

Mullion Parish Council Meeting held on **Tuesday 18 February 2014** at **7.00pm** at The Centenary Room, Methodist Chapel, Churchtown, Mullion

Councillors Present

A Gilbert
Mrs S Ireland
J Lang (Chairman)
R Willey

Four members of the public attended the meeting.

1. Public Session

Justin Whitehouse, National Trust Warden for the Area, advised the meeting that the Harbour at Mullion Cove had received further damage following the four storms that had occurred since the previous Parish Council Meeting. A full Engineers Survey had taken place earlier in this day, and the Trust were awaiting the report which would detail the full extent of the damage, along with recommended repairs.

He suggested that the Western Breakwater had lost approximately 6,500 sets as well as part of the parapet, but it was thought that the majority of the damage was cosmetic and that they hoped to have it fully repaired before Easter.

The Southern Breakwater would require some seaward repairs to be made with concrete, as was previously used and proved to be successful, more visible damage would be repaired more sympathetically.

Mr Whitehouse commended volunteers and residents at the Cove who had worked incredibly hard and had recovered over 5,000 of the sets removed from the Harbours. 1,500 were still missing, and it was hoped that they might be recovered during the next Spring Tide, when a digger would also be on site to recover the larger granite stones.

Mr Whitehouse was asked whether a fund for repairing the Cove could be started, as several local and overseas supporters were keen to help. Mr Whitehouse suggested that the Trust would prefer to receive hands on help as they did not want to encourage donations for a structure that they could not guarantee would be there forever. Small donations could possibly be made towards the general maintenance of the Harbour throughout the year.

A member of the public asked if the Trust had a maintenance budget for the Harbour. Mr Whitehouse confirmed that there was a budget, but that it was not bottomless.

The Chairman thanked Mr Whitehouse for attending the meeting.

One member of the public left.

Mr Mark Tonkin, Chairman of the Mullion Surf Life Saving Club, advised the meeting that the Club had received a serious amount of damage following the recent storms. Windows and doors, as well as the roof, had been damaged and a significant amount of the Club's kit had also been lost.

Cornwall Council, as land owner, had inspected the site and were compiling a report into the repair work required on the site. Mr Tonkin agreed to keep the Parish Council up to date with information as he received it.

Two members of the public then left the meeting.

2. Police Report

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

3. Absence

Councillors D German, I Harvey, Mrs S Ormond, Mrs C Rule, P Wilkins and D Williams had given their apologies to the meeting.

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 January 2014 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 the Planning Application received from Cornwall Council, the following decision was made.

PA14/01013 – Mr & Mrs N Upton – 9 Gibbons Fields – Proposed Extension

No comments had been received from the public in relation to this application which was located in the development boundary.

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

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

PA14/00044 – Mr & Mrs K Ellis – Lower Redenek, Trewoon Road – Proposed sunroom – Approved

PA13/07630 – The Watch House, 1 Coastguard Cottage, Mullion Cove – Construction of garage – Appeal Dismissed

7. Report from Cornwall County Councillor Mrs C Rule

Cornwall Councillor Mrs C Rule had submitted her apologies to the Parish Council and had provided the following report.

“These last few weeks have been dominated by the awful weather and the impact it has had on our communities, some have been harder hit than others, but I think most have been affected in some way. There is help available through the Cornwall community network foundation in conjunction with Cornwall council and this has been sent to you already. There has been a heartening spirit of the community working together to ensure it looks after the most vulnerable in each area and now in helping to clear up the aftermath with beach cleans etc.

There are one or two items I would like to bring to your attention if I may:

Consultation on home to school transport

As part of the need to save massive amounts of money the council is bringing together all its transport needs into one section, therefore with careful planning it should be possible to make scant resources go further, for example a school bus can be used to take adults to day care centre's once it has dropped the pupils at school in the morning rather than be left idle until schools close again. It sounds common sense, but is actually a massive logistical exercise, but progress is being made towards integrating all transport issues.

The council has a duty to transport children and young people if they live more than a prescribed distance from their 'nearest available school' and that will continue, but please can you advertise the fact that there is a consultation ongoing that we would value input into. The consultation runs from 13 to 28 February. You can input into this by completing the feedback form and sending to School Transport Commissioning Team, East 0, New County Hall, Truro TR1 3AY, or email pupiltransport@cornwall.gov.uk

Garden Waste collection service

The new subscription starts for fortnightly garden waste collection on April 1st and any existing permits will cease after 31 March 2014. The cost of collections has increased this year to work towards reducing the subsidy we pay for providing this service. Subscriptions should be renewed by 14 March 2014. Renewals can be made online at www.cornwall.gov.uk/gardenwaste on 0300 1234 141 or at any 'one stop shop'.

Community funding

My community chest has now been closed and I am delighted to say that I have managed to support all those that applied for help, although there were not so many applications this year this meant I was able to give those that did apply a bit more help than I otherwise might have been able to. The pot will open again in the new financial year, as far as I understand at the moment, so applications would be welcomed again from April.

The community regeneration team at the council deal with requests for advice and sources of funding from community groups throughout the year so if you know of any group who would like this advice please contact Emma Ball on 01872 324807 or emma.ball@cornwall.gov.uk

Mobile library review

I have asked the Clerk to send you a copy of the consultation, separately, regarding this issue and would be grateful if you could circulate this as widely as possible.”

8. Chairman and Clerks Comments

The Clerk read out a thank you card received from Mrs Rosemary Bray in connection with the Community Award received in 2013.

The Chairman advised the meeting of the evacuation situation which occurred at Mullion Cove during the recent storms. It was thought that a communication error had occurred within the Coastguard Service, and that there was, in fact, no need for properties to be evacuated at that time.

A meeting had been hosted by the Catholic Church in relation to land off Nansmellyon Road. The Parish Council had been invited, along with objectors to development on the site. No new information was given by the Land Agent for the Diocese, and it was thought that no action would take place in relation to developing the site for many months, if not years.

9. Public Rights of Way

Bridleway 35 had recently been dug up by a service provider, and had not been reinstated to a satisfactory level. The Countryside Officer had confirmed that this path would be top dressed again in the coming months.

Following the recent storms, the bridge at Polurrian had been uprooted from its foundations. The detour provided was lengthy, and most Coast Path users were choosing to cross the river over the rocky river bed – the diversion signs had long since blown away. The Clerk was asked to contact the Countryside Officer to suggest that the bridge be put back in place as soon as possible, as the bridge structure was perfectly sound, it simply needed to be 'tipped' back into position.

10. Public Open Spaces

Councillor I Harvey had previously advised the Clerk that the shackles for the basket swing had been damaged. He had ordered replacement shackles and would repair the swing once they had been received.

A large bush located in the park had fallen over onto the boundary fence, causing a small amount of damage, the bush would be removed and the fence would be repaired in the near future.

Works had been undertaken in the Park to remove dead or dangerous trees following approval at the last meeting. Since then, storms had occurred several times, and it was thought that a further report on the trees was required. The Clerk would obtain a report and quote prior to the next meeting.

11. Highways

A pothole had opened up on Lender Lane, between the speed humps. The Clerk would report the matter.

Flooding was still occurring at the Cury end of Chypons Road and the Clerk was asked to report the problem again.

12. Formation of an Emergency Plan

Letters had been sent to the proposed respite centres, and the Chapel had replied with the names and numbers of several key holders and had been very keen to provide assistance, as and when required.

Contact would be made with a few more businesses in the village, prior to the first draft of the Plan being typed and circulated to Councillors. It was hoped that this would happen in the next couple of months.

13. LGA 1972 requests for funding

No requests for funding had been received.

14. Finance and Accounts

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

15. Other correspondence received

The Clerk had previously circulated information relating to the following Consultations. It was suggested that Councillors made representations to the Clerk if they required a response to be made, or to submit a response individually.

- (i) Cornwall Council's Consultation on home to school transport
- (ii) Cornwall Council's Consultation on the mobile library service
- (iii) Cornwall Council's Planning Consultation on Affordable Housing

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15pm.

Signed:
Chairman

Dated: