

Mullion Parish Council Meeting held on **Tuesday 17 January 2012** 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)

P Wilkins
R Willey
C Williams
D Williams

Five members of the public were also in attendance.

The Chairman advised everyone present of the fire procedures.

Following the sudden death of Councillor Ron Curnow, the Chairman requested a minutes silence in memory of Councillor Curnow who was highly regarded by everyone in the Village. His passing had left a void in many groups and organisations and he would be sadly missed as a Councillor.

1. Public Session

Mrs Gemma Cattran attended the meeting on behalf of the Newton Riding Stables Pony Club. They were hoping to take part in a beach clean on Polurrian Beach on Sunday 5 February 2012 to enable the Pony Club members to obtain their Volunteer Badge. It was also hoped that they would remove some of the stones at the entrance to the beach to allow easier passage from the bridleway onto the beach by both pedestrians and horse riders. The Parish Council gave its full support to the Pony Club.

Mrs M Bostock advised the meeting of an altercation that had taken place between two residents of the Village in a shop earlier that day. The Chairman had also been made aware of the problem, and the Clerk was requested to report the matter to PCSO Julia Berry.

2. Police Report

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

3. Apologies

Councillors C Rule had submitted his apologies to the meeting.

4. Minutes

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs C Rule, seconded by Councillor Mrs S Ireland and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 20 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:

PA11/09964 – Mr & Mrs C Cattran – Newton Farm Riding Stables, Polhorman Lane – Installation of solar panels

It was noted by Councillors that no mention of Footpath 18 was made on the application form or the location map included with the planning application documents. The Clerk was asked to relay this concern to the Planning Department at Cornwall Council.

No comments had been received from the public on this application.

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

PA11/09944 – Mrs H Entwhistle – Nantivet, Mullion Cove – Conversion of garage and replacement roof

It was noted by Councillors that this application had already been approved by Cornwall Council. The Clerk was asked to raise concerns to the Planning Department at Cornwall Council in this regard and it was agreed that a decision from the Parish Council was unnecessary.

PA11/10518 – Openreach – 51 Tregellas Road – Installation of a modular cabinet

No comments had been received from the public on this application.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs C Rule, seconded by Councillor D Williams and RESOLVED to support this application.

PA11/10473 - Mr Chris Morley - Cwary Vean, Laflouder Lane - Erection of Replacement Garage

No comments had been received from the public on this application.

It was noted that the replacement garage was significantly bigger than the existing garage.

It was proposed by Councillor C Williams, seconded by Councillor R Willey and RESOLVED to support this application.

PA12/00181 – Mr D Archer – 21 Trembel Road – construction of Porch

No comments had been received from the public on this application.

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

The following Planning Decisions had been received from Cornwall Council.

PA11/09945 - Mr And Mrs Anderson - Meaver House, Meaver Road - Extension and Internal alterations – Approved

The Clerk advised the meeting that Cornwall Council was in the process of updating the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment. As a result, they were undertaking a new call for potential housing sites. It was agreed to submit the possible extension to Parc En Venton as the Parish Council's suggestion.

'Our Preferred Approach for a Core Strategy' was Cornwall Council's document that was out for consultation to determine the long term growth and distribution strategy for Cornwall up to 2030. The document was very high level, and suggested that 2000 homes needed to be built in the Helston and The Lizard Community Network Area between 2010 and 2030. 1100 of those homes were needed in Helston. In the remainder of the Community Network Area, 131 homes had been completed by April 2011, 288 were under construction by that date and 224 had unimplemented planning permission by April 2011. A remainder of 491 therefore needed to be provided by 2030. It was not thought by the Parish Council that this was an unreasonable amount. A recent Parish Survey confirmed that some additional new housing was required within the parish of Mullion.

7. Report from Cornwall Councillor Mrs C Rule

A meeting had yet to take place between Councillor Mrs C Rule and Cornwall Council Officers to discuss the renovation of the toilet block at Polurrian Beach. It was hoped that this would take place within the next fortnight.

Tenders for the new bus contracts had been received and were being evaluated by Cornwall Council. New contracts would be issued to the winning bidders on 01 April 2012 which may mean a change in routes, times and/or providers. An announcement would be made in due course.

Cabinet Member Councillor Ray Tovey had recently been diagnosed with a serious illness. Any devolution matters should be directed to Rob Andrews in the first instance.

Following a full Council meeting that day, Councillor Mrs C Rule confirmed that Councillor's allowances would not be increased in 2012. An Independent Remuneration Panel would however look at the allowances paid to Councillors prior to the elections to be held in 2013 to ensure that prospective Councillors knew what remuneration they would receive if they were elected following the Local Government elections.

8. Chairman and Clerk Comments

The Clerk was saddened to report a vacancy on the Parish Council following the sudden passing of Councillor Ron Curnow.

Following guidance from the Returning Officer, it was agreed to advertise the Notice of Vacancy on 1 February 2012. If, by 21 February 2012, the Returning Officer receives fewer than ten

written requests for an election, the Parish Council would be required to fill the vacancy by co-option.

If a co-option is required, the notice will be published on 23 February 2012 inviting applications to fill the vacancy to be made in writing to the Clerk before the deadline of 13 March 2012. If applications were received, it was hoped that the vacancy would be filled at the Parish Council meeting scheduled to be held on 20 March 2012.

If the election of a new Councillor was required, the Parish Council and the public would be advised of the procedure in due course.

The Chairman advised that a meeting was scheduled to take place between the National Trust and local residents of Mullion Harbour. He confirmed that he would make further enquiries and advise the Council of the date and time. The Chairman felt that communication between the Parish Council and the National Trust could be improved, and the Clerk was asked to contact Alastair Cameron and invite him to attend a future meeting, or to provide a monthly report to the Parish Council.

A meeting was scheduled to take place on Tuesday 24 January 2012 to discuss the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations. Everyone was invited to attend the meeting which was to be held at 7pm in the Methodist church Schoolroom. The Chairman advised that he would be attending.

It had been brought to the attention of the Parish Council that a Local Government Ombudsman Complaint had been made in relation to the approved planning permission at Mullion Meadows by residents in the Village. It was also possible that a Definitive Map Modification Order for the area would be forthcoming.

9. Public Rights of Way

Numerous complaints had again been received about the amount of dog mess left on the pavement in Nansmellyon Road, Clifden Close and Riviera Close. The Dog Warden had been contacted and a team would be deployed to the area to monitor the situation in the near future. It was hoped that prosecutions would take place.

A letter had been sent to the Parish Council which stated that the Public Right of Way on Garro Lane (Bridleway 14) was being obstructed by alleged 'land grabbing' by the owners of Woodbine Cottage. The Clerk was asked to contact the Countryside Officer in this regard to investigate the allegations which were causing difficulties to the bridleway users, including farmers tending the land below the aforementioned area.

10. Tender process for the Footpath Contract

The new Local Maintenance Partnership agreement would soon be received by the Parish Council. The Clerk asked the Councillors whether the Public Right of Way Maintenance contract should be put out to tender, or if the current contractor should be awarded the contract.

The current contractor had indicated to the Clerk that his company, RTS Gardening Services, would be willing to undertake the work for the forthcoming year at the same price as 2011/2012. He did, however, request that his company was awarded a contract for three years to ensure continuity and to enable him to safeguard employment within his business. A maximum increase

of 5% per year on the cost could be required, depending on the increase of costs. This was how RTS Gardening Services operated with other local Councils in the area.

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor R Willey and RESOLVED to continue with the existing contractor and to award RTS Garden Services a contract for three years due to the Council's satisfaction with work undertaken over the past 12 months.

11. Public Open Spaces

Following the report at the previous meeting that the fence at the back of the Old Forge Car Park was extensively damaged, security fencing had been erected to secure the BT compound. A quote was awaited for repairing the damaged fence.

Recycling credits paid to the Parish Council were being chased by the Clerk and Councillor Mrs C Rule due to non-payment by Cornwall Council for several years. It was noted that if recycling credits were to be paid to the Parish Council, the Parish Council may be charged for emptying the banks by Cornwall Council.

It was agreed that a thank you letter should be sent to Mrs Pat James of Colroger Holiday Homes for her ongoing commitment to keeping the recycling area clean and tidy. This work was undertaken voluntarily but was gratefully recognised within the village.

The National Trust was hoping to start work on St Mellans Park during February half term and it was suggested that a Community Drop In day would be held on Tuesday 15 February 2012 which would be open to everyone to include children's nature activities, bird box building, etc.

The Annual Maintenance of the street lights owned by Mullion Parish Council had been undertaken and all lights were found to be in good condition and required no work to be undertaken.

12. Highways Issues

It was reported that the road surfaces in the village fell below standard. Roads adjacent to the fire station, the Old Inn and at the entrance to Laflouder Fields were causing a hazard to cyclists.

No schedule of works had been received for remedial works on Polhorman Lane following severe flooding last winter and following meetings between Highways Officers and the Chairman.

It was confirmed that the drain cover located on Lender Lane opposite Tremenhee Car Park and adjacent to the Colroger Deli was still lifting on a regular basis when large vehicles drove over it. This was continuing to cause a hazard to road users and pedestrians.

The Clerk was asked to contact the Highways Department again in these matters.

13. LGA 1972, Section 137 Requests for Funding

A request for funding had been received from Cornwall Blind Association. It was proposed by Councillor Mrs S Ireland, 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 Redruth Citizens Advice Bureau. It was proposed by Councillor R Willey, seconded by the Chairman and RESOLVED to grant the sum of £100.00 to the charity.

The Chairman read out thank you letters that had been received from Cornwall Air Ambulance, Mullion Age Concern and Mullion CP School.

14. Finance and Accounts

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

15. Other correspondence received

The Clerk advised the meeting that the next Community Network Panel Meeting would take place on Wednesday 25 January 2012 at Helston One Stop Shop commencing at 7pm. The Localism Bill and Olympic torch Relay events were on the agenda. The Clerk confirmed that she would be attending the meeting.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15pm.

Signed: Dated:
Chairman