

Mullion Parish Council Meeting held on **Tuesday 19 November 2013** at **7.00pm** at The Centenary Room, Methodist Chapel, Churchtown, Mullion

Councillors Present

A Gilbert
I Harvey
Mrs S Ireland
J Lang (Chairman)

Mrs S Ormond (Vice Chairman)
Mrs C Rule
P Wilkins
R Willey

Eight members of the public attended the meeting.

The Chairman opened the meeting and read the fire procedures to everyone present.

1. Public Session

Annette Eatock, of Lizard Adventure, advised the meeting that the company operates from Mullion Cove, and other areas on the Lizard, in conjunction with the National Trust. They offer kayaking sessions and other activities supervised by fully qualified staff and had helped to organise and run the well attended Harbour Day. Lizard Adventure were hoping to place a sign on the boat house at Mullion Cove and sought the advice of the Parish Council. An earlier version had been criticised as being overlarge and not in keeping with its setting. The current proposal was to place that original sign in the Quarry car park, and to provide designs for a new sign to be placed on the boathouse to the Parish Council for assessment. It was recommended that Mrs Eatock contact the Planning Department at Cornwall Council in relation to the erection of signs and to communicate with the car park owner.

Tony Wiffin, recently resigned Chairman of the Mullion Royal British Legion (RBL), attended the meeting to give an update on the current situation at the RBL, Mullion Branch. Following a meeting held on 11 November 2013, a Committee could not be formed due to insufficient interest. Members present at that meeting, which automatically turned into a Special Meeting to discuss the future of the Branch, voted unanimously to close the Branch. Members of the public had been advised at previous Parades and fundraising events that volunteers were required to ensure that the Branch continued. Mullion Royal British Legion had until 13 December 2013 to form a Committee. If a Committee could not be formed by that date, the Hall would pass back to RBL Headquarters in London to be sold, and funds would be set aside for a future Branch, if one was created within three years. The existing Standard would be de-commissioned and placed in the Parish Church, if a Committee could not be formed by 13 December 2013. In the event a new Branch was created in the future, a new Standard would be commissioned.

Councillor Mrs S Ormond advised the meeting that there was interest within the Parish to continue with a Remembrance Day Parade even if a new Committee of the Mullion RBL Branch could not be formed. She asked for this item to be placed on the December agenda for discussion. She also requested that the memorials and such like contained within the RBL Hall should remain in the village. It was suggested that the Heritage Centre may be able to house them, although individuals may wish to keep plaques relating to their families.

The Chairman thanked Mr Wiffin for the update and suggested that the Parish Council discussed the possibility of a non-British Legion Remembrance Parade at the January 2014 meeting, once the final dates for the formation of a Committee had passed. This was agreed by the meeting.

Three members of the public left the meeting.

2. Police Report

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

3. Absence

Councillor D German had given his apologies to the meeting. Councillor D Williams was also not in attendance.

4. Minutes

It was proposed by Councillor I Harvey, seconded by Councillor Mrs S Ireland and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 15 October 2013 be approved as a true record and be duly signed by the Chairman.

5. Declarations of Interest

None received.

6. Planning

Following consideration by the Councillors of Planning Applications received from Cornwall Council, the following decisions were made.

PA13/03173 - Mr P McKeown - Carne View, Meaver Road - Continued use of the land for stationing of a holiday caravan (12 months holiday use) and retention of septic tank and associated works

The Applicant attended the meeting and gave some background information relating to the purchase of this plot of land and initial discussions with the Planning Department at Cornwall Council. Although the site was initially purchased to become their full time residential home, the Applicant advised the meeting that the caravan would now be let for holiday use by a Letting Agency to fund their rent on another property in the Village.

The Parish Council asked for assurances from the Applicants that the property would not be used for residential purposes, and recommended that a condition be placed on the property to ensure that it could only be used as a holiday let.

It was proposed by Councillor A Gilbert, seconded by Councillor I Harvey and RESOLVED to support the application, with the condition attached to the decision notice that a register of occupants to the holiday let must be maintained.

One Councillor voted against the application, and another abstained.

PA13/10073 - Mr & Mrs B Bates – Athenick, The Commons - Erection of extension and internal alterations

It was noted that the application was located within the development boundary, and that no objections had been received from the public.

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

The Chairman read out the following Decision Notices received from Cornwall Council:-

PA13/07629 - Mr & Mrs J Larcombe - The Watch House, 1 Coastguard - Proposed dormer windows & balcony to second floor, replacement entrance porch at front, and single storey rear extension – Approved

PA13/07630 - Mr & Mrs J Larcombe - The Watch House, 1 Coastguard Cottages - Proposed detached garage – Refused

PA13/07830 - Mr M Horsburgh - 23 Redannack Estate - To build a white PVCu Conservatory on a brick base at the front of the house and to build a new patio and retaining wall – Approved

PA13/08098 - Mr R Goody - Penny Cottage, Churchtown - Retrospective permission for removal of shop windows and replacement with 2 UPVC domestic windows – Approved

PA13/08228 - Mr & Mrs Howard – Trespridion, Laflouder Lane - Removal of existing metal Juliet balcony and replacing with a timber and glass balcony (clear glass at the front and frosted glass on the sides) measuring 2.1m x 2.4m with two supporting posts anchored to concrete bases below - Approved

The Clerk explained that PA13/06884 – Mr & Mrs Geoff Stephens - Mill Wheel, Nansmellyon Road - Use of the building and adjoining land as a dwelling house and curtilage had now been approved as it was an application for a Certificate of Lawfulness. Certificates of Lawfulness cannot be refused if there is sufficient evidence to prove the case, and any objections to the application could not be taken into account.

Councillor R Willey suggested that a strong letter be sent to the Principal Planning Officer at Cornwall Council in relation to the pre-application advice given to the owners of the 'Catholic Church Field', located off Polurrian Road. The Parish Council were disappointed that Planning had given great weight to any future planning application on this site without first seeking the Parish Council's comments. The Parish Council had not been contacted by the developer, and it was suggested that the Planning Officer had fettered the Planning Authority's discretion by giving the green light for development. The Clerk was asked to write to Cornwall Council in relation to commenting on pre-applications in general, but to mention the land off Polurrian Road as an example.

7. Report from Cornwall County Councillor Mrs C Rule

Cornwall Councillor Mrs C Rule advised the meeting that she still had some money available in her Community Fund pot for small donations towards projects. Goonhilly REG Windpower also held a pot of money for projects within the TR12 area and could be applied for through the Cornwall Community Foundation.

The Community Network Panel Review was still ongoing. The majority of Parish and Town Councils, who had commented to date, wished the Networks to stay as they were or be enhanced. It was felt that the pilot currently taking place within Councillor Mrs C Rule's Ward was working well.

Cornwall Council's budget for 2014/15 would be decided at the Full Council Meeting on 26 November 2013. A 1.97% increase on Council Tax was being proposed.

Cornwall Councillor Mrs C Rule and her Committee were due to meet with the Devon and Cornwall Police Crime Commissioner in December to discuss his budget and expenditure.

8. Chairman and Clerks Comments

The Chairman presented the meeting with the recent Award Certificates won by Mullion in Bloom in the Britain in Bloom competition. The Clerk was asked to send a letter of congratulations to the Committee in recognition of this achievement.

9. Public Rights of Way

Cornwall Council had made a Public Path Order for the extinguishment of Footpath no 48, Mullion from The Commons to Polhorman Lane. Any representations should be made by 29 November 2013. The Parish Council had no objections to the extinguishment, as the path had not been passable for many years.

The Clerk updated the meeting on the speeding traffic entering Chapel Lane from Lender Lane. She had spoken with the Landowner, the Highways and Public Rights of Way Departments at Cornwall Council and the Traffic Police. The Landowner was happy for a gate to be erected on the site of the previous one, at the cost and responsibility of the Parish Council. The Public Rights of Way (PRoW) Team had visited the site and had suggested that the installation of speed bumps would require the resurfacing of the entire lane, which would probably make the lane faster to drive, not slower. They also would not authorise expenditure on such a project. The Traffic Police suggested that a bollard be placed at the location of the previous gate to stop vehicles passing through the lane completely. They believed that the PRoW was a restricted byway from that point towards Trembel Road.

As it was thought that only one or two drivers were speeding up the lane, it was decided to speak with local residents and businesses to find out who the offenders were, and to report number plates to the PCSO, who would speak to the drivers directly.

The Clerk had been informed that a fallen tree was blocking footpath 15, between Angrouse Farm and Meres Valley. She would report the issue to the Countryside Officer.

10. Public Open Spaces

Councillor I Harvey confirmed that the Park was in a good condition.

11. Highways

It was reported that mud had been left on the road by a farmer pulling trailers out of a field on the Trewoon Road. 'Mud on Road' signs had been erected by the farmer, and the Clerk was asked to report the issue to Highways.

The issue of overgrown vegetation from the Churchyard onto the highway opposite the Old Inn was raised again. The Clerk and Councillor Mrs C Rule had been speaking to Churchwardens and Cornwall Council to try to get this issue resolved.

A pothole had opened up on the Mullion side of Poldhu. The Clerk was asked to report this issue.

There was also a large pothole located north of Clahar Garden Farm on the Trewoon Road, again the Clerk was asked to contact Highways in this regard.

Parking restrictions within the village had been mentioned at the recent Community Network Meeting, at which the Group Parking Manager had attended. It was still unclear as to whether parking restrictions could be enforced or not, and she had promised to look into the situation.

12. Community Emergency Plan

The Clerk explained that Cornwall Council was encouraging villages to have emergency plans that could be used in the event of an emergency. It contained information such as relief centres, residents with useful equipment and required a co-ordinator to run the plan, if required.

The Clerk had spoken to the Station Manager at Mullion Fire Station, who had agreed to speak with the Area Manager about using the Fire Station as the Headquarters for running the emergency centre from. Unfortunately, there wasn't a generator on site, which would obviously be required in the event of a power cut. This would also be suggested by the Station Manager to the Area Manager.

It was agreed that the creation of a plan, in some form, would be beneficial to the Village, and Councillor R Willey offered to write the plan. It was thought that he was the ideal co-ordinator of such plan with his 42 years of service with the Fire Brigade in the village.

13. LGA 1972 requests for funding

A request for funding had been received from the Mullion Christmas Lights Committee. It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Mrs S Ormond and RESOLVED to grant £300.00 to the organisation.

A request for funding had been received from the Cornwall Air Ambulance. It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor R Willey and RESOLVED to grant £100.00 to the charity.

14. Finance and Accounts

It was proposed by Councillor D German, seconded by Councillor P Wilkins and RESOLVED to confirm the accounts and to pay the invoices. It was agreed that the remaining Councillors should be added as signatories on the bank accounts. The Clerk would obtain the relevant forms.

15. Addition of signatories to the bank account

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs C Rule, seconded by the Chairman and RESOLVED to add Councillors D German, I Harvey and Mrs S Ormond to the bank account signatories.

16. Other correspondence received

The Clerk advised the meeting that the Goonhilly REG Windpower were proposing to extend their wind farm by two turbines. Information regarding open days was given.

The Planning Department was running several consultations of proposed documents. Information had been circulated by email to Councillors, and any comments should be made to the Clerk before the deadline. Training was also being held in relation to this consultation, and Councillors Mrs S Ormond and P Wilkins agreed to attend.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.46pm.

Signed:
Chairman

Dated:

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