

Mullion Parish Council Meeting held on **Tuesday 15 July 2014** at **7.00pm** at The Centenary Room, Methodist Chapel, Churchtown, Mullion

Councillors Present

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

Six members of the public attended the meeting.

1. Public Session

Mr R Felce stated that the National Trust representative for the area, Mr Justin Whitehouse, had previously advised the meeting that there was no budget to fund the repair or maintenance of Mullion Harbour. Following a meeting of representatives from the National Trust, Cornwall Council and the Parish Council, Councillor Mrs C Rule was able to confirm that the Harbour would be repaired following the winter storms of 2013-2014. She stated, again, that in the event of a catastrophic event occurring at the Harbour, it may not be repaired in the future. That time had not arrived yet, and a collective decision would be made amongst various organisations when that point was reached.

2. Police Report

No report had been received for the month of June, and PCSO Berry was not in attendance.

3. Absence

Councillors A Gilbert and D Williams were not in attendance.

4. Minutes

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs S Ormond, seconded by Councillor D German and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 17 June 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 decisions were made.

PA14/03383 - Mr Richard Bray - Rear of Alma House, Churchtown – Erection of Dwelling (Amended Design)

The Agent and Applicant for the planning application attended the meeting and advised that the amended design included the pavement in the boundary line to ensure that access to the site was possible from the highway. He also confirmed that, following negotiations with Cornwall Council, an off-site Local Needs Housing contribution of £26,000 would be paid to Cornwall council and ring-fenced for the Mullion Parish.

It was proposed by Councillor D German, seconded by Councillor P Wilkins and RESOLVED to support this application. The Clerk was asked to request that a Section 106 Agreement was put in place regarding the Local Needs Housing contribution to ensure that the money was ring-fenced for the Parish of Mullion.

PA14/03388 - Mr Jonathan Bray - Outline planning permission with some matters reserved: Demolition of The Old Bakery Store and Erection of a Dwelling (Amended Design)

The Agent for the application attended the meeting and advised that the amended design included the pavement in the boundary line to ensure that access to the site was possible from the highway. Concerns had also been raised by a neighbouring property regarding the overbearing nature of the proposed dwelling. The Applicant had agreed to reduce the ridge height by 130mm and to move the property away from the boundary to reduce the impact on the neighbouring property. It was thought that these amendments would satisfy the concerns raised by the neighbours.

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

Two members of the public left the meeting at this point.

PA14/05089 – The National Trust - Proposed works to repair storm damage to the southern and western breakwaters

The Meeting agreed that these works were essential to the future of the Harbour, and hoped that they would commence in the very near future,

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

PA14/05090 – The National Trust - Listed building consent application for proposed works to repair storm damage to the southern and western breakwaters

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

PA14/05136 - Mr Quentin Haigh – Brambles, Polurrian Road - To dismantle an existing shed and build a 10 metre by 4.8 metre shed to house a model railway

The Applicant attended the meeting and advised Councillors that he wished to set up a model railway to house his existing collection. There was some concern over the size of the proposed shed, and the applicant gave assurances that the building would only be used for his own private use, save for the

occasional charity fundraising event. Large trees had already been removed from the site, which was disappointing.

It was suggested that a condition be placed on the shed that once the model railway is removed, the shed was to be removed from the site. The Applicant was satisfied with this recommendation.

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Mrs C Rule and RESOLVED to support this application with the condition of 'exclusive use as a model railway shed' attached to the permission.

PA14/05114 – National Trust – Teneriffe Farm Caravan Park – Variation of Condition 1 in relation to Decision Notice PA07/01739/FD

It was noted that this variation of a condition to allow the temporary use of a holiday caravan by the site warden as an office and year round living accommodation was for a period of 3 years. The National Trust suggested that the tenant farmer of Teneriffe may subsequently take over the management of the camping site, in which event the proposed office and living accommodation would revert to being a holiday caravan once again.

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor P Wilkins and RESOLVED to support this application. Once Councillor abstained from the vote.

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

PA14/04517 - Mr Waterworth - Cauce Head, Mullion - To erect a white PVCu conservatory to the front of the property – Approved

PA14/03024 - Mrs Louisa Ellery - Angrouse Farm, Angrouse Lane - Variation of condition 2 in respect of decision notice PA11/06229 dated 20 September 2011 to allow stables to be used for business purposes – Approved with conditions, the second of which states “Only two of the stables shall be used for business purposes and the other two shall be used as stables for private domestic purposes only in relation to the dwelling house known as Angrouse Farmhouse”.

The Application had been heard by the Planning Committee following the Parish Council's recommendation to refuse, and the Planning Officers recommendation to approve. Councillor Mrs C Rule had been unable to attend the Planning Committee Meeting, but had spoken with several colleagues in relation to the application, and had provided Cornwall Councillor Walter Sanger with a robust list of material planning reasons for the application to be refused. The Planning Committee had voted almost unanimously in favour of approving the application. It was suggested that Councillor Mrs C Rule, the Chairman, and any other Councillor that felt strongly enough about this matter, write to the Chief Executive of Cornwall Council, Mr Andrew Kerr.

7. Report from Cornwall Councillor Mrs C Rule

Councillor Mrs C Rule advised the Meeting that she had recently approved two grant applications for the Parish.

A reactive consultation was taking place in relation to the recent Devon and Cornwall Police and Crime Panel decision regarding Station Enquiry Rationalisation. The Clerk had circulated correspondence in relation to this consultation and Councillors were asked to respond with their opinions.

Cornwall Council would now be publishing details of stray dogs taken into custody by the Dog Wardens on their website. This information would be kept up to date frequently and in a timely manner.

Chacewater Parish Council had circulated a letter of complaint addressed to Cornwall Council to all of the Parish and Town Councils in the County in an attempt to canvass support. Councillor Mrs C Rule advised the meeting that the letter was rehashed from a much earlier letter and some of it was factually incorrect, but it was felt by Councillors that some of the content did ring true with Mullion Parish Council. A response had been requested from the Leader of Cornwall Council, Councillor John Pollard, and it was agreed to discuss the matter further once that response had been received. One member of the public left the meeting at this point.

8. Chairman and Clerks Comments

Following the informal meeting with Chloe Pitt from Cornwall Council regarding the formation of a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish of Mullion, it was agreed to hold an Extraordinary Parish Council on Thursday 24 July 2014 at 10am in The Parish Office to discuss the matter further, and to make a decision on whether to commence the project, or not. Councillor Mrs S Ireland gave her apologies in advance.

9. Public Rights of Way

No issues were raised.

10. Public Open Spaces

Following the RoSPA report undertaken in April, it was suggested that the bearings be replaced on the roundabout. The cost of this work would be £750.00 plus VAT. It was felt that the roundabout was not dangerous, children were still able to use it and that it may be replaced in the next round of additions to the park. The Clerk would not pursue the matter any further.

Councillor I Harvey confirmed that the Park was in good order, and had completed the monthly maintenance checklist. New shackles and chains had been ordered for one of the junior swings and the replacement zip wire seat was on order from Lars Laj. Councillor I Harvey would fit the new parts once they arrived.

Two quotes had been received for the painting of the large climbing frame. It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor D German and RESOLVED to instruct Mr K Robinson to undertake the work.

11. Highways

A complaint had been received regarding the access through the railings at the entrance of the Willis Veau to Carey Parc footpath. It was difficult for large mobility scooters to fit between the railings, and there was no dropped kerb from the pavement to the road. The Clerk would ask the Highways Department to look into the matter.

Councillor Mrs C Rule had obtained a quote for the refurbishment of the finger post at Penhale, and would send the information to the Old Cornwall Society.

12. Proposed Pitcher VC Memorial

With the centenary of World War 1 occurring in August this year, the Government is laying memorial stones for recipients of the Victoria Cross. Petty Officer Ernest Pitcher VC was born in 2 Coastguard Cottages, Mullion, in December 1888, but he and his family moved to Swanage in Dorset before he was three years old, and that was where he spent the rest of his life. His memorial stone will be laid there at the request of his family and military organisations with whom he was closely associated. Due to the interest taken in the Centenary of WW1 by Mullion Primary School and the Heritage Centre, it was considered that he should be commemorated in this Parish too.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs S Ormond, seconded by the Chairman and RESOLVED to recommend that a commemorative plaque be commissioned through the Heritage Centre, which the Parish Council would fund to recognise Mr Pitcher's contribution to WW1. A photo of the memorial laid in Swanage could also be obtained for the Heritage Centre's display.

13. Formation of an Emergency Plan

Councillor R Willey had completed the document, and the Clerk was in the process of electronically processing the Plan. The template had, unfortunately been altered since Councillor R Willey first completed the Plan, and additional information may be required.

14. Completed Audit 2013/14

The Clerk advised the meeting that the Audit for 2013/14 had been completed and there were no comments. Thanks were given to the Clerk.

15. LGA 1972 requests for funding

No requests for funding had been received.

Councillor Mrs S Ormond advised the meeting that the Women's Section of the Royal British Legion in Mullion had decided to organise a Remembrance Day Parade in 2014 and had booked a band. An official request letter would be submitted in due course.

16. 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.

The Clerk suggested that due to more and more online purchases for the Council, she would benefit from a debit card on the bank account. It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor D

German and RESOLVED to instruct the Clerk to make enquiries into obtaining a debit card for the current account, and to go ahead and order one, if possible.

17. Other correspondence received

The Clerk advised the meeting of the Code of Conduct training taking place at The Guildhall, Helston on 8 September 2014 from 6-8pm and urged Councillors to attend.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35pm.

Signed:
Chairman

Dated:

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