

**Mullion Parish Council Meeting** held on **Tuesday 15 February 2011** at 7.00pm at The Schoolroom, Methodist Chapel, Mullion

### **Councillors Present**

R Curnow  
Mrs S Ireland  
J T Lang (Chairman)

Mrs C Rule (Vice Chairman)  
R Willey  
P Wilkins

Nine members of the public were also in attendance.

### **1. Public Session**

The owner of Mullion Meadows spoke of the current situation at the site. He voiced his concerns over the delay in diverting the footpath and the effect it was having on the businesses at Mullion Meadows.

A resident of the Parish then spoke of the current situation at Mullion Meadows and requested an update from the Parish Council.

The Chairman advised the meeting that no new information was available, and that until such time as information was forthcoming from the Environment Service, no further discussions or decisions could take place.

Councillor Mrs C Rule then advised that a path from the top of the steps to the front gate would not be required to be fenced off or be of a certain width as previously suggested.

### **2. Police Report**

PCSO Julia Berry had submitted her apologies to the Clerk due to giving a presentation on Drugs Prevention at Mullion School that day. The report had been submitted and was read out by the Chairman, as attached to these minutes.

In relation to the theft of oil from premises in the village, concern was raised over the number of offences that had been reported. Councillors had been told of four or five thefts of oil, but only one was mentioned in the Police Report. The Clerk was asked to contact PCSO Berry on the matter.

The Chairman advised those present that an alarm, which attached to oil tanks, was available for purchase from the Neighbourhood Watch Team

### **3. Absence**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors C Rule and C Williams.

#### **4. Minutes**

It was proposed by Councillor R Curnow, seconded by Councillor P Wilkins and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 18 January 2011 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:

PA11/00275 – Mr & Mrs G Cattran – Newton Farm, Polhorman Lane – Erection of a dwelling

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

The Applicants attended the meeting and spoke in favour of the application, highlighting the necessity for someone to be on the site for 24 hours a day to tend to the animals. The Applicants confirmed that they would be agreeable to the use of a S106 Legal Agreement tying the proposed dwelling to the existing farm.

It was then proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor R Curnow and unanimously RESOLVED to support the planning application with the inclusion of a S106 Legal Agreement tying the proposed dwelling to the existing farm in perpetuity.

PA11/00451 – Mr & Mrs C Glossop – Henscath House, Mullion Cove – Construction of 1<sup>st</sup> floor balconies and associated works

No comments had been received from the public in relation to this application. It was noted that this property was in need of restoration works.

It was proposed by the Councillor R Curnow, seconded by Councillor P Wilkins and unanimously RESOLVED to support the planning application.

PA11/00413 - Mr & Mrs C Glossop – Henscath House, Mullion Cove – Installation of swimming pool

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

It was proposed by the Councillor P Wilkins, seconded by Councillor Mrs S Ireland and unanimously RESOLVED to support the planning application.

PA11/00493 – Mrs M Morgan – Alma House, Churchtown – Change of use of guesthouse to single dwelling

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

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

One Councillor voted against the application and one Councillor abstained from the vote.

The proposal to support the planning application received four votes and was therefore carried.

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

PA10/06772 – Mr & Mrs M Roux – Trecarne, Meaver Road – Construction of replacement extension on front elevation to incorporate the addition of entrance porch – Conditional Permission Granted

PA10/05809 – Mr & Mrs D Oates – Little Meres, Laflouder Lane – Construction of gazebo - Conditional Permission Granted

PA10/05199 – Mr R Ormond – 77 Redannack North – Porch extension to dwelling - Conditional Permission Granted

PA10/05519 – Mr I Adams – Sunny Corner, Trewoon Road – Alterations to roof to provide additional accommodation and other works - Conditional Permission Granted

PA10/07872 – Ms F Russell – 6 Laflouder Fields – construction of dormer extension - Conditional Permission Granted

PA10/06256 – Mr D Turner – 5 Park En Venton – Construction of conservatory on rear elevation - Conditional Permission Granted

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

PA10/05250 – Mrs E McCorkill – 58 Laflouder Fields – Annexe extension to dwelling - Conditional Permission Granted

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

The Chairman advised the meeting that CPRE's request for a Judicial Review of Cornwall Council's decision to permit development at Criggan Mill had been rejected by the High Court. CPRE Cornwall were pleased that the Judge commented that it was a very reasonable case to bring and that their intentions were sound in bringing it. He decided not to award costs against CPRE Cornwall. The outcome of the most recent planning application for the site was still awaited.

Following the informal Affordable Housing meeting that was held the previous week and was attended by Councillors and Officers from Cornwall Council and Mullion Parish Council, the Chairman advised the meeting that the first stage of the process would be to instruct the Affordable Housing Team to undertake a Parish Survey. Costs would be met from Councillor Mrs

C Rule's budget. It was then agreed to ask the Clerk to liaise with the Affordable Housing Team to initiate the circulation of surveys in the Village.

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

Councillor Mrs C Rule advised the meeting that Cornwall Council had set the budget for the forthcoming financial year and agreed not to increase the Cornwall Council element of the Council tax. She also mentioned that the early budget which was set in November 2010 and had come into force on 1 January 2011, had saved approximately 120 jobs within the Council.

Unfortunately cuts to services had to be made to meet the savings required, and the Supporting People budget had been looked at very closely as many efficiency savings had been identified. Councillor Mrs C Rule was pleased to report that the Adult Social Care budget had remained the same for the forthcoming year.

With regard to the recently publicised fees for Consultants used by Cornwall Council, Councillor Mrs C Rule assured the meeting that a new policy had been immediately put into place to ensure that Consultants would only be employed when absolutely necessary.

It was noted that street lights were on during the day, and the public and Councillors were asked to report any problems to the Clerk who would contact Cornwall Council on their behalf.

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

It was reported that the coastal footpath at Mullion Cove adjacent to Island View had been altered. Previously, granite steps were in situ but it now appears that these had been removed and replaced with a metal staircase. Concerns were raised over the removal of the granite steps, and Councillors hoped that this was a temporary change.

The footpath adjacent to the airfield was also reported as being virtually impassable in places due to a lack of drainage and cattle grazing. The concerns regarding Footpath 20 had been passed to the National Trust Warden.

The Clerk was asked to contact the Countryside Officer on the above concerns. The following matters relating to Public Rights of Way as reported at the previous meeting had been passed to the Countryside Officer.

Ongoing problems relating to drainage on the footpath across the Wesley Field at Angrouse Farm required the landowner's attention. The Clerk would provide the Countryside Officer with this information.

The Countryside Officer had requested more information on the reports of cyclists using the footpaths around the Predannack area which was causing problems for walkers using the paths. Again, the Clerk would provide the Countryside Officer with this information.

In relation to the condition of Bridleway 35 leading to Polurrian Cove, the Countryside Officer was unable to assist due to no funds being available to carry out any works on public rights of way for the remainder of the financial year. He also mentioned the uncertainty surrounding the operation and funding of the Countryside Service for the next financial year.

A request had been received from a member of the public for the Parish Council to install a bench on Eglos Parc to allow residents to rest on the way to the Post Office. It was noted that the Parish Council had recently installed a bench on Nansmellyon Road adjacent to the Youth and Community Centre. It was felt that another bench in that area was unnecessary.

## **9. Public Open Spaces**

Councillor Mrs C Rule had been invited to put forward suggested uses for the small plot of Cornwall Council owned land located between 99 and 100 Laflouder Fields. It was suggested that the land should be offered to the residents in the area to use and maintain.

The Clerk advised the meeting that the quotation for the grass cutting in the Cemetery and Playing Field for 2011 had been received from Cornwall Council. The amounts were £5270.00 plus VAT for the Cemetery and £1426.00 plus VAT for the Playing Field and remained the same as the 2010 prices.

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor R Curnow and unanimously RESOLVED to accept the quotation received from Cornwall Council for the grass cutting in the Cemetery and the Playing Field for 2011.

## **10. County Highways Issues**

It was noted that a pot hole had opened on the junction adjacent to Christopher's Estate Agents and that the road was very uneven adjacent to the Old Inn in Churchtown. Councillors and the public were reminded that any defect should be reported to the Clerk who would pass the complaint onto the Highways Department at Cornwall Council.

## **11. Trimming and maintenance of the Public Rights of the Way Network in 2011/12**

The Clerk advised the meeting that the contract for the trimming and maintenance of the Public Rights of Way Network was due for renewal.

The current Contractor had offered to undertake the contract for the 2011/12 year for the same price as last year, namely £4500.00. Other expressions of interest had been made, and Councillor R Willey proposed that the contract should be put to tender. The proposal was seconded by the Chairman and unanimously agreed to place an advert in the local press, on the website and on the notice boards for interested parties to tender for the contract.

## **12. Installation of a sign on the rear of the existing Cornwall Council sign at the entrance to Poldhu Cove car park**

The Clerk advised the meeting that the Car Park Department at Cornwall Council had agreed to the Parish Council installing a sign on the rear of the existing sign at the entrance to Poldhu Cove car park. The sign would have to comply with Cornwall Council's branding and they were willing to obtain a quote from their sign writers on our behalf. It was agreed that the wording for the sign would be discussed at the next meeting.

## **13. Amenity Monies**

The Clerk read out the latest letter from Westcountry Printing and Publishing in relation to the Map of Mullion. They were offering the Parish Council copyright ownership of the map free of any charge, with Westcountry Printing and Publishing only having free of charge use of the map element.

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor P Wilkins and unanimously agreed to accept this offer. The Clerk was asked to write to the company in this regard, and to enquire as to the price of purchasing two maps at the same time. It was thought that this may be cheaper than purchasing two maps at different times.

The Clerk advised the meeting that two designs had been received from companies regarding the installation of new equipment in the park. She was still chasing the third company and hoped to come back to the March meeting with three proposals.

#### **14. Public Convenience Review Consultation received from Cornwall Council**

Following the receipt of a consultation on the review of the provision of Public Conveniences in Cornwall, the Parish Council discussed the various toilets located in the Parish.

It was felt that as a starting point, the Parish Council required financial information relating to the maintenance and running costs of the public conveniences. Without this information, it was difficult to determine how efficiencies could be made. The Clerk was asked to obtain the costs from the Environment Service.

The toilets at Polurrian were currently subject to negotiations between Cornwall Council and Mullion Surf Life Saving Club.

Mullion Cove's public conveniences included a restriction over the use due to a legal agreement between a private individual and Cornwall Council. The Clerk was instructed to research the background to this agreement.

The toilets at Poldhu were mostly used by visitors to the beach, users of the cafe and RNLI lifeguards. It was felt that the National Trust, RNLI and cafe owners should be approached by Cornwall Council in the first instance.

Tremenhee's public conveniences were being opened by members of the community and cleaned/maintained by Cornwall Council at the present time.

Once figures had been received from Cornwall Council, a further discussion could take place.

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

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

#### **16. Finance and Accounts**

A query was raised over the amount charged for the water supply at the Allotments. The Clerk advised the meeting that the past invoices had been estimated, and this bill was an actual reading. It was felt that the amount of water used by the tenants of the Allotments was high, and

the Clerk was asked to write to the users regarding water use and to amend the tenancy agreement to restrict the use of sprinkler systems on the Allotments. A further price increase may have to be considered if water bills remain so high. Councillor R Curnow agreed to monitor the water metre over the coming months.

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

**17. Other correspondence received**

The Chairman advised the meeting of the recent successes for the Mullion Heritage Centre. Funding had been received from the Heritage Lottery Fund and the West Cornwall Local Action Group. Enough money had been raised to renovate the Ladies' Parlour at the Methodist Church and to buy furniture and equipment to house all the things planned to be displayed, along with supplies and overheads for the first year of operation. The Parish Council was delighted to receive this news.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.33pm.

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

