

**Mullion Parish Council Extraordinary Meeting** held on **Tuesday 24 July 2014** at **10.00am** at The Parish Office, Mullion School, Meaver Road, Mullion

## **Councillors Present**

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

The Chairman opened the meeting.

### **1. Public Session**

The Chairman advised the meeting that he was disappointed that the last meeting became heated and reminded Councillors that comments should be made through the Chair, he also asked Councillors to keep remarks factual and free from nasty comments.

### **2. Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs S Ireland. Councillors A Gilbert and D Williams were also not in attendance.

### **3. Minutes**

Due to only a week passing since the last meeting, the minutes would be agreed at the August meeting of the Parish Council.

### **4. Declarations of Interest**

None.

### **5. Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish of Mullion**

The Chairman started the discussion with his comments. He stated that a Neighbourhood Plan could give a community the power to grant Planning Permission for developments over and above what is already in a District Council Local plan, but does not give a power to reduce developments in that Local Plan. A Neighbourhood Plan is therefore not be used as a way of stopping development and preserving an area just as it is. He felt that a simple plan was more likely to be accepted by the Community, and the Inspector. An approved Plan should be revisited every 3-5 years, up until the end date in 2030. A Neighbourhood Plan could possibly attract a larger proportion of the newly proposed Local Levy on any development. The policies adopted by Cornwall Council would still have a bearing on development in the Parish. He believed that the Community should be consulted before designating.

The following comments were made by Councillors present at the meeting:-

- Concern was raised over the amount of interest that would come from residents and businesses in the Village, and to get the turn out required for a successful referendum.
- How will the consultation with the neighbourhood be undertaken?
- A public meeting should be held prior to any decision being made.

Councillor S Ormond joined the meeting

- A neighbourhood plan was designed to strengthen Cornwall Council's policies and would show what the local Community wanted for its Village. The Plan should be positive, and was not intended to stop development, quite the opposite in fact.
- Could Neighbourhood Plans influence Planning Pre-applications?

After a lengthy discussion about the pros and cons of drawing up a Neighbourhood Plan, it was agreed that the final decision should come from the Community. It was proposed by Councillor D German, seconded by the Chairman and proposed that a communication was produced which would be widely circulated to canvas opinion and determine the level of interest in the community. Councillors were asked to come to the August meeting with suggestions on the form and wording for this communication.

#### **6. Other correspondence received**

The Methodist Chapel wished to use the Mullion Garden for a service to commemorate the beginning of the First World War. Representatives from the Parish Council were invited to attend the service on Friday 8 August at 6.30pm, and further details would be circulated in due course.

A Pre Application had been submitted by Polurrian Hotel for the installation of 12 holiday chalets. This information had been discovered through the local press, and Councillor Mrs Rule will speak to Cornwall Council to ascertain if the Parish Council is due to be consulted or notified.

Councillor P Wilkins advised the meeting that Mullion Gym had also submitted a Pre Application for the erection of four dwellings on the site of the Gym.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 11.17am.

Signed: .....

**Chairman**

Dated: .....