

**Mullion Parish Council Meeting** held on **Tuesday 21 December 2010** at 7.00pm at The Schoolroom, Methodist Chapel, Mullion

### **Councillors Present**

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

15 members of the public were also in attendance.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and wished them all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

### **1. Public Session**

One resident raised concerns regarding speeding on Nansmellyon Road. She suggested the installation of speed bumps or a zebra crossing located near to the Primary School to make crossing the road safer for children. The Chairman suggested that the Police and Cornwall Council should be contacted, although recent speed trap exercises on that stretch of road had not shown a need for further speed restrictions.

Concerns were raised by one resident regarding the recently amended bus route to Helston and passengers wishing to alight at Helston Community Hospital. Although the Parish Council had been assured that buses would stop near to the roundabout if requested, it would appear that this was neither safe nor legal. Councillor Mrs C Rule agreed to investigate the problem as Cornwall Council set the route for the bus company.

### **2. Police Report**

Apologies had been submitted from the Police representative. The Chairman updated the meeting of the submitted Police Report for the previous month, as attached to these minutes.

The Clerk advised the meeting that the enquiry desk at Helston Police Station would be closed from the end of March due to budget cuts. Front desks at Penzance, Camborne and Falmouth would remain open, and the non-emergency telephone number would remain in force.

### **3. Absence**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors A Gilbert, who hoped to join the meeting at a later point, due to work commitments.

#### **4. Minutes**

It was proposed by Councillor R Willey, seconded by Councillor R Curnow and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 16 November 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:

PA10/07485 - Criggan Mill Holiday Park, Mullion Cove - Replacement of holiday chalets

It was noted that the majority of this application was similar to the previously approved planning application for the site that was currently subject to a judicial review. New submissions within this application included the provision of a sewage treatment plant on the site and additional flood risk assessments.

Letters of objection had been received from the Cornwall AONB Unit and CPRE Cornwall.

An objector spoke against the development stating that the year long occupancy of such a standard of dwelling would create a new, and unwanted, housing estate in the Cove once the properties had been sold off individually.

Concerns raised amongst the Councillors included:-

- The application was not significantly different to the previous application, and those objections still applied
- The proposed sewage output from the development would be almost 50% greater than what the current site created. This would be discharged into a stream that was less than 200 yards from the exit point in the harbour
- Low levels in the stream in the summer months would not allow the treated discharge to flow towards the exit point
- It would appear that in the event of a flood, the water would be required to travel through a pipe 400mm wide, into existing pipework which is 100mm wide, therefore creating additional problems within the already identified flood risk area
- The existing site license for the use of the land as a caravan park includes a larger area than is being proposed. The private sale of a property which once formed part of the site has reduced the available acreage of the site, and any new license or permission should be reduced accordingly
- On site parking has been provided for one car per unit of accommodation in an attempt to reduce car usage on the development and surrounding roads. Being located in such a rural area, with no transport links in the immediate vicinity and with most units of accommodation being able to sleep up to 8 people, one car parking space per unit is not sufficient in this particular development

- The transport figures quoted in the documents relate to the existing sites' occupancy levels. In reality, these figures would be much higher due to the all year round occupancy of the units. Comparisons should be made to similar developments in Cornwall.

It was then proposed by Councillor Mrs C Rule, seconded by Councillor R Curnow and RESOLVED to object to the planning application on the above grounds and the objections submitted on the previous application.

PA10/06991 - Mr I Stanley - Parc Venton House, Garro Lane - Construction of conservatory on rear elevation

The Applicant attended the meeting and spoke in favour of the application. He advised the meeting that the revised planning application had been submitted following negotiations with the Historic Officer from Cornwall Council and English Heritage. Councillor Mrs C Rule confirmed that she had also been involved with the negotiations to submit an application that was acceptable to all parties involved.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs C Rule, seconded by Councillor P Wilkins and RESOLVED to support the planning application.

PA10/06550 - Mr I Sadler – Sandlake, 24 Trembel Road - Construction of conservatory on rear elevation

This proposal was located within the development boundary and no objections had been received from the public.

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

PA10/07872 – Ms F Russell – 6 Laflouder Fields – Construction of dormer extension

The Agent attended the meeting and spoke in favour of this application. He advised the meeting that dormer windows already existed, and that this proposal would not affect the privacy of any neighbouring properties due to the property overlooking fields. This proposal was located within the development boundary and no objections had been received from the public.

It was proposed by the Councillor D Williams, seconded by Councillor R Curnow and RESOLVED to support the planning application.

PA10/06256 – Mr D Turner – 5 Park En Venton – Construction of conservatory on rear extension

This proposal was located within the development boundary and no objections had been received from the public.

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

PA10/00320 – Mr B Bennetts – The Barn, Tregullas Farm, Ruan Minor – Conversion of redundant building to form dwelling (amended plans)

The Agent attended the meeting and spoke in favour of this application. He advised the meeting that the revised plans had reduced the proposal from a two storey dwelling to one storey on the recommendation of the Planning Officer.

It was proposed by the Councillor Mrs C Rule, seconded by Councillor P Wilkins and RESOLVED to support the planning application.

PA10/08128 – Mr & Mrs B Meagor – Mullion Mini Market, Nansmellyon Road – Change of use, conversion and extension to create 4 residential units

The Agent attended the meeting and outlined the Applicant's proposal. He advised the meeting that the business had been marketed for sale unsuccessfully since January 2006 with two different agents.

Three members of the public attended the meeting to object to the proposals. One representative of the objectors raised concerns on behalf of the older residents that lived on Nansmellyon Road, Clifden Close and the newly developed Riviera Close. He suggested that this shop was one of convenience for people who were no longer able to drive or walk to the centre of the village and it was still an essential village amenity. The well liked staff at the shop would lose their jobs which would see an increase in unemployment within the village.

Concerns raised amongst the Councillors included:-

- Job losses (increase in unemployment in the village)
- Lose of a village amenity for the older residents and other people who regularly used the shop
- No requirement for four additional residential units in that particular area of the village following the completion of the Riviera Site
- Less competition for other convenience stores in the village if the Mini Market was to close
- Dwellings were being proposed for the village because of the good village amenities, yet facilities such as this, and the former garage, were closing
- Overdevelopment of the site
- No evidence of advertising had been submitted with the planning application which was contrary to Policy S9

Until such time as evidence of the marketing had been made available to the Planning Officer, she was recommending the application for refusal. As the applicant was unavailable at the current time, no evidence had been produced.

It was suggested that a more concerted effort could be made in the marketing of the business for the following 12 months, as had been the case on the former garage site. Many of the Councillors and members of the public were unaware that the business was for sale.

It was then proposed by the Councillor D Williams, seconded by Councillor Mrs C Rule and RESOLVED to object to the planning application on the above grounds.

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

Councillor Mrs C Rule invited questions from the Councillors. She was asked whether a detailed budget had been formulated at Cornwall Council, following the emergency budget that had been agreed earlier in the month. Councillor Mrs C Rule advised the meeting that the detailed cuts from each Service had yet to be announced as the emergency budget had simply cut amounts from each Directorate's budget.

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

The Clerk confirmed that Footpath 3 at Steephurst had now been cleared, and the definitive route alongside the property was now accessible. Footpath 2 at Predannack Manor Farm had also been restored following cultivation. The new stile on Footpath 16, off Lender Lane, had yet to be installed, although the damaged stile had been removed and the path was accessible and safe for the public to use. The stile would be installed in the near future.

An invitation had been received from the owner of Mullion Meadows for Councillors to visit the site. He had been informed that Councillors, along with the relevant Officers from Cornwall Council, would visit the site once fresh consultation documents had been received from the Environment Service. Thirty letters of objection to the original consultation, which had now been stopped due to irregularities contained within the proposed Order, had been received from members of the public.

## **9. Public Open Spaces**

Concern was raised over a campervan which had been parked in the Forge Car Park for several days. The Chairman confirmed that whilst overnight parking was permitted in the car parks, overnight camping and sleeping was not allowed.

## **10. County Highways Issues**

The Chairman advised the meeting that the flooding issues on Polhorman Lane would be addressed in the new financial year. The works had been budgeted for by Cornwall Council in 2011/12.

Everyone was delighted to report that the resurfacing works on Meaver Road had taken place. Further resurfacing works had also been completed at Mullion Meadows and at Mullion Cove.

Councillor Mrs C Rule proposed that a letter of thanks be sent to the Highways Department for its recent efforts to keep the roads passable during the icy conditions. It was unknown as to whether or not the request for the gritter lorry to cover the road from the Fire Station to the entrance to Polhorman Lane was being carried out. The Clerk was asked to make enquiries.

It was noted that the white pecked lines had yet to be painted on the parking bays in the village to make the parking restrictions enforceable. This was to be paid for from Councillor Mrs C Rule's small highway budget, and she agreed to chase the relevant Officer.

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

The Clerk advised the meeting that, unfortunately, the pavement adjacent the bus stop opposite Woodlands was not wide enough to accommodate a bus shelter.

The Clerk was instructed to ascertain the next busiest Helston bound bus stop and to investigate the possibility of installing a new shelter at that location.

#### **12. To agree the Calendar of Meetings for 2011**

Further to the previously circulated draft Calendar of Meetings, it was proposed by Councillor Mrs C Rule, seconded by Councillor R Curnow and RESOLVED that the dates be published, to include a newly scheduled August meeting.

#### **13. The installation of an additional sign on the entrances to the Village re: RHS Award**

Following the previous meeting, the Clerk had obtained a quote for the creation and installation of signs to be placed under the existing signs at the entrances to Mullion located near to the Holiday Park and Poldhu Cove.

The sign would be a similar colour blue to the existing signs and the wording, printed in silver, would read "Mullion Village Awarded RHS Silver Gilt 2010" and would cost £120.00.

It was proposed by Councillor R Willey, seconded by Councillor Mrs S Ireland and RESOLVED to proceed with the creation and installation of the signs. The Clerk would advise Mullion in Bloom of the colour scheme and confirm the wording prior to placing the order.

#### **14. Publication and printing of the Mullion Parish Diary 2011**

The Clerk had obtained two quotes from Martin Luck regarding the printing of the 2011 Parish Calendar. The first quote, as obtained in previous years, was for 200 A3 single sided calendars printed on Coloraction Board which would cost £210.00. The second quote was for 200 double sided A4 calendars printed on Coloraction Board which would cost £165.00. It was thought that the smaller size paper might be preferable to the larger size when placed in people's homes and businesses.

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Mrs C Rule and RESOLVED that Martin Luck be instructed to print 250 double sided A4 calendars printed on Coloraction Board. Councillor C Rule abstained from the vote.

#### **15. Mullion Surf Life Savings Clubs proposal regarding Polurrian toilet block**

Correspondence between Mullion Surf Life Saving Club (SLSC), Cornwall Council and Councillor Mrs C Rule had previously been circulated to the Councillors. Councillor Mrs C Rule advised the meeting of the lengthy background surrounding the toilet block at Polurrian, and hoped to be able to find a way forward to secure the future of the SLSC, as well as the public toilet.

A representative from the SLSC spoke regarding the proposal and invited Councillor Mrs C Rule to contact her regarding the same. It was hoped that negotiations could be started, and a

satisfactory outcome could be resolved for all interested parties which included the aspirations of SLSC along with a public toilet facility that could be open for longer periods.

Councillor A Gilbert entered the meeting at 7.55pm.

## **16. Amenity Monies**

The Clerk advised the meeting that she had met with two play equipment providers in relation to the installation of new play equipment in St Mellans Park. Unfortunately the third meeting had had to be cancelled due to severe weather further up the Country, but it was hoped that a site meeting could be re-arranged for the New Year. Once all three proposals had been received, the Clerk would bring them to the Parish Council for further discussion prior to a public consultation event taken place.

On the creation of the Mullion Map, the Clerk confirmed that the final amendments to the map had been completed, and a quotation had been received from Westcountry Printing and Publishing for the creation of the sign.

Option 1 was for a 3mm thick sign that would need to be either attached to a wall or enclosed in a frame and would be similar to the sign located in the Mullion Garden. The cost would be £375.00 plus delivery charge at cost and VAT.

Option 2 was for a 12mm sign supplied with embedded bolts and tamper proof nuts that could be mounted onto 2 upright posts. This would look more professional, and although two posts would need to be installed, it would avoid the need for a frame. The cost would be £625.00 plus delivery charge at cost and VAT.

Concerns were raised over the cost of the sign, and the copyright of the map itself.

Following a lengthy discussion, it was agreed to proceed with Option 2, but only if the copyright of the map would be transferred to the ownership of the Parish Council for later use. The Clerk was asked to contact Westcountry Printing with the Parish Council's concerns and requests.

## **17. Parish Council Precept for the 2011/12 Financial Year**

Following the paperwork circulated prior to the meeting by the Clerk, a lengthy debate took place regarding the figures proposed and what services the Parish Council might be required to take on following the recent cuts announced by Cornwall Council. The forthcoming year would be difficult to predict in terms of expenditure and income.

It was proposed by the Chairman to increase the precept demand by 5% which would equate to an approximate increase of £1.75 per year for a Band D property. It was thought that increasing the precept by this amount, or less, would result in the Parish Council being unable to pay for some services in 2011/12.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs C Rule, seconded by Councillor R Curnow and RESOLVED to increase the precept demand by 7% which would equate to an approximate increase of £2.45 per year for a Band D property. This would increase the Council's precept by £2,073.53 to £31,695.41 and would hopefully balance the accounts for the forthcoming year. Councillor A

Gilbert voted against this proposal, and Councillor C Rule abstained from the vote. The Clerk was requested to send the precept demand to Cornwall Council.

**18. LGA 1972 Requests for Funding**

A thank you letter had been received from Mullion Christmas Lights for the £250.00 grant made by the Parish Council in November 2010.

A thank you letter had been received from Cornwall Blind Association for the £100.00 grant made by the Parish Council in November 2010.

**19. Finance and Accounts**

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

**20. Other correspondence received**

The Chairman advised the meeting of the following:-

Councillors were invited to attend a public meeting to be hosted by Mullion In Bloom on Tuesday 18 January 2011 at 7pm in the Chapel to discuss Mullion's entry into the South West in Bloom 2011 competition.

Notification had been received from the Traffic Manager at Cornwall Council regarding Traffic Management Training for Community Events on the Highway in 2011. Numerous training dates were available for anyone planning a street closure, and organisations were asked to contact the Clerk for further details and/or a copy of the documents received.

The next Community Network Panel meeting had been re-scheduled for Wednesday 19 January 2011 at 7pm at Breage Primary School, with Highways and Infrastructure to be the topic.

Councillors were invited to attend the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Cornwall Association of Local councils on Saturday 19 February 2011, 10.00am – 3.30pm at New County Hall, Truro. The cost per delegate was £32.50, and anyone who wished to attend was asked to contact the Clerk.

The second meeting of the Local Council Planning Forum had been scheduled to take place on Thursday 10 February 2011 at 5pm at New County Hall. Anyone who wished to attend was again invited to contact the Clerk.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm.

Signed: .....  
**Chairman**

Dated: .....