

**Mullion Parish Council Meeting** held on **Tuesday 17 December 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)  
P Wilkins  
D Williams

Four members of the public attended the meeting.

The Chairman opened the meeting by wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. He then read the fire procedures to everyone present.

### **1. Public Session**

Mrs. Pauline Rowse advised the meeting that the Heritage Association were currently undertaking a project within the Village. They were photographing each building and keeping a record of how Mullion looked in 2013. Large photos were being produced and stored in a folder which would be on display in the Heritage Centre. Eventually, it was hoped that the photographs could be placed on the Heritage Centre's website, once constructed.

The Heritage Association was also working towards the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the outbreak of World War II, along with Mullion School, Mullion in Bloom and the Primary School.

One member of the public left the meeting.

### **2. Police Report**

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

### **3. Absence**

Councillors D German, Mrs C Rule and R Willey had given their apologies to the meeting.

### **4. Minutes**

It was proposed by Councillor I Harvey, seconded by Councillor P Wilkins and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 19 November 2013 be approved as a true record and be duly signed by the Chairman.

## **5. Declarations of Interest**

None received.

## **6. Planning**

Following concerns previously raised in relation to pre-application enquiries, the Clerk had circulated a letter received from Cornwall Council. She had also sought advice from Cornwall Association of Local Councils who had suggested that only comments in relation to the position, height, location, etc of pre-applications could be made. Parish Councils should neither support or object to pre-applications.

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

PA13/10063 - REG Windpower - Goonhilly Downs Wind Farm, Bonython Manor – Pre-application - Proposed extension to wind farm

The Parish Council did not wish to make any comments at the current time.

PA13/11010 - Mr M Case - 67 Laflouder Fields - Proposed extensions, alterations including roof lights and roof lowering

The Applicant attended the meeting. The application site was located within the development boundary and no comments had been submitted by the public.

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

PA13/11011 - Dr J Case - 68 Laflouder Fields - Proposed extension, alterations and roof lowering

The application site was located within the development boundary and no comments had been submitted by the public.

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

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

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 – Approved

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

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

Cornwall Councillor Mrs C Rule had submitted her apologies to the Parish Council and had not provided a report ahead of the meeting.

## **8. Chairman and Clerks Comments**

Cornwall Council had confirmed that they would pay a grant to the Parish Council towards the costs of running the Public Conveniences within the Parish. The amount would be the same as the previous year.

The Chairman thanked the Councillors for their hard work and support throughout 2014.

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

The Clerk advised the meeting that Cornwall Council had confirmed the Public Path Extinguishment Order relating to Land at The Commons, Commons Close and Polhorman Lane.

## **10. Public Open Spaces**

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

It was noted that the Millenium Garden water feature drain had blocked, and Councillor Mrs S Ormond would investigate this matter.

Following the closure of the Mullion Branch of the Royal British Legion, Councillors were unsure of who was responsible for the upkeep of the Remembrance Wreaths laid at the War Memorial. Several had been blown over in the recent weather. Councillor Mrs S Ormond agreed to speak to the Women's Section of the RBL that was still operating in the Village.

## **11. Highways**

It was reported that the road sign pointing towards Trewoon from the Village had been turned around. The Clerk would speak to Highways in this regard.

Clarification had yet to be given to the Parish Council in relation to the parking restrictions within the village. Again, the Clerk would speak to the relevant Officer at Cornwall Council.

## **12. LGA 1972 requests for funding**

Thank you letters had been received from the Mullion Christmas Lights Committee and from the Cornwall Air Ambulance.

## **13. Precept 2014/15**

The Clerk had previously circulated the figures relating to the budget required for the following year. Cornwall Council had also confirmed that a grant of £14,140.72 would be paid to the Parish Council in relation to the running costs of the public conveniences for the 2014/15. The grant may not be continued in future years, and the Parish Council would be expected to fund the running costs.

Following a lengthy debate, it was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor P Wilkins and unanimously RESOLVED to increase the precept by 2% to £32,975.92 which amounted to an extra 82p

per year to a Band D property in the Parish, and an additional £646.59 to the Parish Council. The Clerk was asked to publish a press release explaining the cost of the precept increase to the public.

**14. Calendar of Meetings 2014**

The scheduled meetings would continue to be held on the third Tuesday of each month.

**15. Finance and Accounts**

It was proposed by Councillor P Wilkins, seconded by Councillor I Harvey and RESOLVED to confirm the accounts and to pay the invoices.

**15. Addition of signatories to the bank account**

The Clerk advised the meeting that the bank account had yet to be amended as one of the signatories was required to produce photographic identification to the bank.

**16. Other correspondence received**

The Clerk advised the meeting that Cornwall Council would no longer be spraying the weeds in the village with herbicide.

**17. The 'Recognition for Outstanding Contribution to Mullion' Award 2013**

Several nominations had been received for the Award. Each nomination was discussed in turn, after which it was proposed by Councillor Mrs S Ireland, seconded by Councillor Mrs S Ormond and RESOLVED to award the 2013 Award to Mrs Pauline Rowse.

The Clerk was asked to invite Mrs Bray to join the Chairman in making presentations to Mrs Rowse which would take place at the beginning of the January Parish Council Meeting, and to request press attendance to record the occasion.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10pm.

Signed: .....  
**Chairman**

Dated: .....