

**Mullion Parish Council Meeting** held on **Tuesday 20 March 2012** at 7.00pm at The Schoolroom, Methodist Chapel, Mullion

### **Councillors Present**

Mrs S Ireland	P Wilkins
J T Lang (Chairman)	R Willey
C Rule	

Seven members of the public were also in attendance.

The Chairman advised everyone present of the fire procedures.

#### **1. Public Session**

Mr Ellery, the owner of Angrouse Farmhouse, attended the meeting and advised Councillors of his intention to apply for planning permission to replace the intended plastic and glass conservatory roof with a natural slate roof. Councillors appreciated being consulted prior to the amended planning application being submitted, and would await the fresh application from Cornwall Council.

#### **2. Police Report**

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

#### **3. Apologies**

Councillors Mrs C Rule and C Williams had submitted their apologies to the meeting. Councillors A Gilbert and D Williams were also not in attendance.

#### **4. Minutes**

It was proposed by Councillor R Willey, seconded by Councillor Mrs S Ireland and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 21 February 2012 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:

PA12/00832 – Mr & Mrs G Cattran – Newton Farm Riding Stables, Polhorman Lane – Erection of an agricultural dwelling

Mrs G Cattran attended the meeting and spoke in favour of the application.

It was noted that this application was for the erection of an agricultural dwelling within the boundaries of the existing farmstead for a key worker employed by the Riding Stables.

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor P Wilkins and RESOLVED to support this application with a condition attached to the permission stipulating that the dwelling should be tied to the farm in perpetuity and that it could only be occupied by a key worker for the farm's business. Councillor C Rule abstained from the vote.

The Chairman advised the meeting of the following planning decisions received from Cornwall Council:

PA11/06687 - Westlink Developments - 21 Gibbons Fields - Demolition of dwelling and erection of 2 dwellings - Approved

PA11/09287 - Mr A Furber - Kimberley Annexe, Nansmellyon Road - Change of use for restaurant area to revert back to residential – Approved

PA11/08947 – Mr P Evans – Trevelyan, Meaver Road – Removal of conditions to allow for continued use of land for the stationing of a chalet/caravan for domestic use – Appeal lodged. The Parish Council agreed to make no further comment to the Planning Inspectorate on this application.

## **7. Report from Cornwall Councillor Mrs C Rule**

Councillor Mrs C Rule submitted the following report prior to the meeting due to her absence:-

- The council have set a 0% rise in council tax from Cornwall council, but there may well be a slight increase as the police authority have decided to precept for an increase. In addition if the local parish council decided to increase their precept to take on additional functions this would also have an impact, though in a much smaller way than if the main bulk of the tax were increased.
- My community fund is still available for small donations to local organisations, I have recently for example supported Mullion, and have in the pipeline applications from Landewednack and Ruan minor towards their jubilee celebrations.
- The local bus service tender for our area has been won in an open tendering process by First, and they will therefore take over the routes from Western Greyhound week ending 1<sup>st</sup> April. There are some concerns being expressed but the council will ensure that they robustly monitor the service being delivered along that promised under the tender process. There are some commercial routes that are being stopped in other areas but where the council makes a donation to any route, through a subsidy we do have a say in the protection of that delivery, this is not the case with commercial routes.

- The council has had some successes in recent times and it is always good to refer to these I think, for example the budget last year where we went deep and early has actually, as expected saved frontline jobs and services from the full impact of central government cuts.
- We are on target to save £88.5m out of the necessary cuts, £9 out of every £10 from management and efficiency savings, including £10m more from effective procurement and office rationalisation programme. We have saved £400K in rent, earned £5m in capital receipts and saved £3m by use of purchase cards instead of invoicing.
- We have not had to cut libraries, leisure services, children's centres or youth services in Cornwall because of this decision.
- Mullion Parish Council is leading the way in working together with Cornwall council to find solutions to local needs and aspirations, such as appropriate toilet provision. There is a need to rationalise the portfolio of Public conveniences across the county, it needs to be reviewed and ascertained as to whether the toilets in question are on privately owned land and therefore it might be more appropriate for the individual landowner to be providing the facilities. E.g. Poldhu Beach café is on a NT owned beach and there is a small business there in the café that needs to have provision of a toilet, it could well be more appropriate for there to be a deal brokered through the Parish Council to find a more innovative way of ensuring this provision continues sustainably.

## **8. Chairman and Clerk Comments**

The Chairman advised the meeting that he had been contacted by Station Officer Peter Tonkin following a recent incident relating to a man falling down the cliff at Polurrian. Although the Co-Responder vehicle was able to pass down the track to Polurrian Beach, it had proved difficult and potentially dangerous to negotiate the sharp corner at the bottom of the track due to the poor condition of the surface of the lane. It was agreed that the Chairman would contact Polurrian Hotel Management to encourage discussion with the Fire/Rescue Service in an attempt to improve emergency access to Polurrian when required.

Depositions had been submitted to the Inspectorate by all of the interested parties in the Public Inquiry for the Footpath 37 Diversion Order at Mullion Meadows. Copies of all the statements had been sent back to the supporters and objectors to the Order.

Councillors considered that a copy of these documents should have been made available to the Parish Council, not only as a matter of courtesy but also as Mullion Parish Council has a Local Maintenance Partnership arrangement with Cornwall Council. It was proposed by Councillor R Willey, seconded by the Chairman and RESOLVED to instruct the Clerk to write a strong letter to the Planning Inspectorate requesting a copy of the documents for assessment. This could result in a request for the Parish Council to speak at the Public Inquiry with a knowledge of the information submitted to the Inspectorate.

## **9. Public Rights of Way**

The Clerk advised the meeting that the Countryside Enforcement Team were looking into the allegation of land grabbing and blocking of a Public Right of Way known as Garro Lane. No new information was available at the present time.

Following the removal of a dog waste bin from Footpath 49, the Clerk had contacted the Neighbourhood Services Team at Cornwall Council. Due to Cory taking over the waste contract from 1 April 2012, all new or replacement bins had been put on hold until after that date. The Clerk advised that she would contact Cornwall Council again after the commencement of the new contract.

## **10. Public Open Spaces**

A request had been made by Mullion in Bloom to plant camellia bushes in Tremenhee Car Park on the grass verge behind the property know as 'Nefreggo'. The Parish Council supported this idea, but suggested that MiB spoke to the resident of the nearby property prior to commencing the work.

Following the last Parish Council meeting, the Clerk was still awaiting a quote for a barrier to be installed in front of the fence separating the Forge Car Park from the BT compound. A quote had been received to remove and replace the broken concrete post and to renew 25 metres of chain link fencing. It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor R Willey and RESOLVED to accept the quote for replacing the fence. In addition, the feasibility and cost of installing a protective barrier should be further explored. One Councillor abstained from the vote.

## **11. Highways Issues**

The Clerk advised the meeting that patching works would take place on the road surfaces around the village for three days from 16 May 2012. Signs would be erected prior to the works commencing that would advise of the roads being closed for three weeks. This would not be the case, but the window of opportunity was required to be large enough to allow for bad weather stopping proceedings.

The missing speed advisory sign from Trewoon Road would be replaced.

## **12. Burial Board**

The Chairman advised the meeting of a recent inquiry regarding the occupier of grave E12. The interested parties had reached an agreement and a copy of their letter was filed in the Burial Records folder in the Parish Office.

Concern was raised over the management of the Old Cemetery and the Clerk was instructed to create a grave plan of the Old Cemetery for future reference. The Parish Council held the official burial records for the 'Chapel' side of the Old Cemetery. A copy of the burial records for the 'Church' side had been obtained from the County Records Office. Councillors were invited to assist with this large piece of work.

A thank you letter had been received from the family of a recently deceased local man thanking the Parish Council for making the "Cemetery a peaceful and well kept place".

## **13. Allotment Tenancies 2012**

It was agreed that the Allotment Tenancy Agreement for the forthcoming year would remain the same. Concern was raised over the amount of water used at the allotments which amounted to £216.74 for the past year. The Clerk was asked to send a covering letter with the tenancy

agreements stating that additional charges may have to be made to tenants if water costs continued to be so high. Councillor P Wilkins agreed to research the installation of a lockable tap at the allotments.

#### **14. Election to fill the Councillor Vacancy**

The Chairman advised the meeting that some interest had been received regarding the forthcoming Election to fill the Councillor Vacancy on the Council. Nomination papers needed to be submitted to the Deputy Returning Officer at Cornwall Council by noon on Wednesday 28 March 2012. The publication of statement of persons nominated would take place on Friday 30 March 2012 and the Election would take place on Thursday 26 April 2012.

The Clerk was asked to publish a press release containing the information mentioned in the meeting and inviting qualified residents to stand for election.

#### **15. Public Conveniences**

Following a meeting held between Members of the Parish Council and Peter Tatlow, Network Manager for Neighbourhood Services, the Chairman advised the meeting that no new information had been forthcoming. The Network Manager had been requested to provide the Parish Council with more detailed information on the servicing of the public conveniences within Mullion Parish before a business plan could be put together by the Parish Council. The Clerk was researching the use of a trust or community interest company in which to place the toilets so that business rate relief could be obtained.

#### **16. LGA 1972, Section 137 Requests for Funding**

Thank you letters had been received from Cornwall Blind Association and Citizens Advice Bureau Cornwall for the donations previously made.

A request for funding had been received from Mullion's Jubilee Committee for the payment of the insurance to cover the event to be held in St Mellan's Park. It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Mrs S Ireland and RESOLVED to grant the sum of £151.50 to the Jubilee Committee to cover the cost of the insurance premium.

#### **17. Finance and Accounts**

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

#### **18. Other correspondence received**

The Clerk advised the meeting of other correspondence received:-

From 2 April, Cornwall Council was making changes to householder's rubbish, recycling and garden waste collections in Cornwall. Mullion's rubbish (collected weekly) and recycling (collected fortnightly) would be picked up on Wednesday's from 3 April 2012. A new reusable blue sack for paper and reusable orange sack for cardboard, along with a leaflet explaining the new service, would be delivered to all households in Cornwall prior to 2 April 2012. Further information could be obtained from [www.cornwall.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/recycling) or 0300 1234 141.

Cornwall Conversations, a meeting chaired by the Leader of Cornwall Council along with representatives his Cabinet, would take place on Monday 26 March 2012 at 7pm in Helston Community College. The Clerk confirmed that she would attend.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm.

Signed: .....

**Chairman**

Dated: .....