

Mullion Parish Council Meeting held on **Tuesday 20 May 2014** at **7.00pm** at The Centenary Room, Methodist Chapel, Churchtown, Mullion

Councillors Present

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

Nine members of the public attended the meeting.

1. Election of Chairman

The Clerk asked for nominations for the election of a Chairman for the forthcoming year. Councillor D German proposed that Councillor J Lang stayed in the position for another year. There were no other nominations. Councillor Mrs C Rule seconded Councillor D German's proposal, and it was RESOLVED that Councillor J Lang remain as Chairman for the forthcoming year.

The Chairman accepted the position and signed the Acceptance of Office form.

2. Election of Vice Chairman

The Chairman asked for nominations for the election of a Vice Chairman for the forthcoming year. The Chairman proposed that Councillor Mrs S Ormond stayed in the position for another year. This proposition was seconded by Councillor D Williams and it was RESOLVED to appoint Councillor Mrs S Ormond to the position.

The Vice Chairman accepted the position and signed the Acceptance of Office form.

3. Public Session

None

4. Police Report

The Chairman advised the meeting of the Police Report for the month of April as attached to these minutes. It was suggested that PSCO Berry be invited to attend the next Parish Council meeting.

5. Absence

None.

6. Minutes

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs C Rule, seconded by Councillor D German and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 15 April 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.

PA14/03652 – Mr M Grose – Mullion Cove Hotel – Proposed restaurant extension and alterations

The Agent attended the meeting and gave an outline of the planning application. No comments had been received from the public in relation to this application.

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor D German and RESOLVED to support this application.

PA14/03388 – Mr J Bray – The Bakery, Churchtown – Outline planning permission with some matters reserved: demolition of The Old Bakery Store and erection of a dwelling

The Agent attended the meeting and gave an outline of the planning application. He stated that this application was submitted in conjunction with the application below due to land being given to this application from the neighbouring property to allow for a more useable space. He also stated they were in discussion with Cornwall Council in relation to the provision of an off-site contribution towards affordable housing due to the number of dwellings that were to be created in the proximity of Alma House, which they had previously developed. No comments had been received from the public in relation to this application.

Concern was raised over the access onto the highway which was located opposite on street parking.

It was proposed by the Councillor Mrs S Ormond, seconded by Councillor D Williams and RESOLVED to support this application. The Clerk was asked, when responding to this consultation, to request that an off-site contribution is made to affordable housing provision in the Parish of Mullion.

PA14/03383 – Mr R Bray – Rear of Alma House, Churchtown – Erection of a dwelling

The Agent attended the meeting and gave an outline of the planning application. He stated that this application was submitted in conjunction with the application above due to land being given to this application from the neighbouring property to allow for a more useable space. As with the previous application, the Applicants were in discussion with Cornwall Council in relation to the provision of an off-site contribution towards affordable housing. No comments had been received from the public in relation to this application.

Again, concern was raised over the access onto the highway which was located opposite on street parking.

It was proposed by the Councillor D German, seconded by Councillor D Williams and RESOLVED to support this application. Two Councillors voted against the application. The Clerk was asked, when responding to this consultation, to request that an off-site contribution is made to affordable housing provision in the Parish of Mullion.

PA14/03855 – Mr & Mrs C Hunt – Trevelyan, Meaver Road – Demolition of dwelling, removal of mobile home and erection of replacement dwelling

The Applicants attended the meeting to answer any questions.

There was some concern regarding the style of the proposed dwelling, as it was not in keeping with the surrounding properties. The size of the property was approximately a third larger than the existing dwellings on the site. The development site was located outside of the village development boundary.

Following a lengthy discussion, it was proposed by Councillor D German, seconded by Councillor I Harvey and RESOLVED to support this application. One Councillor voted against the application.

Three members of the public left the meeting.

9. Report from Cornwall Councillor Mrs C Rule

Cornwall Councillor Mrs C Rule gave an update on the recently held Town and Parish Council Summit. She passed the paperwork received at that meeting to the Clerk.

Councillor Jim McKenna had been appointed as the Portfolio Holder for Health and Social Care following the resignation from the Cabinet by Councillor Judith Haycock. Jon Clements has also been appointed as the Independent Chairman of the Safeguarding Children Board.

Council Tax relief of up to 100% was now available for exceptional circumstances following the introduction of 'bedroom tax'.

Cornwall Council were undertaken a publicity drive to attract foster carers. A meeting was due to be held on 21 May 2014 at County Hall, Truro.

The issue of producing a Neighbourhood Plan was discussed, and what impact it would have on stopping large developments in the future. A seminar was being held on 25 June 2014, where further information would be provided.

Councillor Mrs C Rule's Community Chest was now open for applications for the new financial year. Forms could be obtained from the One Stop Shop at Helston. This money could also be match funded.

Councillor Mrs S Ormond made enquiries as to the Allocations Scheme Consultation that Cornwall Council was currently undertaking. A briefing session was taking place on 4 June in relation to this Consultation.

Cornwall Council were reviewing the existing conditions of the Housing Register. There were concerns over the amount of names registered on the list, and Councillors were urged to complete the survey being circulated. Councillor Mrs C Rule was asked to investigate the names on the Housing Register for Mullion.

10. Chairman and Clerks Comments

The Chairman gave some figures in relation housing needed in the village. The figures tended to show that rentable social housing is required within the Parish.

11. Public Rights of Way

Paths were reported to be in a good condition in the Parish.

It was noted that someone was spraying dog mess on the Coast Path to draw attention to it.

12. Public Open Spaces

The Clerk had provided Councillor I Harvey with a checklist for inspecting the park on a monthly basis.

An incident report form had been published by Cornwall Council for reporting litter, fly tipping and dog fouling.

It was noted that a car appears to have been abandoned in the Forge Car Park. The Clerk would report it to Cornwall Council.

13. Highways

A letter had been received from Mullion Old Cornwall Society in relation to the finger post at Penhale junction. They were hoping that it could be repaired, cleaned and repainted. It was suggested that an organisation within the Village took the finger post on as a project as the Parish Council was unable to attract grant funding from other sources. The Parish Council would be willing to support the project financially, as would Councillor Mrs C Rule. The Clerk was asked to write to the Old Cornwall Society suggesting that they contact Maxine Hardy at the One Stop Shop in Helston who could provide further details of grant funding available.

14. Recording Policy

The Clerk had previously circulated a draft Recording Policy. Due to recent changes in legislation, it was now possible for Parish Council meetings to be recorded. It was proposed by Councillor R Willey, seconded by Councillor D Williams and RESOLVED to adopt the Recording Policy with immediate effect and the Clerk was instructed to obtain quotations for the purchase of recording equipment for the Parish Council's records.

15. RoSPA Report

It was noted that there were some low risk issues that had arisen from the report in relation to the zip wire and the newer climbing frame. The Clerk had already raised the concerns with the play equipment installer, and was awaiting a reply.

16. Dispensation for voting of matters relating to the Playing Field as Trustees

The Clerk advised the meeting that a Dispensation was required to allow the Parish Councillors to discuss and vote on matters relating to St Mellans Park as Trustees. A Dispensation had been granted

to the Parish Councillors previously, but a fresh agreement was required at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

It was proposed by Councillor I Harvey, seconded by Councillor P Wilkins and RESOLVED for the Council to award all Members a dispensation in respect of decisions relating to the St Mellans Park until the day of the Annual Meeting in May 2015.

17. Insurance Policy 2014-15

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Mrs C Rule and RESOLVED to accept the insurance quotation from AON.

18. Formation of an Emergency Plan

Councillor R Willey had received a reply from the Riviera Stores following his request for shops in the Parish to open to supply goods in the event of an emergency. Riviera Stores had provided a contact telephone number and were willing to assist, should the need arise. Councillor R Willey would pass the plan to the Clerk for completion electronically.

Western Power had sent an emergency toolkit to the Parish Council which contained a windup radio, power pack, foil blanket and other useful items. The Clerk advised the meeting that it would be kept in the Parish Office. It was suggested that the Clerk contacted Western Power requesting several more packs for placing in various locations in the Village.

19. LGA 1972 requests for funding

A request for funding had been received from Cruse Bereavement Care. It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor D Williams and RESOLVED not to support the request for funding.

20. Annual Accounts to Year End 31 March 2014

i) To receive and approve the internally audited accounts for the Year Ending 31 March 2014

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs C Rule, seconded by Councillor Mrs S Ormond and RESOLVED to approve the audited accounts. The Chairman signed the relevant section of the audit form.

ii) To complete the Annual Governance Statement for the Year Ending 31 March 2014

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs C Rule, seconded by Councillor R Willey and RESOLVED to complete the Annual Governance Statement. The Chairman signed the relevant section of the audit form.

iii) To receive and note the report of the Internal Auditor

The meeting received and noted the report of the Internal Auditor.

iv) To appoint an Internal Auditor for 2014-15

It was proposed by Councillor R Willey, seconded by Councillor D German and RESOLVED to appoint Mr David Quill as the Internal Auditor for the forthcoming year.

21. Finance and Accounts

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

22. Other correspondence received

None.

The remaining public left the meeting.

23. Clerk's Salary

The Clerk left the room during the discussion of this item. It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor R Willey and RESOLVED to increase the Clerk's pay by one spinal point to SCP25.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm.

Signed:

Chairman

Dated: