

Mullion Parish Council Meeting held on **Tuesday 15 November 2011** at 7.00pm at The Schoolroom, Methodist Chapel, Mullion

Councillors Present

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

Seven members of the public were also in attendance.

The Chairman advised everyone present of the fire procedures.

1. Public Session

No representations were made under this item

2. Police Report

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

It was noted that investigations were still in progress regarding recent problems in St Mellan's Park.

3. Apologies

Councillors Mrs C Rule, C Rule and P Wilkins had submitted their apologies to the meeting.

4. Minutes

It was proposed by Councillor R Curnow, seconded by Councillor C Williams and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 15 October 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:

PA11/08708 - Mr & Mrs Jones - Treharne Cottage, Trevitho Lane, Meaver Road - Installation of ground mounted solar panels

Mr & Mrs Jones spoke in favour of the application and advised the meeting that the solar panels had to be mounted on the ground due to insufficient roof space.

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Mrs S Ireland and RESOLVED to support this application.

PA11/08718 – Mr & Mrs J Mitchell – Treetops, Polurrian Road - Certificate of lawful development for continued use as 2 dwelling units

It was agreed that this property had been split into two dwelling units for many years.

It was then proposed by Councillor D Williams, seconded by Councillor R Curnow and RESOLVED to support this planning application.

PA11/08926 – Mr & Mrs Klaus & Elke Dreier – Trematon, Polurrian Cliffs – Extension and alteration to dwelling including new access

No comments had been received from the public on this application. The Applicants attended the meeting and spoke in favour of the application as well as outlining the negotiations that had taken place between them, the Planning Officer and the Parish Council to reach this design.

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

Councillor A Gilbert joined the meeting.

The following Planning Decisions had been received from Cornwall Council.

PA11/07122 – Openreach - The Old Chapel, Lender Lane - Installation of modular cabinet - Prior approval not required

PA11/06982 - Mr Nigel Jones – Artisan, Elm Terrace, Churchtown - Extension of time for change of use of premises from use class A1 (shop) to use class A3 (coffee shop) PA08/01455/F – Approved

Further to an informal meeting which took place with Planning Officers and the Cornwall Council Land Agent at Predannack Manor Farm on Thursday 20 October 2011, a new site for the proposed new barns had been submitted to the Parish Council for comments prior to a fresh planning application being made. It was agreed that while the new proposed location of the barns could be considered an improvement, the Parish Council believed that restructuring the existing more modern buildings would be the preferred option. The Clerk was asked to respond to the Planning Officer stating that the Parish Council strongly opposed the creation of new farm buildings in an attempt to remove the farming activities from the existing and original courtyard.

Further to the Clerk being requested to report the erection of a chalet in a garden at 23 St Mellan's Terrace, the Enforcement Officer had invited the owner of the property to submit a planning application for the unauthorized development.

Following the final draft of the Housing Needs Survey being agreed, the next stage of the process required the Affordable Housing Team to review what land is available in the Village. A planning brief would be prepared for the realistic sites and they would be presented to the Parish Council for consideration. It was agreed to instruct the Affordable Housing Team Leader to continue with the process. Concerns were raised over the tenant selection process and whether the Parish Council would be consulted on the proposed tenants. Recent press coverage had indicated that St Keverne Parish Council had not been involved in selecting tenants for their new housing development. The Clerk agreed to raise these concerns with the Affordable Housing Team Leader.

7. Report from Cornwall Councillor Mrs C Rule

Due to Councillor Mrs C Rule being out of the County on work related business, no report had been submitted to the Clerk.

8. Chairman and Clerk Comments

The Chairman referred to a letter that had been received from the Churchwarden of Mullion church regarding the procedures undertaken by the Parish Council in discussing their Planning Application. It was felt that the matter had been dealt with correctly, and the Churchwarden had received several letters from the Clerk advising of the procedures used by the Parish Council in receiving, advertising and discussing Planning Applications.

Further to a meeting that was held to discuss the Queen's Jubilee celebrations at the beginning of the month, the Parish Council had been asked to check their insurance cover for events held in the Park. Unless the Parish Council was the event organiser, the existing insurance policy would not cover proposed events. A separate insurance policy would be necessary in this instance. The Chairman confirmed that electricity and water supplies were available in the Park as long as the necessary health and safety requirements were met.

The Clerk advised the meeting that a provisional date of Thursday 24 to Friday 25 May 2012 had been given for the Public Inquiry into the Diversion of Footpath 37 at Mullion Meadows. This date would be confirmed once a suitable venue had been booked.

The Clerk updated the meeting on the Helston and the Lizard Peninsula Community Network Panel Meeting which was held at the end of October. A transport project was being undertaken to look into different ways for unemployed people to access transport, as well as transport for people living in rural locations in the evenings and at the weekends. The recent announcement that funding would be removed from Helston Museum by Cornwall Council was also discussed. It was thought that a charitable trust would be formed, and a public meeting would be held on Tuesday 6 December to discuss the future of the Museum.

9. Public Rights of Way

Comment had been made to the Parish Council that the track leading from Polurrian Hotel to the beach had become overgrown and was likely to prevent emergency vehicles access when

required. With the Boxing Day swim approaching, it was felt that the co-responder vehicle would not be able to pass down the lane to attend the event. The Clerk was asked to write to the Hotel with a request to cut back the lane and, if necessary, to re-install the post at the access point to prevent unauthorised vehicles using this track to the beach.

The Clerk was asked to research the ownership of Angrouse Lane.

Councillor R Willey advised the meeting that the footpath to the south of Mullion Harbour had been redirected due to severe erosion. He felt that Natural England had re-routed the path satisfactorily.

It was also noted that Bridleway 35 leading to Polurrian Cove was gradually getting muddier as the winter approached.

10. Public Open Spaces

Following a request made to the Parish Council at a previous meeting, the Clerk advised that the Mullion in Bloom group wished to have a sign located at the junction with the A3083 as well as a plaque placed in the boat garden at the entrance to Carey Parc. Councillors had previously agreed to purchase and install the sign at the junction with the A3083, and the Clerk confirmed that the quote remained at the same price. They were also happy for Mullion in Bloom to install a plaque in the boat garden.

Mullion in Bloom also wished to undertake some conservation work in St Mellan's Park in partnership with the National Trust. It was thought that a meeting between the interested parties and the Parish Council should take place in the first instance.

Further to the letter sent to the National Trust regarding Mullion Harbour, a reply had been received from Alastair Cameron, Property Manager. He stated that the equivalent of £1000 a week had been spent on the Harbour since the survey was undertaken nearly ten years ago. It was also mentioned that due to health and safety restrictions, voluntary assistance would not be accepted. He suggested that a voluntary harbour master might be beneficial, although it was thought that one was already in place. The Chairman agreed to contact Mr Cameron to discuss the contents of the letter.

11. Highways Issues

Following the recent meeting held with Planning Enforcement and Highways Teams, the ownership details and highway rights were being ascertained in relation to cars parked on private property outside of the Spar shop and Riviera Stores.

The Clerk advised the meeting that the following road closures would take place on 10 December 2011 for the Christmas Lights Switch On:-

Churchtown	Between the junctions of Nansmellyon Road and Lender Lane between	17:00 to 20:00
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The Clerk was requested to contact the Highways Department to report the constant blocking of the drain located in Churchtown adjacent to the Scissor house hairdressers during periods of

rainfall. It was also noted that a temporary fix in the pot hole at the entrance to Laflouder Fields had failed and was now in a worse condition than when originally reported.

12. Public Conveniences

Further to the report made by the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee at Cornwall Council to Cabinet which recommended that 50% of the toilets in Cornwall were closed, the Parish Council had been asked to consider taking over the public conveniences in the Village.

The County Council suggested closure of toilets at Polurrian or Tremenhee. The Parish Council had been offered a grant of £12,489 to maintain public conveniences at Mullion Cove and Poldhu but could possibly negotiate with Cornwall Council which toilets should be kept open and the frequency of the opening times if the grant was accepted.

The Clerk had requested more in depth figures to be supplied to ascertain how the grant figure was calculated as it was believed the figures were inaccurate. For example, it was quoted that Tremenhee cost £2,210 for the emptying of the cess pool, but the toilets were actually connected to mains drainage and Mullion Surf Life Saving Club was still in negotiations with Cornwall Council to take over the lease of that building at Polurrian Beach.

After a lengthy discussion, it was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor R Curnow and RESOLVED to instruct the Clerk to contact the Strategic Waste and Landscape Manager strongly objecting to the closure of any toilet facility in Mullion. It was noted however that the preferred toilets to stay open were Tremenhee on a full time basis and Mullion Cove on a part time basis.

13. LGA 1972, Section 137 Requests for Funding

A request for funding had been received from Penhaligon's Friends. It was proposed by the Councillor C Williams, seconded by Councillor R Willey and RESOLVED to grant the sum of £50.00 to the charity.

14. Finance and Accounts

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

15. Other correspondence received

No further correspondence had been received.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm.

Signed:

Chairman

Dated: