

Mullion Parish Council Meeting held on **Tuesday 21 June 2011** at 7.00pm at The Schoolroom, Methodist Chapel, Mullion

Councillors Present

R Curnow	P Wilkins
Mrs S Ireland	D Williams
J T Lang (Chairman)	

Six members of the public were also in attendance.

The Chairman opened the meeting by sending get well wishes to Mr Reg Freeman who had recently been admitted to hospital.

The Chairman then went on to congratulate Councillor R Willey on being awarded an MBE from the recent Queen's Birthday Honours. This award was well deserved for the contribution Councillor R Willey had made to the village over many years.

1. Public Session

No issues were raised.

2. Police Report

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

3. Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs C Rule, C Rule, R Willey and C Williams. Councillor A Gilbert was also not in attendance

4. Minutes

It was proposed by Councillor P Wilkins, seconded by Councillor Mrs S Ireland and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 31 May 2011 be approved as a true record and be duly signed by the Chairman.

5. Declarations of Interest

Councillor P Wilkins declared a personal interest in relation to planning application PA11/04176 – Mr & Mrs A Punter – The Grange, Trembel Road due to being related to the Applicant. He signed the Record of Interests and did not take part in the vote.

6. Planning

Following consideration by Councillors of Planning Applications received from Cornwall Council, the following recommendations were made:

PA11/04176 – Mr & Mrs A Punter – The Grange, Trembel Lane – Erection of a balcony to dwelling

Councillor P Wilkins declared a personal interest in relation to this planning application and did not take part in the vote

No comments had been received from the public on this application.

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

PA11/04035 – Mr A Lawrence – Predannack Manor Farm – Construction of general purpose farm building

Councillors discussed this application and concerns were raised over the position of the proposed barn as it was to be located on the highest part of the farm, which was located in an AONB. The barn would therefore be visible from many places on the Lizard Peninsula, as well as further afield due to the cliff top location of the farm. It was felt that the proposed barn should be positioned on lower ground closer to the existing farm buildings, if it was required at all. The existing farm buildings had been successfully used by the previous tenant for the farming of livestock and associated work.

As representative of County Farms, Cornwall Council spoke in relation to a further application that would be received by the Parish Council in due course. Cornwall Council were applying to erect two barns adjacent to the proposed barn which was part of the agreed tenancy with the current farmer. She stated that the tenant had submitted a further application as he felt that further space was required. The Parish Council was surprised to learn of the further application.

The Parish Council agreed that it fully supported Predannack Manor Farm remaining as a working farm and wanted the tenant farmer to succeed in his business.

It was therefore proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor D Williams and RESOLVED to defer the item until the application for the further two barns had been received. The applications could then be looked at together and a sound judgment could be made on the proposals.

PA11/04677 – Wessex RFCA – 18 Meres Valley – Extensions and alterations to existing dwelling

This application had only been received by the Clerk that morning. As the alterations to the already granted planning permission were considered to be minor, Councillors agreed to take the application at the meeting.

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

The Chairman advised the meeting of the following planning decisions:-

PA11/03115 - Wessex RFCA - 18 Meres Valley - Extensions and alterations to existing dwelling to incorporate replacement garage, formation of parking and access ramps – Approved

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

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

PA11/02909 – Mr P Evans – Trevelyan, Meaver Road – continued use of land for the stationing of a chalet/caravan – Approved

In relation to PA11/04390 – Meres, Laflouder Lane – Felling of two trees, the Clerk had received further information from the Planning Officer. One of the trees was not covered by a Tree Preservation Order and should not have been considered as part of the application. The Tree Officer felt that there were no arboricultural justifications for the removal of the second tree as there were no significant defects which would warrant its removal. The Planning Officer therefore recommended refusal of the application which was contrary to the Parish Council's original comments. As a response from the Parish Council had been required by the previous Friday, it had been decided to 'agree to disagree' on this application. The Clerk advised the Planning Officer that the Parish Council were always grateful to receive advice from professionals prior to applications being discussed.

The Clerk advised the meeting that the closing date for the Affordable housing Questionnaire was the end of the week. Once all of the data had been collated, it was thought that the Parish Council would meet with the Affordable Housing Team at Cornwall Council to agree the draft report.

7. Report from Cornwall Councillor Mrs C Rule

Councillor Mrs C Rule had given her apologies to the meeting due to her parents being taken ill recently. She had however submitted a report which was read out by the Chairman, as below:-

- Councillors Mrs C Rule wished to express her very sincere congratulations to Councillor R Willey on his extremely well deserved recognition in the honours list.
- Central government had praised Cornwall Council for being a 'can do' Council due to the Council making an early decision with the emergency budget. They managed to safeguard frontline services. Some other Council's have had to cut libraries and adult social care for example, but Cornwall has not.
- Credit card fiasco update: the payment cards actually are an extremely efficient way of paying for goods and services quickly which helps Cornwall Councils suppliers. They also save on average £33 per transaction cost which has realised over 3 million of savings that have in turn been put back into securing frontline services. The Leader of Cornwall Council, Councillor Alec Robertson, had written a letter of complaint to the Daily Telegraph for the way their reporter behaved.
- Central government have listened to the concerns Cornwall Council raised about the Health/NHS reforms.

- Nominations were required for deserving people to carry the Olympic torch. Any suggestions would be gratefully received.
- Councillor Mrs C Rule now has a new budget in her community fund of £2195 for the division, if any groups needed a small amount of assistance.
- Mullion Meadows footpath issues – the Chairman of Mullion Parish Council met with the Head of the Service this week and Councillor Mrs C Rule would be meeting him on Wednesday for a debrief on a way forward. She confirmed that she would report back once more information had been received.

The Chairman suggested that a further standard item entitled 'Chairman and Clerks comments' could be inserted following this item at further meetings. It would give the Chairman and the Clerk the opportunity to update the meeting on any issues that could not be dealt with under a separate item. No decisions could be taken on anything discussed under the proposed item; it would simply be a 'for information' item. It was agreed to include the suggested item at future meetings.

8. Public Rights of Way

A complaint had been received regarding the surface of Footpath 30 leading from Trembel Road to Chapel Place. The works had been undertaken that afternoon to repair the uneven surface.

Councillor R Curnow raised the issue of installing a light in the Forge Car Park on the footpath that leads to Redannack Estate. So far, research into the ownership of the path had proved inconclusive.

9. Public Open Spaces

The judging for the South West in Bloom competition would take place during the morning of Monday 18 July. The Chairman had been invited to meet with the judges and to supply the recycling figures for the past 12 months. If Councillors wished to meet with the judges, they would be more than welcome.

Councillor D Williams was asked to relocate the existing park bench further down the field, closer to the play equipment. He was also requested to return the other bench that was in storage on his farm.

The Clerk was asked to request the recycling credits from Cornwall Council for the placing of the recycling bins on the Council's land. Due to budget constraints, the Parish Council did not receive any financial assistance in 2009/10.

10. County Highways Issues

A request had been made by a local business for the Forge Car Park to be made short stay, and Tremenhee long stay. After a discussion regarding the existing signage and use of the car parks, it was decided not to further this request.

It was noted that the directional road sign located near to the entrance of Tremenhee car park was looking dirty and old. The Clerk was asked to approach Cornwall Council to replace the sign and, if they refused to replace the sign, to obtain quotes.

Councillor Mrs S Ireland asked for an update on the traffic census which was to take place on Nansmellyon Road during June. The Clerk agreed to contact the Highways Officer in this regard and ask for the census to take place in the near future.

It was reported that the drainage grate located on Lender Lane adjacent to Colroger Deli was occasionally lifting and causing a trip hazard. The Clerk was requested to contact County Highways to instruct remedial works.

The issue of flooding on Polhorman Lane was raised. The works were to be scheduled into 2011/12, and the Clerk was asked to obtain a start date.

A Councillor had been approached by a resident of Gibbons Fields in relation to parking issues. As the road had not been adopted by Cornwall Council following completion of the development, it was a private matter for the residents of the estate.

11. Cemetery Issues

A request had been made to the Burial Board of Mullion Cemetery for the installation of a memorial in the Cemetery. The gentleman was not to be buried in Mullion, but had strong links to the Village and his next of kin wished to place a memorial in the Cemetery. Councillors were aware of memorial walls and such like being available in other cemeteries and thought that this request should be considered. The Clerk was asked to research possible solutions and obtain costings for this project.

A further request had been made to the Burial Board of Mullion Cemetery for a third burial to take place in an existing grave space. The Clerk advised the meeting that although this was not the Council's policy, it was legally possible and each request could be considered on its merits. The Clerk was asked to circulate the Shallow Depth Graves Policy to Councillors prior to a decision being made at the following meeting.

12. Amenity Monies

The Map of Mullion was now ready to be installed. After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed to install the map on the back of the existing sign at the entrance to Tremenhee Car Park. The Clerk would ask Councillor C Williams to install the sign at his earliest convenience.

The installation of the new play equipment in St Mellan's Park would commence on Monday 5 July 2011. Due to the amount of equipment, installation machinery and the size of the delivery vehicle, it was necessary for the Forge Car Park to be closed for the morning of Monday 5 July. This would alleviate the need for a road closure and ensure that the equipment was installed prior to the start of the school holidays. Closure notices would be posted in the car park during the 10 days preceding the closure.

A further quote had been received for the refurbishment of the existing play equipment. Lars Laj quoted £1,224.00 including VAT to rub down and repaint the existing climbing frame and large swings and replace the operating mechanisms in both sets of swings while they were on site in July.

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor R Curnow and RESOLVED to approve the quote received from Lars Laj.

13. LGA 1972, Section 137 Requests for Funding

A request for funding had been received from Tanya's Courage Trust.

It was agreed not to support the request.

14. Finance and Accounts

It was then proposed by Councillor D Williams, seconded by Councillor R Curnow and RESOLVED to confirm the accounts and to pay the invoices.

15. Other correspondence received

The following correspondence had been received:-

Cornwall Conversations - an invitation from the Leader of Cornwall Council to Parish Councillors to meet with him and his Cabinet and to ask questions or submit comments. The events will take place at New County Hall, Truro on Monday 11 July and St John's Hall, Penzance on Monday 25 July. Both meetings will start at 7pm. Please let the Clerk know if you would like to attend.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.00pm.

Signed:
Chairman

Dated: