

Mullion Parish Council Meeting held on **Tuesday 19 January 2016** at **7.00pm** in The Centenary Room, Methodist Chapel, Churchtown, Mullion

Councillors Present

D German	J Lang (Chairman)
A Gilbert	Mrs L Skeites
I Harvey (Vice Chairman)	P Wilkins
Mrs S Ireland	R Willey

Twenty members of the public attended the meeting, including Graeme Wilkinson, West Briton reporter and PC Anne Butcher, Helston and the Lizard Neighbourhood Beat Manager.

The Chairman opened the meeting, welcomed everyone and advised of the fire procedures.

Prior to the Agenda, the presentation of the “Ron Curnow Outstanding Contribution to Mullion Award” was made. The 2014 recipient of this Award was Mr John Lang. Passing the shield over to the 2015 recipient, Mrs Mary Kemp, Chairman of Mullion in Bloom, he remarked that Mary worked tirelessly for the village, and that Mullion in Bloom made Mullion a beautiful place to live. Mrs Kemp also received a Cornish lapel pin and a certificate while Press photographers recorded the event. Mrs Kemp thanked her committee and family for their support, especially her husband Richard.

Seven members of the public then left the meeting.

1. Public Session

Mr Martin Raftery of Mullion Meadows advised the meeting that he had signed the contract with the Post Office and that a six week consultation process would now commence. If no concerns were raised during that process, it was hoped that the Post Office would transfer to Mullion Meadows in May. The Chairman gave the Parish Council’s full support to the move.

2. Police Report

PC Anne Butcher introduced herself as the Neighbourhood Beat Manager for Helston and The Lizard. She stated that resources were incredibly stretched but that a member of her Team would endeavour to attend meetings as often as possible. She went on to say that PCSO’s were incredibly valued within her Team and that there was no change to the policing in the area in the foreseeable future. She asked everyone present to report any issues as soon as they occurred, via the 01326 555158 number.

The Chairman read the Police Report for the month of November and asked for a definition of ‘logs’. PC Butcher advised that a log was a record created every time a matter was reported to the Police, whether it was criminal activity or not.

The Chairman thanked PC Butcher for attending and she then left the meeting.

3. Absence

Councillor Mrs C Rule had submitted her apologies to the meeting.

4. Minutes

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs S Ireland, seconded by Councillor D German and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 15 December 2015 be approved as a true record and be duly signed by the Chairman.

5. Declarations of Interest

None.

6. Planning

Following consideration by the Councillors of the Planning Applications received from Cornwall Council, the following decisions were made:

PA15/11444 - Mr N Tonkin - 4 Park En Venton - Proposed extension and alterations

No concerns had been raised by neighbours.

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

PA15/10718 - Mr S Musgreaves - Land Off Park En Venton Redannack North - Erection of 31 dwellings (21 affordable and 10 open market), estate roads, parking areas and open space

Sara Hodges from Coastline, Chloe Pitt from the Planning Department and Steve Smith the Planning Agent were in attendance.

The Chairman opened by stating that much work had been undertaken with the Planning Department to identify sites for future development in Mullion. An extension to the Park En Venton estate remained the Parish Council's preferred site.

Mrs S Ormond, Redannack North resident, read letters of objection to the meeting. Concerns raised included access through Redannack estate to reach Park en Venton, access for emergency services, capacity at the schools and doctors and the impact on the nearby sheltered housing in Redannack North. Historical flooding on the site, which was located within the AONB, was also stated to be of concern.

Five more neighbour objections had been submitted directly to the online planning register.

A further concern was raised in relation to the attenuation pond located within the proposed open space. The Developer, Mr Smith, explained that the pond would hold excess surface water runoff until the ground was able to absorb it naturally. Maintenance for the open space (including the pond) could pass to the Parish Council along with a maintenance payment, or it could remain in private ownership. Mr Smith confirmed that he was happy to have the attenuation pond fenced off completely and provide an offsite contribution by way of a S106 Agreement for the provision of open space. Councillors

expressed a serious concern with the installation of an attenuation pond in such close proximity to the housing development both proposed and existing. The pond could not be made completely safe and would inevitably attract children to the site which could prove dangerous. Councillor D Williams remarked that many years ago, a drain pipe ran from that field to the stream at the bottom of the valley and it was suggested that this be explored further.

Footpath 16 passed through the proposed open space, although no mention had been made of the public right of way on the planning application.

Vehicular blocking of the access into Redannack estate has been a problem for many years. Cars parked on the highway and near to junctions create a single line of traffic in and out of the estate. Sara Hodges, Coastline, advised the meeting that they had created several off road parking areas on the estate over the past few years. Two further parking spaces were to be created in the middle of the estate, although it was felt that this would do little to alleviate the problem. Highways and the Fire Service had been consulted on the application and had supported the plans without concern. At the suggestion of double yellow lines on the access to Redannack estate, Ms Hodges advised the meeting that a Traffic Order would need to be created. It was noted that ample parking had been created on the proposed development site for the dwellings as well as for visitors.

The Chairman remarked that the layout, balance and type of the proposed housing was acceptable, but the planning application had to be discussed in its entirety.

The Chairman asked for a proposer to support the application. None was forthcoming.

It was then proposed by Councillor D German, seconded by Councillor P Wilkins and unanimously RESOLVED to object to the planning application for the following reasons:-

- Access into Redannack estate and Park en Venton required attention due to the huge amount of vehicles that parked along the highway and on the junctions;
- The proposed open space contained a public right of way that had not been included on the plans;
- The proposed open space was too well hidden from onlookers and could attract problems with youths; and
- The location of the attenuation pond so close to the existing housing estate and proposed development posed a huge risk to children.

Four members of the public left the meeting.

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

PA15/07139 - Mrs T Antwis – Tremellyon, Polurrian Road - Extension and alterations including balconies to the existing detached dwelling (amended design following approval PA13/00036) – Approved

PA15/10990 – National Trust – Land adjacent to Lower Predannack Wollas Farm – Non-material amendment to allow amended treatment plant from different manufacturer resulting in smaller cover size required within compound than in PA14/10430 - Approved

7. Report from Cornwall County Councillor Mrs C Rule

Cornwall Councillor Mrs C Rule had submitted her apologies to the meeting, and had provided the following report:-

- The new Chief Executive of Cornwall Council, Kate Kennelly, was now in post.
- The Boundary Commission planned to undertake a review of the number of Councillors on Cornwall Council. The boundary review will not take place before the 2017 elections, although the work is expected to be completed soon after the 2017 elections.

8. Chairman and Clerks Comments

None.

9. Public Rights of Way

Councillor Mrs S Ireland advised that someone had fallen in the Forge Car Park when walking from Redannack estate towards the village. As had previously been mentioned, the footpath did not pass across the car park. The footpath ran around the edge of the car park and was clearly laid out. The installation of a fence along the side of the car park to stop pedestrians was again raised. It was considered that while this may stop pedestrians crossing the car park, it was decided that it would not be a good use of tax payers' money.

10. Public Open Spaces

The Clerk advised the meeting that Mullion in Bloom wished to plant young holly bushes under the existing holly bushes on the southern boundary hedge in the St Mellans Park. The existing bushes were old and very top heavy. The Parish Council fully supported the idea.

The Clerk, Chairman and Councillor Mrs S Ireland had met with a play equipment representative that morning in relation to obtaining a quote for the installation of outdoor play equipment in the Park. The Clerk would obtain two quotes for similar equipment and bring a report to the February meeting.

Councillor I Harvey advised the meeting that there was some cracking occurring on the baby swing seat rubber. He would monitor the situation.

The new vehicular access to the Cemetery required widening at the right angled corner. The Clerk had spoken to the contractor who was to visit the site and report back to her. It was also noted that the graves that were now being dug were situated on solid rock. The grave diggers were getting through the rock, but during busy times and periods of wet weather, it may be necessary to skip to another location slightly further away from the most recently dug grave.

11. Highways

Councillor D Williams advised the meeting that he had cleared the ditches at the side of the road at Chypons.

The Chairman had received notification that the road between Predannack Manor Farm and Teneriffe Farm would be closed for resurfacing works on Wednesday 20 January 2016.

It was noted that there was running water on Meaver Road between the Quarry and the School. The situation would be monitored.

12. Campaign to Protect Rural England Subscription

It was proposed by Councillor R Willey, seconded by Councillor D Williams and RESOLVED to subscribe to the Campaign to Protect Rural England.

13. To receive any LGA 1972 Section 137 Requests for funding

A thank you letter had been received from Cornwall Air Ambulance.

Mullion Methodist Monday Club had now raised sufficient funds to purchase a second defibrillator for the village. The cost of the defibrillator (minus VAT) had been transferred to the Parish Council, who would write a cheque for the full amount and claim the VAT back in due course.

14. Finance and Accounts

It was proposed by Councillor I Harvey, seconded by Councillor D German and RESOLVED to confirm the accounts and to pay the invoices.

15. Other correspondence received

None.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10pm.

Signed:

Chairman

Dated: