

Mullion Parish Council Meeting held on **Tuesday 19 July 2011** at 7.00pm at The Schoolroom, Methodist Chapel, Mullion

Councillors Present

A Gilbert	R Willey
Mrs S Ireland	C Williams
J T Lang (Chairman)	D Williams

Seventeen members of the public were also in attendance.

1. Public Session

Mr Richard Bray stated that he was impressed with the recently installed play equipment and thanked the Parish Council for undertaking the project. The Chairman advised the meeting that an official opening would take place on Saturday 6 August 2011 at 2pm in the Park and everyone was invited to attend.

A member of the public complained about the overgrowth from properties on Nansmellyon Road onto the footpath. The Clerk advised that letters had been sent to the properties in question within the past three weeks. If no action had been taken within the next fortnight, the Clerk would contact the owners again.

Another member of the public reported that the Coastal Footpath south of Mullion Cove was badly eroded and was dangerous in places. She had reported the problem to the Countryside Officer and the Clerk was also asked to contact him regarding the problem.

Councillor A Gilbert arrived.

Mrs Pauline Trusler spoke in relation to a new organisation in the Village, Helping Hands. This was a time bank for the village and residents were invited to attend information sessions to be held on Wednesday 27 July at 2pm in the Methodist Chapel and Thursday 18 August at 7pm at the YMCA. Mrs Trusler could be contacted on 01326 241695 or pauline_t777@hotmail.com for further information.

2. Police Report

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

3. Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors R Curnow, Mrs C Rule, C Rule and P Wilkins.

4. Minutes

Following the amendment of lines one and three of the second paragraph of item 12 on page 5 to read Tuesday 5 July, not Monday 5 July, it was proposed by Councillor D Williams, seconded by Councillor Mrs S Ireland and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 21 June 2011 be approved as a true record and be duly signed by the Chairman.

5. Declarations of Interest

None received.

6. Planning

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

As the first three planning applications to be discussed were for the same property and formed part of the same development, it was decided to discuss all of the applications and make a decision on them collectively.

PA11/03961 - Cornwall Council - Predannack Manor Farm, Predannack - Erection of an agricultural building

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

PA11/03952 - Cornwall Council - Predannack Manor Farm, Predannack - Erection of an agricultural building, new access and hard standing

The Chairman gave an overview of the farm, its location and its present condition.

An objector, who was resident close to Predannack Manor Farm, questioned why the existing barns could not be used by the tenant farmer.

Rebecca Jenkin, a Land Agent for Cornwall Council, stated that the traditional buildings used by the previous tenant for rearing stock were inadequate due to poor ventilation which led to a higher disease rate in animals. In addition, traditional buildings required more labour to manage as tractor access was limited.

Another resident asked why the more modern barns located on the farm could not be refurbished or removed and replaced with the proposed agricultural buildings. The Land Agent advised that Cornwall Council were willing to discuss the location for the positioning of the proposed barns, although the existing more modern barns at the Farm did not form part of the tenancy agreement between the Farmer and Cornwall Council. She further advised that Cornwall Council would be re-submitting a planning application for the development of the traditional barns as residential accommodation, therefore new farm buildings would have to be re-sited to allow this to occur.

Further concerns were raised in relation to the height of the proposed buildings. The barns would be visible not only from the South West Coast path, but from surrounding open countryside and were to be located within a SSSI and AONB and in an Area of Great Scientific Value (AGSV)

The Chairman stated that the Parish Council had argued for the retention of Predannack Manor as a working farm and supported the current tenant, the success of the Farm and the need for appropriate buildings. He commented that the proposed location was inappropriate, more a means to detach farming activity from a potential residential development in the present farmyard, the field was known to be wet and that the proposed access lane affected an existing footpath and was in an area that was subject to significant flooding during wet weather.

It was further noted that the Farm was built in a hollow many years ago to protect the buildings, machinery and stored items from the adverse weather that could be present in that location. It also meant that the Farm and its building were well hidden in the landscape.

It was proposed by Councillor D Williams, seconded by Councillor C Williams and RESOLVED to object to planning applications PA11/03961, PA11/04035 and PA11/03952 on the following grounds:-

- Close to the Heritage coast and within an Area of Great Scientific Value, and within an AONB which Cornwall Council have a duty to conserve and enhance
- The height of the proposed barns were not in keeping with the surrounding landscape
- Highly visible from the South West Coast path, inland footpaths and from much of the surrounding area to a significant distance
- Unsuitable location within the Farm, the exposed position would be open to the elements and would be damaging to machinery, buildings and stored items
- The proposed access lane to the barns was situated on an existing footpath and in an area that was subject to large amount of flooding during wet weather

It was suggested by the Chairman that a site meeting was arranged between the County Farm and Planning Departments of Cornwall Council, the Parish Council, the tenant of the Farm and nearby residents prior to any further applications for this site being received.

PA11/03996 – Ms C Taylor - Polurrian Hotel, Polurrian Road – Erection of new escape stairs

No comments had been received from the public on this application which was required to satisfy health and safety requirements.

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

The following Planning Decisions had been received from Cornwall Council.

PA11/03134 – Mr N Chapman – Polurrian Hotel, Polurrian Road – Erection of extension to hotel – Approved

PA11/03490 – Meres, Laflouder Lane, Felling of 1 Monterey pine and 1 Golden Leylandii – Refused

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

The Clerk advised the meeting that an Enforcement Complaint had been submitted to Cornwall Council relating to the alleged unauthorised erection of a shed at 25 Clifden Close. Further information would be made available once a site inspection had taken place.

7. Report from Cornwall Councillor Mrs C Rule

Councillor Mrs C Rule had given her apologies to the meeting due to her father being seriously ill and in hospital.

Following a site meeting at Polurrian Beach with representatives from Mullion Surf Life Saving Club (SLSC) and Cornwall Council, the Chairman gave an update on the current situation. A Community Transfer Order would be forthcoming from Cornwall Council to Mullion SLSC in the near future. This would enable the SLSC to continue being resident in the building. Cornwall Council had agreed to upgrade the building and SLSC would ensure that the public toilet would be opened and cleaned when they were on site during the weekends in the summer months. Councillor A Gilbert expressed his disappointment at the public toilets not being open for longer periods during the summer months.

8. Chairman and Clerk Comments

The Chairman advised the meeting that the village inspection for the South West in Bloom competition took place on Monday 18 July 2011. He expressed the Parish Council's thanks to Mullion in Bloom for their great effort in the Village. Special thanks were given to Mrs Pat James for her considerable effort in maintaining the recycling area, amongst many other things. Individuals and businesses within the Village were also commended for their hard work.

9. Public Rights of Way

The owner of Mullion Meadows, Mr Raftery, explained that he was offering a Public Right of Way across the front of his property from the small gate at the entrance of the Copse to the main vehicular entrance to Mullion Meadows long the existing driveway. For this PRow to be created, the existing objections to the Footpath Diversion Order on footpath 37 would be required, by Mr Raftery, to be removed. The possibility of the creation of a PRow across the front of Mullion Meadows was being investigated by Mr Raftery's solicitor, and further information would follow in due course.

Mr Bostock, an objector to the Footpath Diversion Order, called for an entirely new Order to be created to include the proposed PRow across the front of Mullion Meadows. He also suggested that the new PRow should run from the five bar gate adjacent to the new building, and not through the Copse.

The Clerk was asked to contact the Environment Service to ascertain how to proceed with this matter.

10. Public Open Spaces

The Chairman advised the meeting that a tree in Tremenhee Car Park was causing disruption to the ground, and had the potential to undermine the newly constructed Funeral Parlour. Mullion in

Bloom had been consulted and agreed that the tree should be removed. It was agreed to allow the removal of the tree, at Mr Tonkin's expense.

The Clerk was delighted to confirm that the new play equipment had now been installed in St Mellan's Park and that it was fully functioning. The older play equipment had also been renovated and the park was being enjoyed by the children. An Opening Ceremony would take place on Saturday 6 August 2011 at 2pm in the Park. Everyone was invited to attend.

11. County Highways Issues

The Clerk advised the meeting that Cornwall Council had agreed to replace the directional sign on Lender Lane.

A request from a member of the public to have a 20mph sign painted on the road on Meaver Road would be forwarded to Cornwall Council.

Several large potholes had opened up at the entrance to Laflouder Fields from Lender Lane. The Clerk was requested to contact the Highways Department at Cornwall Council.

The public were asked to report any highway issues to the Clerk.

12. Cemetery Issues

A 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. Following the circulation of the Shallow Depth Graves Policy to Councillors it was proposed by Councillor A Gilbert, seconded by Councillor D Williams and RESOLVED to allow this request. It was further agreed that this removal from the Parish Council's policy would not set a precedent for future burials.

A further request had been made to the Burial Board of Mullion Cemetery for the installation of a memorial in the Cemetery. At the previous meeting, the Clerk had been asked to research possible solutions and obtain costings for this project.

Two quotes had been received for similar headstones to be made from black granite and erected in the cemetery. The headstone would be measure 42 inches wide by 30 inches high by approximately 4 inches thick and would have a curved top. The stone would be divided into 30 pre marked squares, each of which would be available to purchase direct from the Stonemason who had been awarded the contract. It would be possible for the Parish Council to recoup its initial expenditure on this project by charging an additional amount for each square.

It was agreed to defer this item to the next Parish Council meeting for further discussion.

13. Amenity Monies

The Map of Mullion had now been installed on the back of the existing sign at the entrance to Tremenhee Car Park.

As previously mentioned, the new play equipment had now been installed in the Park. The Clerk would be meeting with the Installation Manager next week to sign off the project.

14. LGA 1972, Section 137 Requests for Funding

No requests had been received

15. Finance and Accounts

It was then proposed by Councillor D Williams, seconded by Councillor Mrs S Ireland and RESOLVED to confirm the accounts and to pay the invoices.

16. Other correspondence received

The following correspondence had been received:-

- World's Biggest Coffee Morning, Macmillan Cancer Support – Friday 30 September 2011
- Invitation from Newquay Town Council to attend South West in Bloom VIP Evening – passed to Mullion In Bloom

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.25pm.

Signed:
Chairman

Dated: