

Mullion Parish Council Meeting held on **Tuesday 20 December 2011** at 7.00pm at The Schoolroom, Methodist Chapel, Mullion

Councillors Present

A Gilbert
Mrs S Ireland
J T Lang (Chairman)

Mrs C Rule (Vice Chairman)
C Rule
P Wilkins

Three 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 advised the meeting of the Police Report as attached to these minutes.

3. Apologies

Councillors R Curnow, R Willey and C Williams had submitted their apologies to the meeting. Councillor D Williams was also not in attendance.

4. Minutes

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs C Rule, seconded by Councillor P Wilkins and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 06 December 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:

PA11/09945 – Mr & Mrs Anderson – Meaver House, Meaver Road – Extension and internal alterations

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

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

The following Planning Decisions had been received from Cornwall Council.

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

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

PA11/08926 – Mr & Mrs Dreier – Trematon, Polurrian Cliffs – Extension and alterations to dwelling including new access – Approved

PA11/08947 – Mr P Evans – Trevelyan, Meaver Road – Removal of conditions 1 and 2 attached to decision notice W2/87/0774/F to allow for continued use of land for the stationing of a chalet/caravan for domestic use – Refused

The Chairman advised the meeting that an official notice had been received from the Secretary of State which confirmed that a Public Inquiry for the Diversion of Footpath 37 at Mullion Meadows would be heard in the RBL Hall on Thursday 24 May 2012 from 10am and was likely to last for two days. It advised that if anyone wished to speak, give evidence or contribute to the inquiry in any way that they needed to attend on the opening day.

7. Report from Cornwall Councillor Mrs C Rule

Cornwall Councillor Mrs C Rule updated the meeting on the current position for the provision of public conveniences in Cornwall. She confirmed that funding had been found within the budget for opening the toilets during 2012/13 due to the report presented to Cabinet by the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee being flawed in several areas. Funding after that time was unlikely, and Parish and Town Councils would be asked to take over the running of the facilities at a local level.

Councillor Mrs C Rule stated that Polurrian toilets would be refurbished by Cornwall Council in the near future and the building was being leased to Mullion Surf Life Saving Club. Discussions would take place between Cornwall Council, the National Trust and the Beach Cafe Owners for a partnership working approach to the operating of facilities at Poldhu Cove. The management of the public car park would also be questioned.

It was thought that a covenant over the public conveniences at Mullion Cove meant that they had to stay open. Councillor Mrs C Rule agreed to ascertain the wording of the covenant.

It was also hoped that the toilets at Tremenhee would remain open, possibly being operated by the Parish Council.

Cornwall Councillor Mrs C Rule was due to attend a meeting with the Head of Environment prior to the next Parish Council meeting, and it was hoped that further information could be provided then.

8. Chairman and Clerk Comments

No comments were raised.

9. Public Rights of Way

The Clerk confirmed that she had contacted the Manager of Polurrian Hotel and it was hoped that they would cut back the lane leading to the beach prior to the Boxing Day Swim.

The dog bin located on the path running behind the Park, Footpath 49, had been taken away. Unfortunately litter and dog mess was still being deposited in the area. The Clerk was asked to contact Cornwall Council to request the reinstatement of the bin.

10. Public Open Spaces

The Chairman advised the meeting that he had met with representatives from Mullion in Bloom and the National Trust following a request to undertake some conservation work in St Mellan's Park. Minor planting of native trees and shrubs along the wall and fence would take place to improve the appearance of the park and attract native wildlife. Other suggestions included the installation of bird and bat boxes and the sowing of native wildflowers, as well as the planting of a tree as part of the Jubilee celebrations. They confirmed that the large areas would not be encroached on and no cost would be incurred by the Parish Council.

The Chairman had contacted Mr Cameron to discuss the contents of the letter received last month. Since then, serious damage had been caused to the harbour wall during rough seas and required immediate repair which the National Trust had confirmed would be undertaken.

Damage had been caused to the fence at the rear of the Forge Car Park. BT had contacted the Parish Council to ask that the fence be repaired at the Council's expense due to the damage being caused by a user of the car park. The Clerk had contacted the insurance company who had confirmed that fences and boundaries were not covered in insurance policies. It was agreed that the Clerk would speak to Councillor C Williams to obtain a quote for the fence to be repaired and possible works to prevent cars hitting the fence in the future.

Churches Together in Mullion, Cury and Gunwalloe had written to the Parish Council requesting the use of the Millennium Gardens to hold the annual Carolaire on Sunday 5 August 2012 at 6pm. The Parish Council agreed to this request.

11. Highways Issues

The Clerk was requested to contact the Highways Department to report the flooding that occurred on Poldhu Hill during heavy rainfall. The water was causing the tarmac to lift and break up. Although a temporary fix had been put in place, it was felt that more significant drainage works were required in the area as it was deemed to be dangerous during wet weather. 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. The condition of the road adjacent to the Old Inn was also very uneven and needed to be repaired.

12. Calendar of Meetings 2012

The Parish Council approved the Calendar of Meetings for 2012.

13. Mullion Parish Diary 2012

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Mrs C Rule and RESOLVED to print 200 copies of the Mullion Parish Diary 2012. It was suggested that copies could be given directly to the contributors of the Calendar for distribution to their groups directly

14. Precept 2012/13

The Parish Council discussed the figures for the previous year, current year and projected costs for the forthcoming year as previously distributed by the Clerk.

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor P Wilkins and RESOLVED to not increase the precept required by the Parish Council for 2012/13. With inflation currently at 5%, this actually represented a drop in payments to be made by households in the village. It was also noted that with the potential devolution of services from Cornwall Council over the next 12 months, an increase may be needed for the 2013/14 year.

15. LGA 1972, Section 137 Requests for Funding

A request for funding had been received from the Gardening Club at Mullion CP School. It was proposed by the Councillor A Gilbert, seconded by Councillor Mrs C Rule and RESOLVED to grant the sum of £200.00 to the charity.

A request for funding had been received from Mullion and District Age Concern. It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Mrs C Rule and RESOLVED to grant the sum of £200.00 to the charity.

A request for funding had been received from Cornwall Air Ambulance. It was proposed by the Councillor C Rule, seconded by Councillor A Gilbert and RESOLVED to grant the sum of £100.00 to the charity.

A request for funding had been received from Victim Support. It was agreed not to support the Charity at the current time.

The Chairman read out thank you letters that had been received from Mullion Christmas Light's and Penhaligon's Friends.

16. Finance and Accounts

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs C Rule, seconded by the Chairman and RESOLVED to confirm the accounts and to pay the invoices.

15. Other correspondence received

The next Community Network Panel Meeting would take place on Wednesday 25 January 2012 at 7pm at Helston One Stop Shop. The Clerk confirmed that she would attend.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm.

Signed:

Chairman

Dated:

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