

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

Councillors Present

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

Twenty members of the public were also in attendance.

1. Public Session

A member of the public who had previously raised concerns regarding the bus stop located at Helston Community Hospital thanked Councillor Mrs C Rule for her assistance in the installation of a newly position bus stop on the A3083 just prior to the Community Hospital Roundabout.

The owner of Mullion Meadows addressed the meeting on the current business developments at the site. He was delighted with the support for the newly formed group 'Friends of Mullion Meadows'.

A resident from the village then gave a brief history of the planning and footpath issues surrounding Trenance Farm and called on Cornwall Council to review the situation following a catalogue of errors being made in relation to both.

The Chairman advised the meeting that he had no further information at present regarding the proposed Footpath Diversion Order and that when new information was made available to the Parish Council, it would be discussed by the Parish Council.

2. Police Report

PCSO Julia Berry had submitted her apologies to the Clerk due to having commitments during the day. The report had been submitted and was read out by the Chairman, as attached to these minutes.

CCTV recordings had been viewed by PCSO Berry in relation to the alleged approach to a young male by a person in a car. Unfortunately no vehicles passing the Park matched the description given.

3. Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor P Wilkins.

4. Minutes

It was proposed by Councillor C Williams, seconded by Councillor R Curnow and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 15 February 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:

PA11/00559 – Mr N Harris REG Solarpower – Bonython Estate, Cury Cross Lanes – The development of a solar photovoltaic farm rated at up to 5MW with attendant equipment and infrastructure

The Parish Council raised concerns with regard to this application. Although it was agreed that Councillors were not experts in solar power, it was felt that the following comments should be made:-

- The site, and therefore the solar panels (and their glare due the orientation of the panels), were highly visible from several parts of Mullion, as well as from various points on the A3083 Lizard – Helston Road
- The site was positioned in a Nature Reserve, a SSSI, a SAC and an AONB and would not be enhanced by the installation of a solar farm
- Overdevelopment of the site would occur. The recently installed wind turbines were already very prominent from not only Mullion, but much of west Cornwall

It was therefore proposed by Councillor C Williams, seconded by Councillor R Curnow and RESOLVED to object the planning application on the above grounds.

The Parish Council also felt that a public consultation meeting should be offered for applications of this size due to the complicated literature received with the consultation documents.

PA11/01005 – Mr & Mrs A Buchanan – Balnakiel, 29 Meres Valley – Extension and alterations to dwelling

The Agent for this application was present at the meeting and agreed to answer any questions that members may have.

No representations had been received against this application which was located within the development boundary.

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

PA11/00997 - Mrs L Ellery - Angrouse Farm, Angrouse Lane - Construction of conservatories on rear and side elevations

Concerns were raised by Councillors in relation to the scale of the proposed conservatories. Confusion was also shown over the proposed finish of the extensions due to the application form stating that the walls would be 'stonework to match the existing' and the plans stating 'walls to be block work to match the existing'.

It was therefore proposed by Councillor R Curnow, seconded by Councillor C Williams and unanimously RESOLVED to support the planning application with the inclusion of a condition stating that the finish of the conservatories must match the existing stonework of the existing dwelling to ensure that the extensions are in keeping with the property.

PA11/01420 – Mr & Mrs D Peters – Vounder, Meaver Road – Extension and alterations to dwelling

The Applicant spoke in favour of the application and of his intention to improve the property which required some updating.

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

PA11/01523 – Mr A Furber – Rear of Kimberley, Nansmellyon Road – Demolition of garage and construction of dwelling

The Applicant spoke in favour of the application and advised the meeting that the new application had been submitted following discussions with the Planning Officer. He hoped that the Parish Council's concerns over the previous proposals had now been addressed, including a reduction in the ridge height, repositioning of the dwelling on the plot and an improved parking and turning area.

Three letters of objection had been submitted to the Parish Council, and would be forwarded to Cornwall Council in due course. Concerns from the immediate neighbours included overcrowding, loss of sunlight and the impact on the neighbouring properties due to the overbearing nature of the proposed dwelling.

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

Two Councillors voted against the proposal, however the proposal was carried on a vote of six for and two against.

7. Report from Cornwall Councillor Mrs C Rule

Councillor Mrs C Rule advised the meeting that progress was being made on the situation at Polurrian toilets. Mullion SLSC were still in negotiations with Cornwall Council. Councillor A Gilbert expressed his disappointment over the proposed opening of the WC's which would only take place during the six weekends of the school holidays. It was hoped that the WC's would be opened more often as the club expanded.

A Community Fund was available to groups in the village via Councillor Mrs C Rule. Application forms were available on the Cornwall Council website.

An ongoing problem with the sewerage works located on the A3083 Helston – Lizard Road had now been rectified and it was hoped that no further four smells would emit from the plant.

8. Public Rights of Way

The Chairman advised that the byway located at Porthpradnack had been established as one for many years and was used by residents on a daily basis.

9. Public Open Spaces

It was reported that non-allotment holders were using the water supply located on the allotments for personal use, including the washing of vehicles and refilling of water tanks. The situation would continue to be monitored and the possibility of installing a lock on the tap was discussed.

10. County Highways Issues

The installation of pecked white lines in Mullion had commenced. Painting of the lines opposite the Spar shop and Boots and adjacent to the old post office and Westcountry Printing was still awaited.

The Clerk had reported overgrowth from the hedge located between The Commons and Woodlands to the Highways Department at Cornwall Council.

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

A quotation had been received from Cornwall Council for the creation and installation of a sign on the rear of the existing Cornwall Council sign at the entrance of Poldhu Cove car park. The cost would be £125.00 for a sign measuring 1000mm x 650mm. It was hoped that more visitors would leave Poldhu Cove via Mullion.

It was proposed by Councillor C Rule, seconded by Councillor R Curnow and RESOLVED to instruct the installation of the sign as stated above. The wording would read 'Mullion Village and Harbour'.

12. Amenity Monies

A letter had been received from Westcountry Printing and Publishing confirming the Parish Council's copyright ownership of the village map free of any charge. Mr Rogers suggested the inclusion of the Heritage Centre following their recent success in securing funding.

It was then proposed by Councillor R Willey, seconded by Councillor R Curnow and unanimously agreed to include the Heritage Centre on the map, order one sign and write a letter of thanks to Mr Rogers for his assistance in the creation of the map.

The Clerk advised the meeting that two proposals had been received from companies in relation to the installation of new equipment in the park. The third company had assured the Clerk that their plans would be sent the following week.

Councillors agreed to await the last proposal before viewing and discussing them at an informal meeting of the Council. A public consultation would then be held for users of the park to view the plans and comment on them.

13. Priority Parish Pilot for delivery of Affordable housing update

The Clerk updated the meeting on the current situation. The Affordable Housing Survey for Mullion had been agreed and the addresses for all of the households in Mullion had been obtained by the Affordable Housing Team. It was hoped that the Survey would be distributed at the end of March/beginning of April. The completed Surveys would be returned to the Parish Council and then passed to the Affordable Housing Team following the deadline.

Councillor Mrs C Rule had donated £250.00 from her budget towards the Survey costs. Analysis and publication of the Survey results would be contained within existing resources. The Parish Council was asked to make a financial contribution for the printing of the questionnaires and covering letters as well as for the postal costs of returning the questionnaires.

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Mrs S Ireland and agreed to make a financial contribution of £250.00 towards the cost of the Survey.

14. Public Convenience Review Consultation received from Cornwall Council

Councillor Mrs C Rule advised the meeting that following the consultation on the Public Convenience Review discussed at the previous meeting, figures had been requested from Cornwall Council for the day to day running costs and maintenance of the facilities. The figures quoted were 'per square foot' and had been calculated from the annual expenditure for all of the public conveniences in the Kerrier District.

It was agreed that Councillor Mrs C Rule would continue to research the matter with no commitment at this stage.

15. Community Network Panel Meeting – Wednesday 16 March 2011, 7.00pm – Helston Community College

The Clerk advised the meeting that the next Community Network Panel meeting would be held on Wednesday 16 March in the Music Block at Helston Community College at 7pm on the subject of 'Local needs housing'.

16. LGA 1972 Requests for Funding

No requests for funding were received.

The public was excluded from the meeting at this point to allow the tender documents to be discussed.

17. Trimming and maintenance of the Public Rights of the Way Network in 2011/12

The Clerk presented the Tenders to the Parish Council.

The Tenders had been opened in the Parish Office by the Clerk that morning, witnessed by the Chairman and Councillor R Willey.

Verbal references had been received for the two Contractors that were currently employed by nearby Parish Councils.

Following much discussion, it was proposed by Councillor C Rule, seconded by the Chairman and RESOLVED to offer the contract to RTS (Garden Services) Ltd. This was partly due to the amount tendered for the contract, but also because of the excellent reference received from a neighbouring Parish Council. The Clerk was requested to clarify that Mr Sanders would be willing to undertake additional gardening work around the village as and when required, and to obtain his hourly rate for this work.

It was further agreed to write a letter of thanks to the current contactor, Mike Tonkin, for his hard work and commitment to the footpaths and the village over the past few years.

18. Finance and Accounts

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

19. Other correspondence received

The following correspondence had been received:-

Relay for Life – The Lizard – 9/10 July 2011 – Mullion School

Further information could be obtained from the Cancer Research UK website.

Devon and Cornwall Police Authority Liaison Meeting – St Ives – Monday 21 March 2011

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.37pm.

Signed:

Chairman

Dated: