

Mullion Parish Council Meeting held on **Tuesday 17 May 2011** immediately following the Annual Parish Assembly at The Schoolroom, Methodist Chapel, Churchtown, Mullion

Councillors Present

R Curnow	C Rule
Mrs S Ireland	P Wilkins
J Lang (Chairman)	R Willey
Mrs C Rule (Vice Chairman)	

Thirteen members of the public also attended the meeting.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.32 pm.

1. Election of Chairman

The Clerk asked for nominations for the Election of a Chairman for the forthcoming year. Councillor Mrs C Rule proposed that Councillor J Lang stayed in office. This was seconded by Councillor R Willey and unanimously agreed. Councillor J Lang signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

2. Election of Vice Chairman

The Chairman asked for nominations for the Election of Vice Chairman for the forthcoming year.

Councillor R Curnow proposed that Councillor R Willey be made Vice Chairman which was seconded by Councillor C Rule. Councillors R Willey declined the nomination.

The Chairman then nominated Councillor Mrs S Ireland. She declined the nomination.

The Chairman then nominated Councillor R Curnow. He declined the nomination.

The Chairman then proposed that Councillor Mrs C Rule continued in office. This was seconded by Councillor R Curnow and unanimously agreed.

The Councillors gave the Chairman a vote of thanks for his commitment to the role.

3. Public Session

There were no comments from the public.

4. Police Report

PCSO Julia Berry advised the meeting of the Police Report for the month of April as attached to these minutes.

She also advised that the front office at Helston Police Station had closed.

5. Absence

No apologies for absence were submitted. Councillors A Gilbert, C Williams and D Williams were not in attendance.

6. Minutes

It was proposed by Councillor R Willey, seconded by Councillor R Curnow and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 4 May 2011 be approved as a true record and be duly signed by the Chairman.

7. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were received.

8. Planning

Following consideration by the Councillors of the Planning Application received from Cornwall Council, the following decision was made.

PA11/01942 – Mr J Dark – Trudnoe Farm, Meaver Road – Erection of an agricultural building to replace old timber cubical building

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

It was then proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor R Curnow and agreed to support the planning application.

9. Report from Cornwall County Councillor Mrs C Rule

Councillor Mrs C Rule advised the meeting that negotiations between Cornwall Council and Mullion surf Life Saving Club regarding Polurrian toilets/building were still ongoing. No further progress had been made on the County wide public convenience review.

It was reported that YMCA were due to take over the MYCC building in the near future.

Councillor Mrs C Rule informed the meeting and public in attendance that a reception area had been created on the ground floor of the offices at Dolcoath Avenue for planning enquiries. It was hoped that this would be easier for visitors than having to visit the second floor to view plans as previously occurred. Appointments would need to be made prior to meeting with an Officer from the Planning Department.

Following a Cabinet reshuffle earlier that day, Councillor Mrs C Rule confirmed that she was now the Cabinet Member for Health and Well Being and Human Resources.

On a personal note, Councillor Mrs C Rule wished to express her most grateful thanks to the Co-Responder Service in the Village.

10. Public Rights of Way

It was mentioned that the palm trees in St Mellans Park were dropping their leaves on the path leading from the Church to Laflouder Fields. This was causing the tarmac surface to become slippery, and potentially dangerous. It was agreed that Councillor R Willey would meet with the Footpath Contractor to discuss a course of action.

It was reported that the bench located on The Commons had broken. The Clerk was asked to contact Councillor C Williams to request that he mended the broken wooden slates.

The Clerk advised the meeting that the Footpath Contractor had completed the first cuts of the paths that required two cuts per season.

11. Public Open Spaces

No issues were raised.

12. County Highways Issues

Further to the consultation that took place earlier in the year to Off Street Parking Places, it was noted that the Order was made on 28 April 2011 and came into force on 9 May 2011. The Parish Council's suggestion to reduce the cost of parking at Poldhu Cove was not adopted.

13. Annual Accounts to Year End 31 March 2011

Following the previously circulated documents to Councillors, the following was discussed.

i) Audited accounts for the Year Ending 31 March 2011

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs C Rule, seconded by Councillor R Willey and RESOLVED to agree and sign the audited accounts for submission to the External Auditor.

ii) Statement of Assurance for the Year Ending 31 March 2011

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs C Rule, seconded by Councillor R Willey and RESOLVED to sign the Statement of Assurance.

iii) To receive and note the report of the Internal Auditor

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs C Rule, seconded by Councillor R Willey and RESOLVED to receive and note the report of the Internal Auditor.

iv) To appoint an Internal Auditor for 2011/2012

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs C Rule, seconded by Councillor R Willey and RESOLVED to appoint Mr David Quill as the Internal Auditor for 2011/12.

14. Insurance Proposal for 2011/12

Further to the renewal forms being received from Allianz Aon for the 2011-2012 insurance cover, and the provision of additional cover for the CCTV equipment, it was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Mrs C Rule and RESOLVED to accept the insurance quote.

15. RoSPA Annual Inspection on St Mellans Park

The Clerk advised the meeting that the annual inspection of the Park had taken place. It was agreed that the Chairman and the Clerk would read the report and ensure that any necessary work was undertaken.

16. Cornwall Association of Local Councils subscription 2011/12

Further to renewal forms being received for the 2011-2012 Membership of the Cornwall Association of Local Councils, it was proposed by Councillor Mrs C Rule, seconded by the Chairman and RESOLVED to affiliate to the organisation for the forthcoming year.

17. Provision of additional play equipment in St Mellans Park

Further to a report which had been circulated to the Councillors, a discussion took place regarding the proposed schemes, companies involved and the outcome of the public consultation event held in the Village.

It was the proposed by the Chairman, seconded by councillor R Curnow and RESOLVED to instruct the Clerk to order the scheme proposed by Lars Laj UK with the addition of the zip wire. The total cost quoted for the completed scheme was £32,364 plus VAT. It was hoped that the new play equipment would be installed prior to the commencement of the school holidays in July.

18. Planning Training

Cornwall Council had published a programme of Planning Training, as previously circulated, over the next 12 months. Councillor P Wilkins, the Chairman and the Clerk confirmed the sessions that they could attend. The Chairman requested Councillors to contact the Clerk if they also wished to attend.

19. LGA 1972 requests for funding

No requests for funding had been received.

20. Finance and Accounts

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

21. Road Closure – Trewoon Road and Chypons Road

The Chairman advised the meeting of the published Road Closure notice for Trewoon Road and Chypons Road between 7 and 13 June 2011 from 0730 to 1800 hours, weekends inclusive.

22. Other correspondence received

The next Community Network Panel Meeting would be held on Wednesday 15 June 2011 at St Keverne Village Hall at 1900 hours. The topic would be The Localism Bill and the Devolution of services from Cornwall Council and would be chaired by Councillor Pam Lyne. It was confirmed that The Chairman, Councillor Mrs C Rule and the Clerk would attend the meeting.

An invitation had been received to attend the Cornwall Renewable Energy Conference & Exhibition to be held on 28 and 29 July 2011. Two complimentary tickets had been enclosed with the invitation, and Councillor P Wilkins requested them.

A letter had been received from The Lizard and Mounts Bay Methodist Circuit advising of Reverend Sylvia Burgoyne's retirement in July. It was agreed that a bouquet of flowers and card should be sent from the Parish Council.

Exclusion of the Press and Public

Pursuant to the provision of the Public Bodies (Admissions to meetings) Act 1960, the press and public were excluded from the Meeting for the following items of business by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

The Clerk left the meeting for the following item.

23. Clerk's Salary Scale Annual Review

The Chairman informed the meeting that, contractually, the Clerk was due an annual salary review.

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor R Willey and RESOLVED to increase the Clerks' salary by one spinal column point from 1 April 2011.

It had also been suggested that CALC undertook a review of the Clerk's Pay Scales to ensure that Clerk was being paid the correct spinal point for the work involved and to set a 'range' of spinal points. It was, however, decided not to undertake the benchmarking exercise at this time.

The Clerk rejoined the meeting.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm.

Signed:
Chairman

Dated: