

Mullion Parish Council Meeting held on **Tuesday 19 August 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	R Willey
Mrs S Ireland	P Wilkins
J Lang (Chairman)	D Williams

Three members of the public attended the meeting.

1. Public Session

A member of the public wished to offer his condolences following the recent tragic accident on the B3297 at St Keverne.

Mr Felce wished to advise the Parish Council that an acquaintance had overheard the contractors at Mullion Harbour discussing the refurbishment of the southern and western piers, for which they had won the contract. He raised concerns over the future of the southern pier, and the proposed repairs on the western pier. Councillor Mrs C Rule agreed to contact the National Trust representative on this matter and to chase the Listed Building Consent Planning Application as winter was fast approaching.

2. Police Report

The Chairman read the report for the month of July, as attached to these minutes.

3. Absence

None.

4. Minutes

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs C Rule, seconded by Councillor Mrs S Ireland and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 15 July be approved as a true record and be duly signed by the Chairman.

It was proposed by Councillor I Harvey, seconded by Councillor Mrs C Rule and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 24 July 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.

PA14/06201 - Mrs J Jones – Meadowbank, Angrouse Lane - Erection of a summerhouse

No comments had been received from the public in relation to this application. It was proposed by Councillor P Wilkins, second by Councillor D German and RESOLVED to support this application.

PA14/06762 - Mr & Mrs J F Hoskin - 18 Clifden Close - Proposed Conservatory extension to an existing domestic dwelling

No comments had been received from the public in relation to this application, which was located within the village development boundary. Concern was raised in relation to the conservatory on the front of the dwelling not being in keeping with the other houses in the street.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs S Ormond, second by Councillor P Wilkins and RESOLVED to support this application. Two councillors voted against the application, and one abstained.

PA14/06979 - Mr D Sandford - Sea Breezes, Polurrian Road - Proposed extension and alterations including rooflights

No comments had been received from the public in relation to this application. It was proposed by Councillor D German, second by Councillor P Wilkins and RESOLVED to support this application.

PA14/06151 – Mr P Hall - La Flouder Thatch, Laflouder Lane - Use of a swimming pool, originally installed in 1981 and hot tub cabin installed 2000

No comments had been received from the public in relation to this application. It was proposed by Councillor Mrs S Ireland, second by Councillor P Wilkins and RESOLVED to support this application.

PA14/07318 – Mr A Delle - Woodland Area, Woodlands – Removal and trimming of various Cherry, Sycamore and Lime Trees due to excessive shading

No comments had been received from the public in relation to this application. It was proposed by Councillor P Wilkins, second by Councillor D German and RESOLVED to agree with the Tree Preservation Officer's advise.

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

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

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 - Approved with conditions

It was noted that Planning Enforcement had not kept the Parish Council up to date in relation to open cases in the village. Councillor Mrs C Rule advised the Parish Council that Cornwall Council had requested at Planning Application from the owners of The White Cottage, Meaver Road in relation to

the ongoing planning breach on the garage/amenity room being used as a holiday let. The Clerk was asked to obtain the latest position on Sea View Farm, and the newly signposted Far View Farm, Predannack.

7. Report from Cornwall Councillor Mrs C Rule

Councillor Mrs C Rule advised the Meeting that recent consultation on Police Station front desk closures by the Police and Crime Commissioner had now been completed. The majority of the consultees agreed that the front desks should be closed, but not until another service was appropriately installed as the existing 101 service was not fit for purpose. The findings of the consultation would be taken back to the Panel, albeit retrospectively as the front desk closures had already taken place.

Concern had been raised by a resident in relation to the overflowing recycling bins in the Forge Car Park and rubbish being put out on the pavements early and wildlife attacking the bin bags. Councillor Mrs C Rule would contact the relevant department at Cornwall Council, although it was mentioned that the Council sold bags for placing rubbish in to prevent wildlife attacking bin bags. In relation to the recycling bins in the Forge Car Park, the Clerk advised the meeting that anyone could report the bins being full to the numbers on the side of the bins. Unfortunately, the collection company did not empty the bins on a regular schedule, but awaited a call for emptying.

Councillor Mrs S Ireland advised the meeting that following the revised bus timetable the buses were going via Meneage Road instead on Trengrouse Way again. This happened previously, and Councillor Mrs C Rule managed to amend the route. She promised to try to again, as older bus users found that route to be more accessible to the shops at the top of the town.

8. Chairman and Clerks Comments

None

9. Public Rights of Way

Councillor R Willey advised the meeting that the South West Coast Path was not being cut back to the same standard as in previous years. The Parish Council's contractor was undertaking the work this year as part of a Local Maintenance Partnership. It was felt that Cornwall Council actually did a better job than our contractor, and it was suggested that we did not take part in the LMP for the Coast Path next year. Some of the overgrown paths were thought to be the responsibility of the land owner, although Cornwall Council had maintained them in previous years.

The hedge adjacent to Torn-an-Forth, St Mellan's Terrace was overgrown. The Clerk was asked to contact the owner of the property, Messrs. D & J Bray.

10. Public Open Spaces

The Chairman was delighted to announce that Mullion Garden had been awarded the Green Flag again this year. The Clerk was asked to write a thank you letter to the Chairman of Mullion in Bloom, Mary Kemp in recognition of the award and to commend Mullion in Bloom on the super summer display.

Councillor I Harvey raised the issue of rubbish being left in the park. Most people were being helpful by bagging up their rubbish, but were leaving it next to the bin when it was full. This attracted wildlife to the site which was causing a mess. It was suggested that another larger bin should be placed next to the

existing orange bin at the park end of the playing field. It was thought that there may be two bins at the other end of the park, and Councillor D Williams agreed to move one to the park end if so. If not, it was proposed by Councillor D German, seconded by Councillor P Wilkins and AGREED that another bin should be purchased and installed.

Councillor I Harvey confirmed that the park was in good order and that replacement bolts had been requested for the climbing frame as some had been removed.

11. Highways

Councillor I Harvey raised the suggestion that a sign should be erected on Nansmellyon Road to point out where the Health Centre was located. He had been told by a business located further along Nansmellyon Road that people often asked where the Health Centre was. Cornwall Council would erect a sign as the Health Centre was classed as a public building, but someone would have to pay for the creation and erection of the sign. It was suggested that regular users of the Health Centre were aware of where it was located, and that it was not the Parish Council's responsibility to pay for a sign post for a private business. It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor D Williams and RESOLVED to ask the Clerk to write to the Health Centre asking them to erect a directional sign for the Health Centre from Nansmellyon Road.

The Clerk advised the meeting that the Area Manager for Cormac had been contacted in relation to the mobility scooter access on the footpath from Willis Vean to Carey Parc. He confirmed that the railings were in place to stop children running onto the road, and that there was little room for moving them due to the presence of utility covers. In relation to the dropped kerbs, there was one at the Willis Vean end of the footpath that could reasonably be used. At the school end, there were a number of utilities preventing a further dropped kerb, but he agreed to ask Cornwall Council if they were prepared to fund a dropped kerb in that location.

It was noted that the dropped kerb had not been installed at the entrance to Melvin House, Nansmellyon Road and that temporary rubber ramps were still being used. The Clerk would investigate this matter.

One member of the public left the meeting.

12. Letter received from the Leader of Cornwall Council in response to the Chacewater PC letter

Councillors had been circulated with copies of the original letter from Chacewater Parish Council and the subsequent response from the Leader of Cornwall Council.

It was felt that the issue raised in Chacewater Parish Council's letter in relation to Planning was fair, although the other issues were not relevant to Mullion Parish Council.

Jeremy Rowe, Cornwall Council Cabinet Member for Localism, had offered to visit the Parish Council meeting to discuss the issue of Localism and to discuss some of the points raised in Chacewater Parish Council's letter. Following a lengthy discussion in relation to the benefit of Mr Rowe attending a meeting, it was proposed by Councillor P Wilkins, seconded by Councillor Mrs S Ireland and RESOLVED to invite Mr Rowe to the meeting due to be held on Tuesday 16 September 2014. Four Councillors voted against Mr Rowe attending the meeting. Mr Rowe would be given half an hour from 6.45pm to address the meeting, and Councillors were urged to bring questions and case studies to the meeting for discussion.

13. Formation of an Emergency Plan

The Clerk advised the meeting that she had requested electronic maps from the Emergency Management Team at Cornwall Council for inclusion in the plan. Once they had been received, the entire Draft Plan would be circulated to Councillors for their input.

It was suggested that the Parish Council held a pay as you go mobile phone for use in an emergency. The Clerk would investigate the possibility of a mobile phone.

It was also mentioned that the Amateur Radio club could be useful in the event of a communication blackout. The Clerk would liaise with Councillor Mrs C Rule in relation to who's details should be included in the Emergency Plan.

14. The Provision of a Neighbourhood Plan

Concern was once again raised over the amount of work involved in creating a Neighbourhood Plan for Mullion. It was noted however, that the decision had been taken at the previous Parish Council Meeting to consult with the public on whether they wanted a Neighbourhood Plan for their Parish, and to find out if there was any offers of assistance in putting together a Neighbourhood Plan, as it could not be drawn up by the Parish Council.

Some draft letters had been drawn up, and it was discussed at length as to how the public would be made aware of the public meeting that would be held in October. It was suggested that a letter and questionnaire could be distributed to every household in Mullion or that a notice could be placed in all of the local newspapers inviting expressions of interest and advising of the public meeting in October. The Clerk would agree a date with the booking officer for the Chapel.

It was proposed by Councillor D German, seconded by Councillor P Wilkins and RESOLVED to put a notice in each of the local papers along the lines of the draft letters which gave a small amount of background information, requested expressions of interest and gave the details of the public meeting to be held in October. A budget of up to £500.00 was agreed for the press notices. Councillor I Harvey did not support this proposal. It was also agreed to leave some hard copies in the post office and to place a copy on the notice boards. Further information could also be placed on the website.

15. LGA 1972 requests for funding

No requests for funding had been received.

16. 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.

17. Other correspondence received

The Clerk advised the meeting of the following:-

Cornwall Council Your Budget meeting – 30th September, County Hall, 6.30pm

The Review of Polling Places had now been completed and it was recommended that the WI Hall remained as the polling station in Mullion.

A letter had been received from Mr Maydon, owner of the plot at the corner of Polurrian Road and Gwel an Garrek. He was seeking the views of the Parish council in relation to a way forward for the site as local neighbours had expressed their desire for him to do something with the property. Councillors agreed that their views had not changed in relation to the development of this site for a dwelling since the last planning application was received. The Parish Council had not received any comments from the public in relation to this site. The Clerk would respond accordingly.

The Clerk had been contacted by a member of the public in relation to the Vodafone Sure Signal scheme which involved individual householders or businesses placing a signal box on the exterior of their building to allow Vodafone customers to have better mobile phone coverage in the area. The Parish Council had been asked for their views, and it was agreed that Councillors did not feel strongly either for or against the scheme, but would lend support if required. The Parish Council would not, however, take ownership of the project. The Clerk would relay that information back to the member of the public.

A letter was received from Councillor Mrs S Ormond in relation to a Remembrance Day Parade that would take place on 9 November 2014. The Parish Council agreed to purchase a wreath from Mary Cooper Brown, as they had done in previous years.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.17pm.

Signed:

Chairman

Dated: