

Mullion Parish Council Meeting held on **Tuesday 18 October 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)	

Fifteen members of the public were also in attendance.

The Chairman advised everyone present of the fire procedures.

1. Public Session

Representatives from the Mullion in Bloom group attended and Mrs Sheila Archer briefed Councillors on the results of the recent RHS South West in Bloom competition. For the second year in succession Mullion had been awarded a Silver Gilt commendation, in addition winning ten Neighbourhood Awards including eight at level four and two outstanding. Mullion was also presented with The Monk Trophy for the Lizard Headland, which is awarded for the best use of indigenous plants native to the area. Mullion in Bloom was delighted with the results and thanked everyone in the Village for their help and support.

The Chairman confirmed that to be awarded the Silver Gilt once was an excellent result, but to be awarded it twice was outstanding. He thanked Mullion in Bloom on behalf of the Parish Council for their ongoing efforts in the Village.

The Chairman advised the meeting that the husband of Gunwalloe Parish Meeting's Clerk, and Mullion's relief Clerk, has passed away suddenly the night before. The Clerk was asked to send a card and to advise Councillors when Mr Pearce's funeral was to be held.

Mr Bostock raised concerns that Councillor Mrs C Rule had forcefully implied at the previous Parish Council meeting that the Offer of Dedication of two portions of footpath at Mullion Meadows was legally binding. He also suggested that the vote in September had been taken on insufficient accurate information. The Chairman advised that Councillor Mrs C Rule had read out verbatim an extract of the email from the Environment Service for the benefit of all present, which set out the exact conditions of the Offer of Dedication. He did not consider that Councillors had been misled and the Offer of Dedication had been accepted in good faith, although noting that such an offer could potentially be removed at any time. With regard to a fresh vote, the Chairman declined, referring to Mullion Parish Council Standing Order 11 "Rescission of Previous Resolutions" which gave advice on the matter.

Concern was also raised by Mr Bostock who speculated that a Public Inquiry would now not take place as the Parish Council had withdrawn their objection and asked that Cornwall Councillor Mrs C Rule support his plea for a Public Inquiry.

2. Police Report

PCSO Julia Berry had submitted her apologies to the Clerk earlier that day. The Clerk advised the meeting of the Police Report, as attached to these minutes. The Clerk also advised of the new Police non-emergency number, 101. This replaced the 08452 777 444 number and could be used if a crime had already happened, to give information about a crime or to speak with a local officer.

Councillor R Curnow also advised the meeting that a bin had been set on fire in Redannack on the previous Saturday evening.

3. Absence

Councillor D Williams was not in attendance.

4. Minutes

It was proposed by Councillor R Curnow, seconded by Councillor R Willey and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 04 October be approved as a true record and be duly signed by the Chairman.

5. Declarations of Interest

None received.

6. Planning

No planning applications had been received from Cornwall Council for consultation.

The following Planning Decisions had been received from Cornwall Council.

PA11/07067 – Mr & Mrs M Holmes – Woodland Rise, Garro Lane – Erection of first floor balcony – Approved

Further to a previously reported Planning Enforcement query in relation to Alma House being used as a Guest House, the Officer had confirmed that as less than 50% of the bedrooms were being used as bed and breakfast, a change of use was not required.

The Chairman advised the meeting that a site meeting would take place with Planning Officers and the Cornwall Council Land Agent at Predannack Manor Farm on Thursday 20 October 2011 at 11am to discuss the possible locations for the proposed barns.

The Clerk was asked to report the erection of a chalet in a garden at St Mellan's Terrace.

7. Report from Cornwall Councillor Mrs C Rule

In relation to the pecked white lines in the parking bays, Councillor Mrs C Rule advised the meeting that Cornwall Council was awaiting changes in policy and a relaxing of rules next month to allow them to alter the white lines in the village without having to apply to the Department of Transport for permission. The Regional Designer would advise her of when confirmation was received and programmes the lines to be completed.

Sita's application to install an incinerator at St Dennis to process Cornwall's waste had been overturned by the High Court. This had major implications for the residents of Cornwall and Cornwall Council, including £1 million per month in landfill tax and haulage costs to continue to dump waste in existing landfill sites.

Conferences and meetings were taking place within the Health and Well Being Portfolio regarding the individual needs of Cornwall.

8. Chairman and Clerk Comments

The Clerk advised the meeting that her training on Powers, Precepts and Duties, scheduled to take place the previous evening, had been cancelled.

A meeting to discuss the Queen's Jubilee celebrations would take place in the Chapel Schoolroom at 7pm on Tuesday 1 November 2011. Organisations in the village, along with the Parish Council, had been invited to attend.

Concerns had been raised to the Chairman regarding the present condition of Mullion Harbour. Local fisherman and residents of the Harbour had approached the National Trust and offered their services to re-point the walls to stop water causing further damage to the Harbour. They had also researched the options available to repair the winch mechanism located on top of the Harbour. The National Trust had not responded to their offer of help, nor their suggestion to repair the broken winch. The Clerk was asked to write a strong letter to the National Trust asking that basic maintenance is undertaken on the Harbour and that the winch is repaired, for the benefit of the fishing businesses located therein.

9. Public Rights of Way

Complaints had been received regarding dogs mess on the pavements of Nansmellyon Road, Polurrian Road and Clifden Close. The Clerk had contacted the Environmental Health Department and requested Dog control Order signs for placing in these areas.

10. Public Open Spaces

Following Mullion's success in the South West in Bloom competition, several suggestions had been made in the judge's report. The first suggestion was the resurfacing of the path surrounding the water feature in the Millennium Garden.

It was also noted by judges that no signs were in place to announce that the village had been awarded a Silver Gilt commendation in 2010. The Parish Council had previously agreed to add a sign to the existing sign at the junction with the Lizard road. It was suggested by MIB that the sign be located near the boat at the entrance to Carey Park. Further suggestion was made that if

the sign was located at the end of the road, it may attract more visitors to the village. It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.

MIB also asked for permission to sow wild flower seeds in the verges around Mullion in celebration of the Jubilee next year. Councillors agreed to support this initiative, although concerns were raised regarding the hedge trimming of the verges that took place in August.

11. Highways Issues

Following the recent visit to the Village by Parking Enforcement Officers, a meeting had been requested with the Planning Enforcement Team as tickets were being placed on cars parked on private property.

It was reported that the drain cover located adjacent to Colroger Deli on Lender Lane was often lifted due to cars hitting the cover. The Clerk was asked to contact the Highways Department in this regard.

The results of a pedestrian count on Nansmellyon Road in July had been returned to the Parish Council. The Regional Designer confirmed that there were insufficient pedestrian movements at the junction with the entrance to Willis Vean to qualify for a Zebra Crossing. It was suggested that the result should be sent to the Primary School for their information.

The Clerk advised the meeting that the following road closures would take place on 13 November 2011 for the Royal British Legion Remembrance Parade:-

Churchtown	For its entire length	14:40 to 15:00 and 16:15 to 16:40
Lender Lane	Between the junctions of Meaver Road and Churchtown	14:40 to 15:00 and 16:15 to 16:40

12. Cemetery Issues

Following the revision of the cemetery 'Prices and Plot Purchases' document in 2005, the statement referring to the 'strong local connections' required by the deceased if they were no longer a parishioner of the Parish of Mullion, had been omitted. It was proposed by Councillor R Willey, seconded by Councillor Mrs S Ireland and RESOLVED to amend the 'Prices and Plot Purchases' document so that it states the following:-

'The fees indicated apply where the person to be interred was at the time of death ordinarily resident in, and a parishioner of, the Parish of Mullion. In any other case, where the deceased has very strong local connections and a request for burial is sought and granted by the Burial Board of Mullion, the fees and payments would normally be doubled.'

13. Trevitho Farm

This item had been placed on the agenda following a request by the owner of Little Polbream, Ms Stephenson. A Freedom of Information request had also been submitted to the Parish Council by Ms Stephenson requesting copies of all documents relating to Little Polbream, Trevitho Farm and Paradise Farm. This request had been met, and all outstanding queries relating to it had been answered by the Clerk.

Ms Stephenson asked why the Parish Council had sent a complaint to the Planning Enforcement Team. The Chairman advised her that if reports are made to the Parish Council regarding unauthorised development, and if the Clerk is unable to identify permitted development from the Parish Council records, or Cornwall Council's online planning register, then an enquiry is sent to the Planning Enforcement Section at Cornwall Council for clarification or investigation.

As a result of allegations following the granting of planning permission for an agricultural barn at Paradise Farm in November 2010, the Parish Council had sent an email to the Planning Enforcement Team to ask them to ensure that all developments in the area toward the end of Trevitho Lane had the correct planning permissions in place. The Planning Enforcement Officer had informed the Clerk that a file was already open on this case, and that the Parish Council's enquiry would be added to that file. No other response had so far been forthcoming, but the Planning Enforcement Team had confirmed earlier that day that investigations were still taking place in the area, and that the Local Government Ombudsman was likely to become involved.

14. Amenity Monies

No issues were raised under this item and it was agreed to remove this item from the agenda until further suggestions for spending the money were received, or until the AGM, whichever was soonest.

15. LGA 1972, Section 137 Requests for Funding

A request for funding had been received from the Mullion Branch of the Royal British Legion. It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor C Rule and RESOLVED to grant the sum of £25.00 which included the purchase of a wreath for the Remembrance Service which would take place on Sunday 13 November. The parade was requested to muster at the RBL Hall at 2.30pm to parade to Mullion Parish Church for a 3pm service and, afterwards, at the Cenotaph for a short service and wreath laying. On Friday 11 November at 10.45am, a two minute silence and short service would be held in the new cemetery to honour the dead of two world wars and all wars since.

A request for funding had been received from the autistic charity, Spectrum, it was agreed not to support this charity at the current time.

A further request had been received from Mullion Christmas Lights Committee asking for £250.00 to cover the cost of the insurance. It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Mrs C Rule and REOLVED to donate £250.00 to the Mullion Christmas Lights.

16. Finance and Accounts

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

17. Other correspondence received

The following correspondence had been received:-

- The next Community Network Panel Meeting would take place on Wednesday 26 October 2011 at 7pm in the Ceremony Room, Isaac House, Helston – the Clerk would attend
- Mullion School – Proposed Education Partnership Trust with effect from 31 December 2011
- Devon and Cornwall Police Authority – Police Authority Liaison Meetings would no longer take place, they will endeavour to come to the residents of Cornwall instead
- 2013 Review of the Parliamentary Constituencies in England consultation – www.independent.gov.uk/boundarycommissionforengland

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10pm.

Signed:
Chairman

Dated: