

Mullion Parish Council Meeting held on **Tuesday 18 January 2011** 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)	C Williams
Mrs C Rule (Vice Chairman)	D Williams

PCSO Julia Berry and 27 members of the public were also in attendance.

1. Public Session

Following a query raised during the public session of the previous meeting regarding the provision of a Community Matron, it was confirmed that the relevant authority had now made contact with the resident concerned and was addressing the situation.

2. Police Report

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

She also mentioned that PC Derek Cormack had suffered a broken arm recently, and would be off duty for the foreseeable future.

3. Absence

No apologies for absence were submitted.

4. Minutes

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs C Rule, seconded by Councillor R Curnow and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 21 December 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:

PA11/08649 - Mr R Galbraith – Moonraker, Commons Close – Crown thinning by 15% of 4 semi mature sycamore trees

No comments had been received from the public in relation to this application.

It was then proposed by the Councillor R Curnow, 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 – additional information received

Following information submitted to the Planning Officer from the Applicant regarding the marketing of the business, the Parish Council was required to respond to the additional evidence received.

The Chairman advised the meeting of the previous objections raised on this application, and it was felt that the only issue that had been addressed from the new evidence was the provision of marketing material for the past two years to comply with Policy S9. The marketing material advertised a strong turnover for the business, and the Planning Officer had requested financial details from the Applicant which the Parish Council would be unable to view due to Access to Information rules. She was of the opinion that if a strong turnover was the case, she would not want to see the loss of a village shop.

Therefore, the previous reasons given to recommend refusal for this application were still applicable. It was requested that the business be marketed more visibly and locally for the next 12 months.

- 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

It was requested that the business be marketed more visibly and locally for the next 12 months.

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

The Chairman advised the meeting of the following decision notices received from Cornwall Council.

PA10/05435 – Mr & Mrs C Rule – 1 Park En Venton – Two storey extension to dwelling – Conditional Permission Granted

PA09/01341 – Mrs R V Van Horn – Paradise Farm, Trevitho Lane, Meaver Road – Erection of agricultural barn - Conditional Permission Granted

PA10/05493 – Messrs. D & J Bray – Torn an Forth, Nansmellyon Road – Demolition of dwelling and construction of replacement with garage and associated works - Conditional Permission Granted

PA10/00254/F – Shelterbox Trust – Predannack Airfield, Hervan Lane – Retention of 7 portable accommodation units, 2 steel storage containers, a temporary toilet/shower unit - Conditional Permission Granted

PA10/03020 – Mrs Andrews – Island View, Mullion Cove – Replacement building to include 1 residential unit and 3 holiday units and installation of package sewage treatment plant - Conditional Permission Granted

7. Report from Cornwall Councillor Mrs C Rule

Following a query raised by a member of the public at the previous Parish Council meeting, Councillor Mrs C Rule advised the meeting that Cornwall Council had agreed to install a bus stop at the far end of the Culdrose road, just before the Community Hospital roundabout. This would allow passengers to alight safely for the Community Hospital. The installation of the bus stop would be paid for by Councillor Mrs Rule's highway budget.

At the present time, no negotiations had taken place with the Surf Life Saving Club regarding the Polurrian toilet block. Councillor Mrs C Rule was awaiting contact from a member of the Club to progress the matter.

8. Public Rights of Way

Complaints were received relating to the ongoing problem of drainage on the footpath across the Wesley Field at Angrouse Farm.

It was reported the cyclists had been using the footpaths around the Predannack area which was causing problems for walkers using the paths.

The bridleway leading to Polurrian Cove was again impassable by walkers. This was partly due to the recent wet weather conditions and the increased use by horse riders during the winter months.

The Clerk was asked to contact the Countryside Officer on all of the above matters relating to Public Rights of Way.

9. Public Open Spaces

Following the previous meeting when it was agreed that additional signs could be installed on the existing 'Welcome to Mullion' signs at the entrances to the Village, Mullion In Bloom had requested that the wording on the sign be 'Mullion Garden Village RHS Silver Gilt 2010'.

Councillors felt that the use of the word 'Garden' was inappropriate and it was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor R Curnow and RESOLVED that the previously agreed wording of 'Mullion Village Awarded RHS Silver Gilt 2010' should be used on the new signs.

A request had been received from Churches Together in Mullion, Cury and Gunwalloe for permission to use Mullion Gardens as the venue for the Carolaire which was to be held on Sunday 7 August 2010. It was felt that the Gardens would provide a more central location which was easily accessible.

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Mrs C Rule and RESOLVED to allow the use of the Gardens for the Carolaire.

10. County Highways Issues

Following the cold weather at the end of 2010, the roads were suffering from pot holes and unevenness. It was reported that part of the road between the chip shop and the British Legion Hall, and at the entrance to Laflouder Fields from Lender Lane, was breaking up. The Chairman advised the meeting to report any further problems to the Clerk.

It was reported that the drain outside of the business known as 'Scissorhouse' in Churchtown was blocked.

The Clerk was asked to contact the Highways Team on all of the above matters relating to Highways.

Flooding had, and was still, occurring on Ghost Hill which was causing the side of the road to be washed away. The Highway Team had already been informed.

Following comments raised at a previous meeting by members of the public regarding speeding on Nansmellyon Road and children crossing the road to access the primary school, the Clerk had contacted the Highways Team. Although the road was too narrow for a central refuge to be installed, the Regional Engineer had agreed to undertake a pedestrian count to inform on the desire for a crossing at this point. The count would hopefully take place at the beginning of June. The provision of any feature on the road would be dependent upon funding being made available.

Councillor Mrs C Rule advised the meeting that the pecked white lines around the designated parking bays in the village would be painted in the near future. Parking Enforcement Officers had been in the Village recently, but were unable to enforce the parking restrictions due to the lack of white lines. The Enforcement Officers had however placed notices on cars parked legitimately on the forecourts of the Riviera Stores and Spar. The Clerk was asked to contact the Enforcement Team to arrange a meeting between the Officer and the Parish Council to ascertain where cars could legally park, and where an offence was being committed.

11. Preliminary Consultation of the Footpath Diversion Order at Mullion Meadows – Footpath 37

Following a site meeting held the previous week which included Parish Councillors, Officers from the Planning and Environment Departments of Cornwall Council, the Applicant and member of the public, the Parish Council was required to respond to the consultation issued regarding the Footpath Diversion Order at Mullion Meadows.

The Applicant spoke in favour of the Proposed Footpath Diversion Order.

A member of the public spoke against the Proposed Footpath Diversion Order.

The Chairman advised the meeting that the Parish Council was keen to support local businesses, and as this was the one of the largest employers on the Lizard Peninsula, it was extremely important to the Village.

Councillors then had the opportunity to discuss the proposals and to ask questions of the Applicant in relation to the provision of an access through the Mullion Meadows complex to avoid the dangerous steps onto the road.

The Applicant assured the meeting that the route from the top of the steps through the small gate and into the complex would remain open at all times as it was in the interest of his business and the users of his business. Due to the narrow width of the path through the copse, it was confirmed that the trees would be cut back to ensure that a path of legal width was in place.

Concerns were raised amongst Councillors in relation to the steps which joined the highway on a dangerous corner, partly due to the increase in traffic since the 1954 Diversion Order was created. At the present time, users of Footpath 37 were able to walk through the Mullion Meadows complex without the need to use the steps. If a permissive path was made through the complex, as was agreed by the Applicant, this could be stopped up at anytime, or when ownership of the land changed hands. It was agreed that if a Public Right of Way could be established from the top of the steps, through the complex and out of the main gate onto the road, Councillors and members of the public could continue to use the route that had been used for many years.

Following a lengthy discussion, the Clerk reminded the meeting that a decision had to be made on the proposal given to the Parish Council for consultation, and that any negotiations had to take place between Cornwall Council and the Applicant himself. The Chairman then put the decision to the vote.

It was proposed by Councillor D Williams and seconded by Councillor P Wilkins to recommend the Proposed Footpath Diversion Order for approval. The proposal received two votes.

Therefore, with a majority of eight votes, the Parish Council **RESOLVED** to recommend the Proposed Footpath Diversion Order for refusal for the following reasons and due to the comments recorded above:-

- The steps which joined the main road were positioned on a dangerous corner, and with the increase of traffic expected to and from Mullion Cove due to the granting of planning permission for 30 dwellings, it was felt that this was an unacceptable route for walkers to use.

It was agreed that Councillor Mrs C Rule could assist in negotiations with Cornwall Council and the Applicant in an attempt to find another way forward for the Footpath Diversion.

Councillor R Willey left the meeting.

12. The installation of two replacement street lights in Tremenhee Car Park

Following the annual maintenance report for the street lights in Tremenhee Car Park and Gibbons Fields, it was noted that two lanterns in the Car Park required immediate replacement due to vandalism and water damage.

Two options were available for the replacement of the lanterns, as follows:-

Option 1

Replace the two damaged lanterns with two Urbis ZX1 lanterns, PEC's, 100 watt lamps, control gear and internal wiring for the sum of £951.94 plus VAT.

Option 2

Replace the two damaged lanterns with two Urbis EVOLO lanterns, PEC's, 60 watt lamps, control gear and internal wiring for the sum of £1172.20 plus VAT.

The second option was the new Cornwall Council specification, but it was felt that the higher wattage of the first option would provide a brighter light which was more important for the safety of the users of Tremenhee Car Park.

It was proposed by Councillor P Wilkins, seconded by Councillor Mrs S Ireland and RESOLVED to instruct SEC to install the lights as indicated in option 1.

Councillor R Curnow left the meeting.

13. Amenity Monies

The Clerk advised the meeting of the letter received from Westcountry Printing and Publishing regarding the ownership of the copyright of the 'Map of Mullion'.

Mr Rogers confirmed that he had adopted the industry standard practice and that the Parish Council had paid for the work as regards the sign, but not the outright copyright of the map. He stated that he had no concerns about the use of the map by the Parish Council as it benefited the village, and that the Parish Council would have carte blanche over its usage and without additional cost.

The Clerk was asked to contact Mr Rogers to ascertain the cost of purchasing the outright copyright of the map, and to express the Councillors disappointment regarding the ownership of the copyright. The Parish Council required reassurance from Westcountry Printing and Publishing that the Parish Council would have exclusive use of the map created on their instruction and that third parties could only have use of the map by mutual agreement between Westcountry Printing and Publishing and the Parish Council. This assurance would need to be in place prior to proceeding with the creation of the sign.

In relation to the recently installed bench adjacent to Mullion Youth and Community Centre, the Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Councillor C Williams for his efforts to install the bench to an excellent standard. The Parish Clerk would advise Mullion In Bloom that the planters could now be put in place.

14. Annual subscription for CPRE Cornwall

Following the renewal letter received from CPRE, it was felt that this was a valued membership and with the ongoing situation at Criggan Mill, it was helpful to have the Planning knowledge of the organisation.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs C Rule, seconded by the Chairman and RESOLVED to continue the membership of CPRE and to pay £29.00 for the forthcoming year.

15. LGA 1972 Requests for Funding

A letter had been received from Mullion Primary School in relation to a project just completed to extend and cover the outside area joining the Early Years Class. It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Mrs C Rule and unanimously RESOLVED to grant £100.00 to the School to purchase items for their new covered area. The Clerk was also requested to advise the School of funding available from Councillor Mrs C Rule’s Community Pot.

A letter had been received from Homestart Kernow requesting funding from the Parish Council. It was agreed that, at this time, no funding was available for this organisation.

16. Finance and Accounts

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

17. Other correspondence received

The Chairman advised the meeting of the following:-

A meeting had been arranged with members of the Affordable Housing Team to meet with the Parish Council on Wednesday 9 February 2011 at 6.30pm in the Schoolroom of the Methodist Chapel to discuss the Affordable Housing Pilot Scheme. The informal meeting between the Parish Council and the Officers would hopefully answer some questions regarding the provision of Affordable Housing in the village, and possibly provide a ‘bespoke’ scheme for Mullion.

The Clerk had received notification of a fund called Active at 60 Community Agents Programme. If anyone was interested in sourcing funding for their group, which ranged from £250.00 to £3000.00, please contact the Clerk for further information.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm.

Signed:
Chairman

Dated: