

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

Councillors Present

D German	I Harvey
Mrs S Ireland	J Lang (Chairman)
Mrs S Ormond	Mrs C Rule
P Wilkins	R Willey

Three members of the public attended the meeting.

1. Public Session

Mr Robert Felce attended the meeting to draw the Parish Council's attention to a leaflet recently produced by the National Trust concerning Mullion Harbour. He highlighted several paragraphs in the leaflet which suggested that the recent damage caused to the Harbour had occurred due to climate change. Mr Felce had spoken to the Met Office directly, who had confirmed that the recent storms had nothing to do with climate change. It would also appear that the webpage quoted on the final page of the leaflet was not working. He questioned the National Trust's intention in producing this leaflet, which had not been circulated widely in the village.

The Chairman advised the meeting that the Clerk would invite a National Trust representative to the next meeting to update the Council on the repairs to the Harbour, and also to explain the recently published leaflet.

2. Police Report

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

The Clerk had received allegations of serious drug taking occurring at the rear of Tremenhee Car Park. This information had been passed on to the local Police, but nothing further had been found.

3. Absence

Councillors A Gilbert and D Williams were not in attendance.

4. Minutes

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs S Ireland, seconded by Councillor R Willey and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 18 February 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.

PA14/01639 – Ms Shelly Powell – 73 Redannack North - The demolition of a previous utility room and replacement with a kitchen

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 Mrs S Ormond, seconded by Councillor P Wilkins and RESOLVED to support this application.

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

PA14/00131 – Westlink Design - Alma House, Churchtown - Proposed subdivision of property to form two dwelling houses – Approved

The Chairman advised the meeting that the Planning Enforcement Team was investigating reports of buildings being lived in at Sea View Farm. It was alleged that the inhabitants had proven that they had lived on that site for over four years, and were therefore allowed to stay living on the site. Further investigation was taking place by Cornwall Council.

It was noted that a substantial building had been erected in the garden of Gweath, Predannack and the Clerk was asked to report this issue to Cornwall Council.

7. Report from Cornwall County Councillor Mrs C Rule

Cornwall Councillor Mrs C Rule advised the meeting that Cornwall Council had published the revised opening times for libraries and one stop shops. The reduced opening hours for these establishments were due to the cuts in budgets.

A consultation was currently live for the mobile library service. Cornwall Council needed to cut the budget and were looking at ways to meet the cuts by changing the way this service was provided.

Council tax had been increased by 1.97%, and all households should have received their bills in the post. Frequently asked questions regarding ways to pay, etc could be found online, through an automated answer machine or by speaking to a council tax advisor at Cornwall Council.

8. Chairman and Clerks Comments

The Chairman stated that Cornwall Council were looking to sell part of Predannack Manor Farm. The older buildings, amounting to 1.6 acres, would be sold without the benefit of planning permission. It would be marketed in the near future.

9. Public Rights of Way

The Clerk confirmed the Local Maintenance Partnership Offer from Cornwall Council for the 2014/15 year. The Footpath Contractor had also confirmed his quote for undertaking the work required.

The fallen trees on Footpath 3 had been removed by the Footpath Contractor. The Clerk was asked to send a letter of thanks to Mr Sanders for undertaking this work, and the cutting of the paths, expeditiously and to such a high standard.

It was reported that overgrown vegetation from the property known as 'Nefregga', Lender Lane was causing pedestrians to have to walk on the highway instead of the pavement.

Concern was raised over the broken bridge at Polurrian. Walkers were not using the suggested diversion of the South West Coast Path, but instead crossing the uneven river bed. A new notice suggested that this diversion would stay in place for another six months. The Clerk confirmed that she had spoken to the Countryside Officer, and that Cormac was in the process of putting together a spreadsheet of all damage caused by the recent storms to allow Cornwall Council to apply to the Government for grant funding to make the necessary repairs. The Countryside Officer was unable to provide a time scale for the repairs to the bridge to be carried out.

10. Public Open Spaces

Councillor I Harvey had repaired the swing with the newly purchased shackles. He was also thanked for organising the removal of the fallen branches from the park. It was suggested that some paint had flaked off the fireman's pole adjoining the large climbing frame, and Councillor I Harvey agreed to report this issue to the Clerk once further investigation had taken place.

A tree had collapsed onto the fence that separated the park from the row of private bungalows located to the east of the park. The Tree Surgeon had removed the tree, and the fence required repairs to be undertaken. It was noted, however, that more trimming back of the bushes/trees would be required before the fence could be fixed. The Clerk was liaising with the Footpath Contractor and the Handyman to have this work undertaken. A discussion took place regarding who owned the fence, but it was agreed that as the tree that damaged the fence belonged to the Parish Council, it was our responsibility to at least repair the fence. Councillor Mrs S Ormond would make enquiries into the ownership of the fence, and the Clerk would obtain quotes for the repair and the replacement of the entire fence.

The Tree Surgeon had also sent a report on the trees in the park, recommending that the 4 mature Leylandii trees be removed completely. The Clerk was asked to obtain a second opinion and to liaise with the Chairman in this regard to ensure that the trees were safe prior to the next meeting.

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.

The Chairman of Mullion in Bloom had approached the Parish Council with an initial draft of a drawing that they wished to place in the Village. A local artist had been commissioned to design a piece of artwork to show what was in the Village. It was hoped that it would encourage visitors to spend longer in the Village, exploring all the different areas. Mullion in Bloom had paid for the art to be designed, and would pay a sign to be made, which they hoped could be located on the low wall separating the entrance to the disabled toilet entrance and the men's toilets at Tremenhee Public Conveniences.

It was proposed by Councillor D German, seconded by councillor P Wilkins and RESOLVED to allow the erection of the sign. Councillor Mrs S Ormond suggested that MiB attended the next meeting to show the finished piece of artwork to the Parish Council.

11. Highways

A pothole had opened up again on Ghost hill, near to Isle of Wight. The Clerk would report the matter.

12. Formation of an Emergency Plan

Councillor R Willey advised the meeting that progress was being made on the Plan, which was now close to completion. He would liaise with the Clerk on the outstanding matters.

13. LGA 1972 requests for funding

A request for funding had been received from Victim Support. It was agreed not to support this organisation at the current time.

14. Finance and Accounts

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

15. Other correspondence received

The Clerk advised the meeting Tony Hogg, Police and Crime Commissioner, was holding an open public meeting on Wednesday 26 March 2014 at Pool Innovation Centre from 7pm onwards.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10pm.

Signed:
Chairman

Dated: