

Mullion Parish Council Meeting held on **Tuesday 16 August 2011** at 7.00pm at The Schoolroom, Methodist Chapel, Mullion

Councillors Present

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

Eleven members of the public were also in attendance.

The Chairman advised everyone present of the fire procedures before calling for a Minute's Silence in memory of the late Mr Reginald Freeman, long term Councillor and previous Chairman of Mullion Parish Council.

1. Public Session

A member of the public enquired as to the current situation regarding the proposed diversion of Footpath 37 at Mullion Meadows. The Chairman advised that this would be discussed at item 9, Public Rights of Way.

2. Police Report

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

3. Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor D Williams.

4. Minutes

It was proposed by Councillor C Williams, seconded by Councillor Mrs S Ireland and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 2 August 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.

PA11/06229 – Mr & Mrs R Ellery – Angrouse Farm, Angrouse Lane – Erection of a stables and formation of sand school.

The Applicant attended the meeting and spoke in favour of the application. No comments had been received from the public on this application.

It was noted that this revised application had addressed Councillors' original concerns and had been reduced in size.

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

PA11/06024 – Dr K Drier – Trematon, Polurrian Cliffs – Extensions and alterations to dwelling

The Chairman advised the meeting that one letter of support and one letter of objection had been received for this application.

The Applicant attended the meeting and spoke in favour of the application. He explained that the existing dwelling was in need of updating and parts of the building were nearly derelict.

The owner of a neighbouring property attended the meeting and spoke against the application. His concerns were the height of the finished dwelling and the proposed access to the property from Gwel an Garrek.

The following observations were made by Councillors:-

- The proposed improvements were not in character with neighbouring properties nor the style of the area.
- Viewed from the cliff path, the front of the building appeared overbearing, although it was agreed that the rear of the property was satisfactory
- The proposed application was situated within Conservation areas as well as being highly visible from several parts of the South West Coast Path
- It was noted that although the footprint of the built area was not significantly increased, the height of the building would be.

Following a lengthy discussion, no proposals were made to support this application, but it was acknowledged that upgrading of the property was required.

It was then proposed by Councillor Mrs C Rule, seconded by Councillor R Curnow and RESOLVED to object to the planning application on the following grounds:-

- The proposed dwelling was not in character with neighbouring properties nor in the vernacular style of the area
- The proposed extensions would produce a building that was dominating and too big. Although it was agreed that the rear of the property was satisfactory, it is considered that much more care should be taken with style and size
- The proposed application was situated in an AONB, AGSV and AGHV as well as being highly visible from several parts of the South West Coast Path
- It is also located in an Environmentally Sensitive Area and on the Heritage Coast.

PA11/06075 – Mr D Green (Openreach) – Adjacent to Farfields, Polurrian road – Siting of telecommunications cabinet

No comments had been received for this application which was required to bring Broadband Internet into the Village.

It was proposed by Councillor R Curnow, seconded by Councillor Mrs C Rule and RESOLVED to support this application. Two Councillors voted against the application due to it being located on the pedestrian pavement and was highly visible to residents and passers by.

The following Planning Decisions had been received from Cornwall Council.

PA11/00559 - Bonython Estate, Cury Cross Lanes - The development of a solar photovoltaic farm rated at up to 5 MW at Goonhilly Downs, Cornwall, with attendant equipment and infrastructure – Approved

PA11/02479 – Mr & Mrs Wilson - Little Polbream Farm, Trevitho Lane, Meaver Road - Construction of extension & alterations to dwelling – Approved

PA10/00175/F – The Swallowcourt Group - Poldhu Nursing Home – Erection of 5 close care bungalows – Approved

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

PA10/08128 - Mr & Mrs Beau Meagor - Mullion Mini Market, Nansmellyon Road -Change of use, conversion and extension to create 4 residential units - Approved

The Clerk advised the meeting that Cornwall Council were currently promoting the use of e-planning. Parish and Town Councils had been asked to use computers and projection equipment in meetings to save Cornwall Council having to send out hard copies. It was also now possible for the Parish Council to comment online. It was agreed that the Clerk could respond to planning applications online, and that hard copies of the plans would be destroyed unless the Parish Council had objected to the application, and then the plans would be retained by the Clerk for 12 months.

7. Report from Cornwall Councillor Mrs C Rule

Cornwall Councillor Mrs C Rule had been away from the office during the past few weeks following a recent bereavement in the family.

Following a request for information from another Parish Council, she reassured the meeting that the 0300 numbers used by Cornwall Council were chargeable at the same rate as a normal call. She also stated that if your telephone calls are free, so are calls to 0300.

8. Chairman and Clerk Comments

The Clerk requested to attend the CALC training on Powers, Duties and Precepts to be held at Redruth Town Council on Monday 17 October 2011. It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor R Curnow and RESOLVED to allow the Clerk to attend the training. It

was suggested that the Clerk ask Cury Parish Council to fund half of the training due to her employment with that Council as well as Mullion.

The Mullion Christmas Lights Committee had recently undertaken training provided by Cornwall Council in relation to road closures and traffic diversion. They had been left uncertain as to whether or not they were authorised to divert the traffic during the Christmas Lights Switch On. Cornwall Council Officers were currently working with the Committee to find a way to allow the road closure and diversion of traffic.

9. Public Rights of Way

The Chairman read an email the Owner of Mullion Meadows which thanked the Parish Council for helping to organise the clearing of Footpath 37. Contractors had cut the field closest to Mullion Cove Hotel under the instruction of Cornwall Council. Councillors were surprised to learn that the owner of the field (a resident in Mullion) had not been requested to clear the footpath. The Clerk was asked to contact the Countryside Officer in this regard.

The Chairman confirmed that no new information was available regarding the Diversion of Footpath 37, Mullion Meadows. Representatives from the Parish Council were scheduled to meet with the Applicant the following week to discuss the possibility of an additional PRow being created through the front of the complex. This would alleviate the necessity to use the steps onto the highway.

Complaints were received regarding the South West Coastal footpath to the north of Mullion Harbour. It was thought that the water course had changed direction and that water was running down over the recently re-installed steps. The Clerk was asked to contact the Countryside Officer.

10. Public Open Spaces

The meeting was advised that the bags of rubbish left on Polurrian Beach had now been cleared by Cornwall Council. It was understood that volunteers cleaned the beach everyday and left the rubbish in bags at the top of the beach. An agreement had been reached with Cornwall Council that the rubbish would be removed on a weekly basis.

Following numerous complaints, the Clerk had requested that Cornwall Council empty the bins located in the village more than once a week. They had been left overflowing for several days at a time in the recent weeks.

The Chairman read a thank you letter from Mrs Kaye Curnow. She was delighted with the new play equipment and congratulated the Parish Council on its choice of equipment. Further to the installation of the new equipment, the Opening Ceremony had been well attended and press coverage of the event was extensive.

Following the repairs made to two benches in the Village, it was suggested that a Register of Benches should be kept by the Parish Council. It was thought that many of the benches in the Parish had been installed by individuals who were now untraceable. Councillors were asked to record any 'dedicated' benches when walking through the village and on the footpaths, and to report them to the Clerk who would keep the register. The Clerk confirmed that she would check the historic papers in the office for any existing records.

11. County Highways Issues

Councillor Mrs S Ireland confirmed that the traffic census had taken place on Nansmellyon Road in July. The Clerk was asked to chase the results from the Highways Department.

12. Cemetery Issues

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

Following a discussion regarding the local connection required to be interred in the cemetery, it was agreed to defer this item to the next Parish Council meeting for further discussion.

13. Amenity Monies

Following a request to the S106 Officer at Cornwall Council, the Clerk confirmed that the Amenity Money could be used to pay for the recent repairs undertaken on two benches in the Parish. It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor P Wilkins and RESOLVED to use the Amenity funds to pay for the repairs to the benches.

14. Seagull nuisance

Following reports of seagull nuisance in the Churchtown area of the village, the Clerk was asked to investigate how to deal with the problem. She confirmed that she would contact the Environmental Health Department at Cornwall Council and other coastal Parish and Town Councils for suggestions. It was reported that the problem was now so severe that tourist trade in the area was being affected.

15. Annual Audit

Following the completion of the Annual Audit by the Audit Commission, the Parish Council received the report from the Auditor which contained no outstanding issues or recommendations.

16. LGA 1972, Section 137 Requests for Funding

No requests had been received.

17. Finance and Accounts

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

18. Other correspondence received

The following correspondence had been received:-

- Cornwall Council Inquiry Day – Proposed changes to the subsidy for Concessionary Bus Fares – Friday 19 August, 10.00am – New County Hall, Truro

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm.

Signed:

Chairman

Dated: