

Mullion Parish Assembly held on **Tuesday 21 May 2016** at 7.00pm in The Centenary Room, Methodist Chapel, Churchtown, Mullion

Councillors Present

D German	Mrs L Skeites
I Harvey (Vice Chairman)	P Wilkins
J Lang (Chairman)	R Willey
Mrs S Ireland	D Williams
M Rowse	

Twelve members of the public also attended the meeting.

1. Report from the Chairman of Mullion Parish Council for the year ending 31 March 2016

The Chairman referred to the minutes produced by the Clerk which gave a comprehensive view of the past twelve months. It was noted that Councillors are approached on a daily basis, both electronically and in the street, even though the Parish Council only met as a whole monthly. The past 10 years had been spent building the current good reputation of the Parish Council, although the use of social media threatened to ruin the trust between the electorate and the Council. Councillors were asked to pass comments through the Clerk before commenting on issues online.

The Chairman was sorry to see the resignation of Councillors Sue Ormond and Alec Gilbert, who had been replaced by the co-option of Councillors Lorraine Skeites and Mike Rowse, respectively. He looked forward to working with the new Councillors in the future and commended Mrs Ormond and Mr Gilbert on their many years of service to the Village.

The Chairman thanked Mullion in Bloom for their tremendous efforts in making Mullion a better place to live. He congratulated them on winning the Green Flag for the Mullion Garden again in 2015 and wished them luck in the forthcoming year.

The whole village was shocked and saddened to hear of the sad passing of our much loved Post Master, Malcolm Grimmer. The Chairman wished Joss and the Grimmer family all the best for the future, and the hope of some happiness.

The land at Park En Venton had received planning permission with the support of the Parish Council and work had already started on site. This development would be a huge bonus for the village as it contained 21 local needs houses – 18 of which would be social rentable accommodation. With only 10 open market houses, this represented an excellent ratio in the current economic climate.

Despite the Parish Council's strong opposition to the demolition of Tresidder, a much loved house located on the cliff top above Polurrian Beach, Cornwall Council had given planning approval. A new dwelling would now be constructed on its site.

St Mellan's Park remained well used by residents of the village as well as visitors. The installation of the outside gym equipment, finance by S106 amenity Money received from the Riviera Development in 2009, had proved popular.

The Cemetery and Park were well maintained by the Contractor and the installation of a vehicular access was a huge success.

The three public toilet facilities managed by the Parish Council continued to receive positive comments. Unfortunately, the facilities could not be opened 365 days a year due to financial constraints, but they were all open during school holidays and continuously from the end of May to the end of September. Tremenhee toilets remained open full time. Annually, the toilets cost £14,000 to run. The Toilet operative and her family deserved to be recognised for their continuous hard work and commitment to the Village.

Finally, the Chairman thanked the Councillors for their dedication to the Parish. Everyone worked hard for the good of the community. He urged anyone with an interest in the Parish to stand for Election in May 2017.

2. Report of the Parish Council's Finances for the year ending 31 March 2016

As attached to these minutes.

3. Reports from Associations and Organisations in Mullion

The following organisations gave reports, as attached to these minutes:-

- Mullion Horticultural Society
- Mullion Heritage Association
- Mullion Handbell Ringers
- Mullion Methodist Monday Club
- Mullion In Bloom

The Chairman stated that many organisations contributed a huge amount of time and effort in the Village, and he thanked them for their commitment.

The Clerk advised the meeting that Cancer Research UK, Mullion Branch had raised £5,500 in 2015 and £2,000 so far in 2016.

4. Comments, proposals and questions from the public

None.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.22pm.

Signed:
Chairman

Dated: