

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

**Councillors Present**

R Curnow	R Willey
Mrs S Ireland	C Williams
J T Lang (Chairman)	D Williams
C Rule	

PC Cormack and 17 members of the public were also in attendance.

**1. Public Session**

One resident raised concerns regarding a proposed Footpath Diversion Order at Trenance, (Mullion Meadows). The Chairman advised the meeting that this issue would be discussed at item 13.

**2. Police Report**

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

**3. Absence**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors A Gilbert, Mrs C Rule and P Wilkins.

**4. Minutes**

It was proposed by Councillor C Williams, seconded by Councillor Mrs S Ireland and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 19 October 2010 be approved as a true record and be duly signed by the Chairman.

**5. Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interests were received.

**6. Planning**

Following consideration by Councillors of Planning Applications received from Cornwall Council, the following recommendations were made:

PA10/06281 - Mr A Furber - Rear of Kimberley, Nansmellyon Road - Demolition of domestic garage and construction of dwelling

The Applicant attended the meeting and spoke in support of the application.

Three Objectors attended the meeting, one of whom spoke against the application in relation to the proposed dwelling being overpowering and intrusive on all of the neighbouring properties, and also made reference to the plans being incorrect.

Three letters of objection to this application had also been received from the public.

Following lengthy debate, a proposal in favour of the application by Councillor C Williams, and seconded by Councillor R Curnow, was not supported.

It was then proposed by Councillor Mrs S Ireland, seconded by Councillor R Willey and RESOLVED to recommend the planning application for refusal. The proposal to object to the planning application was carried on a vote of four to three for the following reasons:-

- Overdevelopment of the site
- Access to the proposed property was narrow and already served several properties
- Lack of vehicle parking spaces on the proposed site
- Overbearing on the surrounding properties due to the increase in the ridge height from a domestic garage to a two storey dwelling

PA10/06262 - Mr & Mrs D Lagdon - The White Cottage, Meaver Road - Construction of double garage

The Applicant attended the meeting and spoke in support of the application.

Concerns were raised amongst the Councillors regarding:-

- The site is outside the village development boundary and this re-application did not appear to be significantly different to the original, other than now being on one level.
- Access to and exit from the site was recognized as being difficult and potentially hazardous. It was felt that if the footprint of the proposed building was reduced and set back into the grounds as proposed, the turning and external parking area would be further increased for the Applicant's five vehicles.
- The current proposals were thought to be overdevelopment of the existing ground space.

It was proposed by Councillor C Williams to support the planning application. This proposal was not supported.

It was then proposed by Councillor D Williams, seconded by Councillor C Rule and RESOLVED to recommend the planning application for refusal. The proposal to object to the planning application was carried on a vote of five to one for the reasons listed above.

PA10/06771 – Mr & Mrs M Roux – Trecarne Lodge, Meaver road – Construction of replacement extension on front elevation to incorporate the addition of entrance porch

Although this proposal was located outside of the development boundary, it was felt that the application was for a minor amendment to the existing property.

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

The Chairman advised the meeting of the following Planning Decisions received from Cornwall Council.

PA10/00379/F - Mr J Mitchell – Treetops, Polurrian Road - Erection of a dwelling – Application Withdrawn

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

Four members of the public left the meeting at that point.

#### **7. Report from Cornwall Councillor Mrs C Rule**

Due to Councillor Mrs C Rule being absent from the meeting, a report had been sent to the Clerk, as attached to these minutes.

#### **8. Public Rights of Way**

Following the previous meeting, where concerns had been raised about the cultivation of footpaths, the Clerk had contacted the Countryside Officer. Guidance notes for Landowners and Users for the Reinstatement of Public Rights of Way had been forwarded to her, and was available for Councillors to read. If Councillors had any further concerns regarding the cultivation of paths, they were asked to contact the Clerk who would in turn contact the Countryside Officer.

It was reported that the new stile on Footpath 16 had yet to be installed. The Clerk was requested to contact the Countryside Officer on the matter.

The Clerk had also contacted the Countryside Officer regarding tree planting at Trenance/Mullion Meadows, as concern had previously been expressed that the views from the existing footpath would be compromised. The remit of the Highways Authority did not extend to what was planted on private land to the side of a Public Right of Way, although the trees would have to be trimmed to ensure that the footpath was kept clear of obstruction. The Cornwall Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Unit at Cornwall Council had also confirmed that there was no legal mechanism or policy to prevent landowners from planting trees.

#### **9. Public Open Spaces**

The issue of the installation of a light on the pathway from the Forge Car Park to Redannack Estate was raised again. The Chairman confirmed that ownership of the path could not be ascertained, and the Clerk was again asked to contact Coastline Housing and Cornwall Council regarding the matter.

#### **10. County Highways Issues**

The Chairman confirmed that the partial resurfacing of Meaver Road would take place on and around 29 November 2010.

In relation to the road closure required in Churchtown to allow for the lowering of the kerb opposite Barnwood Cottage, the Chairman advised the meeting that the road would be closed for two weeks from 22 November 2010 to allow for the works to the road and cottage to be carried out.

Further to the comments made by the Parish Council to the Community Network Panel regarding the bus route into Helston, confirmation had now been received from Western Greyhound that the amended route (via Sainsbury's and Trengrouse Way) had already been implemented.

Following receipt of the Cornwall Council (Off Street Parking Places) Order 2011, the Clerk informed the meeting of the proposed parking charges for Poldhu Cove, Mullion as follows:-

**15 March - 31 October**

(All Days)  
(0900 - 1700)

Up to 1 hour - £0.50  
1 to 2 hours - £2.20  
2 to 3 hours - £3.30  
3 to 4 hours - £4.20  
24 hours - £5.50  
Weekly - £30.00  
Coaches & Commercial Vehicles  
24 hours - £10.00

(1700 - 0900)  
No Charge

**1 November - 14 March**

No Charge

**Season ticket**

£30.00 - Weekly  
£165.00 - 3 Months  
£302.50 - 6 Months

Following a lengthy discussion, it was proposed by Councillor C Rule, seconded by Councillor C Williams and unanimously RESOLVED to request that the following charges be implemented:-

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The Clerk was requested to send the proposals back to Cornwall Council.

A letter had been received from Mullion in Bloom requesting that the Parish Council install signs publicising the South West in Bloom competition result at the two main entrances to the village. It was agreed that the success of the Village should be advertised, and the Clerk was requested to obtain a quote for the installation of additional wording to the signs already in situ at the entrances to the village. The Clerk would bring the quote back to the next meeting, when the wording and installation of the new signs could be discussed further.

It was reported that the public conveniences sign had 'slipped down' the signpost at the entrance to the Forge Car Park. The Clerk was asked to contact the appropriate department of Cornwall Council for rectification of the problem.

**11. Proposed Diversion and Stopping Up Order of Footpath 37, Mullion Meadows**

Following the advertisement of the above Diversion and Stopping Up Order of Footpath 37 at Mullion Meadows, several members of the public attended the meeting along with the Applicant and his Agent.

Concern was raised by members of the public over the confusion surrounding the existing route of the path on the definitive map. 29 letters had been signed by various members of the community stating that a path through the farmyard had been used for many years. The steps leading to the road, and the B3296 itself, were deemed to be dangerous for pedestrians.

Councillor R Willey felt that, as Local Maintenance Partners, the Parish Council should have been consulted on this Order prior to any draft being put to the public for consultation.

It was then proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor R Curnow and unanimous RESOLVED that the Clerk set up a site meeting with representatives from the Environment Service, the applicants, agents, objectors and the Parish Council to ascertain the correct existing and proposed routes prior to a decision being made. The Clerk was instructed to request that the decision on the Order be stopped until that time.

**12. The reinstatement of a bench on the footway outside of Mullion Youth and Community Centre (MYCC)**

The concrete ends for the bench had been delivered to the Parish Council, and were awaiting installation once the required time had lapsed for the hardening of the concrete.

### **13. Proposed Affordable housing Development plan document (previously circulated)**

Following the circulation of the Proposed Affordable housing Development plan document, it was agreed that the Chairman and the Clerk should respond to the consultation with the views of the Parish Council.

Further to the Affordable Housing meeting held at Cornwall Council in November, Mullion had been identified as a 'priority parish'. It was agreed to invite a representative from the Affordable Housing Team to an informal meeting of the Parish Council to discuss the various possibilities regarding affordable housing for the village of Mullion.

### **14. Provision of a new bus shelter in the Village**

The Clerk confirmed that further investigation into the possibility of locating a bus shelter on the Commons was taking place, and the Chairman and Clerk hoped to come back to the next meeting with further information.

### **15. Amenity Monies**

The Clerk advised the meeting that the Map of Mullion was currently being amended following the comments previously made.

She also confirmed that meetings had been arranged with representatives from various suppliers of play equipment regarding the spending of Amenity Monies in the Park.

Following the previous meeting, no further correspondence had been received from members of the public regarding the provision of a skate park within the village.

### **16. LGA 1972 Requests for Funding**

A thank you letter had been received from the Redannack Residents Association for the £150.00 grant made by the Parish Council in September 2010.

A letter had been received from Mullion Christmas Lights. It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor D Williams and unanimously RESOLVED to grant £250.00 to the charity to cover the cost of the Public Liability Insurance for the event.

A letter had been received from the Cornwall Blind Association. It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor D Williams and unanimously RESOLVED to grant £100.00 to the charity for use in the Helston and The Lizard area.

### **17. Finance and Accounts**

It was proposed by Councillor C Rule, seconded by Councillor D Williams and RESOLVED to confirm the accounts and to pay the invoices.

### **18. Other correspondence received**

The Chairman advised the meeting of the following:-

The Community Network Panel meeting scheduled for the following evening had been cancelled. The Clerk would advise Councillors of the new date once it had been set.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm.

Signed: .....

**Chairman**

Dated: .....

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