had been forwarded to the Planning Enforcement Section for further investigation.

She also advised the meeting of a website detailing all the listed buildings in England. The website www.heritagegateway.org.uk also gives comprehensive information on historic sites such as burial grounds and ship wrecks. The Clerk was asked to ensure that the records held on the website were correct with the information we held regarding listed buildings.

11. The reinstatement of a bench on the footway outside of Mullion Youth Community Centre

Following a request to discuss the provision of a bench on the footway outside of Mullion Youth Community Centre (MYCC), it was agreed that the reinstatement of a bench would be beneficial to residents as the site was used as an unofficial bus stop, and was located on the route from the surgery to Churchtown.

Concerns were raised regarding the possible vandalism and gathering of youths. It was suggested that MYCC might be in a position to monitor the use of the bench and to report any problems to the Parish Council and/or the Police.

It was then unanimously agreed to instruct the Clerk to speak to MYCC about the possibility of reinstalling the bench, to contact Planning to ascertain the need for Planning consent and to obtain quotes for a bench.

12. Amenity Monies

The first draft of the Map of Mullion had now received input from the Heritage Centre regarding the Heritage Trail, and would be taken back to Westcountry Printing and Publishing for the creation of the second draft, which would then be brought back to a Full Council meeting for further discussion.

13. Request for the use of St Mellans Park on 21 August 2011

Councillor R Curnow declared an interest in this item due to being Chairman of the Redannack Residents Association.

The Ladies of Redannack requested the use of St Mellans Park on 21 August 2011 for the provision of a Fete Day.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs S Ireland, seconded by Councillor C Williams and unanimously agreed to allow this application for the use of the Park.

14. LGA 1972 Requests for Funding

No requests for funding had been received.

15. Finance and Accounts

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs C Rule, seconded by Councillor R Willey and unanimously agreed to confirm the accounts and to pay the invoices.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15pm.

Signed:

Chairman

Dated:

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