

Mullion Parish Council Meeting held on **Tuesday 17 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	

Nine members of the public attended the meeting.

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

1. Election of a Chairman

The Clerk asked for nominations for the election of a Chairman for the forthcoming year. She stated that the current Chairman was willing to stand again if that was the wish of the Council. It was proposed by Councillor D German that Councillor J Lang stayed in the position for another year. There were no other nominations. Councillor R Willey seconded the proposal, and it was unanimously RESOLVED that Councillor J Lang remain as Chairman for the forthcoming year. Councillor R Willey thanked Councillor J Lang for his hard work and commitment to the Parish

The Chairman accepted the position and signed the Acceptance of Office form.

2. Election of a Vice-Chairman

The Chairman asked for nominations for the election of a Vice Chairman. Councillor M Rowse proposed that Councillor I Harvey stayed in the position for another year. This proposition was seconded by Councillor D Williams and it was unanimously RESOLVED to appoint Councillor I Harvey to the position.

The Vice Chairman accepted the position and signed the Acceptance of Office form.

3. Public Session

No issues were raised.

4. Absence

Councillor Mrs C Rule had submitted her apologies to the Clerk due to illness. She was wished a speedy recovery.

5. Minutes

Councillor Mrs S Ireland stated that the attendees present were incorrect. Following amendment of the minutes, it was proposed by Councillor Mrs S Ireland, seconded by Councillor R Willey and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 19 April 2016 be approved as a true record and be duly signed by the Chairman.

6. Declarations of Interest

None.

7. Planning

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

PA16/03355 – The Co-op Group - Single storey extension to Post Office building to create convenience store with associated parking - Mullion Post Office, Nansmellyon Road

The Parish Council had received no letters of objection from the public, although there were several on the Cornwall Council website which contained concerns about opening hours and noise levels. Two residents made comments regarding these concerns at the meeting, and also about the potential loss of on street parking nearby.

Councillors had no concerns about the creation of the extension on the rear of the property nor the removal of the flower bed to create a bay for delivery vehicles, however they were concerned about the removal of the entrance wall which they felt would affect the aesthetics of the street scene.

It was proposed by Councillor R Willey, seconded by Councillor D German and RESOLVED to support this application but, as per the pre-application advice from the Planning Officer, Councillors would prefer to see the entrance wall remain. It was felt that delivery lorries could turn at the entrance to Garro Lane, or Willis Vean, or alternatively pass through Clifden Close as currently happens with large vehicles delivering in the area. The Clerk was asked to refer the Planning Officer to the pre-application decision notice.

PA16/03696 – Mr & Mrs Mather - Replacement taller chimneys for compliance with Building Regulations and raised roof with new scantle slate finish to lean to side extension - Laflouder Thatch Laflouder Lane

This application sought to raise the chimneys to ensure that they complied with Building Regulations. It was proposed by Councillor D Williams, seconded by Councillor P Wilkins and RESOLVED to support the Listed Buildings Officer's views on this application.

PA16/03762 - Mr & Mrs Larcombe - Certificate of lawfulness proposed use: Use of land as garden to The Watch House and Erection of garage building - The Watchhouse 1 Coastguard Cottages Mullion Cove

The Clerk advised the meeting that Certificates of lawfulness were granted on evidence and were not open to consultation. However, the Parish Council had great concern over the erection of a garage as mentioned in the Certificate of Lawfulness application, and the Clerk was asked to present these concerns to the Planning Officer. Cornwall Council had previously refused permission on this site, and

an appeal had been dismissed by the Planning Inspectorate. The size and build of the proposed garage would be a prominent and obtrusive structure in views from the access lane and the surrounding countryside. Any development on the site would cause significant harm to the character and appearance of the area, whether the land is designated as domestic curtilage, or not.

PA16/04158 - Mr P McKeown - Valley View - Glenmoor Lane - Regularisation of already built patio and deck area.

No comments had been received in respect of this application.

It was proposed by Councillor D German, seconded by Councillor M Rowse and RESOLVED to support the application.

A further application had been received on the day of the meeting for the Rear of Alma House. It was agreed to defer this application to the following meeting.

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

PA16/02013 – Mr & Mrs J Buxton – Roselands, Mullion Cove -Proposed extension to dwelling and cladding – Approved

PA16/02549 - 16 Gwel An Garrek - Erection of a conservatory to enclose existing first floor terrace, and installation of a window to garage – Approved

PA16/02141 – Mr & Mrs Jones - Living Waters, Polurrian Cliffs - Demolition of two extensions and erection of new and replacement extensions – Approved

It was noted that Mr & Mrs Lagdon had submitted an appeal to the Planning Inspectorate for non-compliance with Condition 6 of PA10/06262 – Construction of double garage with playroom/utility room at The White Cottage, Meaver Road. The Clerk had put together the Parish Council's submission document which had been circulated to all Councillors. This would now be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate.

8. Report from Cornwall County Councillor Mrs C Rule

The Clerk explained that Councillor Mrs C Rule had recently undergone an emergency operation and was currently convalescing at home.

9. Chairman and Clerks Comments

The Chairman advised the meeting that he had met with representatives from Culdrose at Predannack Airfield to discuss operational flying. Night flying was on the increase, partly due to the introduction of new night vision goggles. The pilots were instructed to avoid residential areas, even though it often didn't sound like it. Drone activity would also increase from Predannack Airfield, although the aircraft were virtually silent when operating.

The Clerk had asked for name suggestions for the new development at Park En Venton. The land used to belong to Tremenhee Farm, so it was suggested that Tremenhee be included in the name.

10. Public Rights of Way

It was noted that the first cut of the footpaths were taking place.

11. Public Open Spaces

Councillor D Williams was asked again to return the bench to the park that was being stored in his barn.

Further to previous conversations, it was suggested that new picnic benches be purchased for the Park. Now that the CCTV was well imbedded, it was thought that wooden benches may be more suitable. It was proposed by Councillor R Willey, seconded by Councillor P Wilkins and RESOLVED to purchase one new wooden picnic table. If the addition of a wooden bench was well received, and suitable, more could be ordered.

The Chairman commented on the amount of plants and ornaments that are being left alongside headstones in the Cemetery. He stated that the area was designated as a lawn cemetery and that only headstones approved by the Burial Board should be situated on the graves and cremation plots. Everything else could be removed by the Burial Board without notice.

The Clerk had been notified that the Toilet Operative and her family often visited the park to pick up litter. The Parish Council was immensely grateful to everyone who took a pride in their Village and had purchased four litter pickers. Two would go to the family that picked litter on a regular basis and two would be kept in the Office for use by other residents on a temporary basis.

The National Trust had declared much of their land on the Lizard as National Nature Reserve (NNR). NNR's have the recognition of being the very best wildlife places in the country, as measured by the importance of the habitats and species they contain, and they are flagship sites where scientific research can take place. www.the-lizard.org had further information.

12. Highways

A local contractor had been chosen to carry out spray weed control in the same areas of the Parish as in previous years. He had already started weed spraying and a complaint had been received from a resident at North Redannack Estate who had raised concerns over the apparent lack of protective clothing, the risk to her health and that of the bees in her garden. The Clerk would respond in due course, after speaking to the contractor.

South West Water was undertaking pipe maintenance on the corner of Nansmellyon Road from Vicarage Lane toward the Legion building.

13. RoSPA Report 2016

Councillor I Harvey had produced a report on the risks contained with the most recent RoSPA report. He felt that the RoSPA report was marked medium risk overall due to the inherent dangers surrounding zip wires and basket swings. The low risk items had been addressed and fixed where necessary. The surfacing would continue to be monitored on a regular basis. The older climbing frame would require painting in the future and would be closely monitored.

14. Post Office

Following the Post Office turning down the proposed move to Mullion Meadows, a public meeting had been called by the MP for the area, Derek Thomas. A substantial turnout had listened to a representative from the Post Office giving reasons for refusing the move, but he did confirm the Post Office's commitment to having a Post Office facility in Mullion. Many residents hadn't commented on the consultation as they were in support of the move and were of the opinion that only objections had been sought.

Mr Raftery, Mullion Meadows, attended the Parish Council meeting and was thanked by the Chairman for his attempt to provide the location for the Post Office facility when no other business in the Village would. Many people were surprised and disappointed when the proposal was refused, and there had been considerable disquiet at the possibility of losing the service completely, but the process had not really been understood. Reasons for refusing that move had included the distance from the village and the lack of parking in the summer months.

Soon after this announcement, the Co-op advised that they had reconsidered their position and now expressed an interest in keeping the Post Office in the current location, once they took over the lease on the Old School. A fresh "expression of interest" period was now underway and any businesses in Mullion who wished to be involved should contact the Post Office. Fresh consultation would take place once that period had finished. Residents were urged to get more involved and to submit their comments regardless of supporting or objecting.

Any new information received by the Parish Council would be distributed within the Village via the notice board and website.

15. Dispensation for voting of matters relating to the Playing Field as Trustees

The Clerk advised the meeting that a Dispensation was required to allow the Parish Councillors to discuss and vote on matters relating to St Mellans Park as Trustees. A Dispensation had been granted to the Parish Councillors previously, but a fresh agreement was required at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

It was proposed by Councillor R Willey, seconded by Councillor I Harvey and RESOLVED for the Council to award all Members a dispensation in respect of decisions relating to the St Mellans Park until the day of the Annual Meeting in May 2017.

16. Insurance Policy 2016-17

The Clerk had contacted two insurance companies requesting quotes for the forthcoming year. Zurich were considerably lower in price than the original Aon quote, and she had renegotiated the quote with Aon for the forthcoming year, which ended up slightly lower than Zurich.

It was proposed by Councillor R Willey, seconded by Councillor I Harvey and RESOLVED to accept the revised insurance quotation from AON. The Clerk was thanked for her efforts, which had saved over £1,000.

17. Mullion in Bloom monthly payments

It was proposed by Councillor P Wilkins, seconded by the Chairman and unanimously RESOLVED to continue paying Mullion in Bloom £366.17 per month to assist with the maintenance of open spaces, flower beds and general upkeep of the Village.

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

No requests for funding had been received.

19. Annual Accounts to Year End 31 March 2016

i) To receive and approve the internally audited accounts for the Year Ending 31 March 2016

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor R Willey and RESOLVED to approve the audited accounts. The Chairman signed the relevant section of the audit form.

ii) To complete the Annual Governance Statement for the Year Ending 31 March 2016

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor R Willey and RESOLVED to complete the Annual Governance Statement. The Chairman signed the relevant section of the audit form.

iii) To receive and note the report of the Internal Auditor

The meeting received and noted the report of the Internal Auditor.

iv) To appoint an Internal Auditor for 2016-17

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor D Williams and RESOLVED to appoint Mr David Quill as the Internal Auditor for the forthcoming year.

20. Finance and Accounts

The Clerk explained that the new outdoor gym equipment recently installed in the Park would be financed by the S106 monies received from Kerrier District Council following the Riviera Site development. The cheque for £10,000 plus VAT would be signed tonight from the current account, but that the funds would be required to be transferred from the deposit account. It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor R Willey and RESOLVED to sign a letter transferring £10,000 from the deposit account to the current account. The Clerk advised the meeting that £23,889 remained from the S106 Amenity Money. It was agreed that the benches be paid for from the Amenity Money.

It was proposed by Councillor R Willey, seconded by Councillor D Williams and RESOLVED to confirm the accounts and to pay the invoices.

21. Other correspondence received

The Clerk advised the meeting of the Police Liaison Meeting that would take place on Wednesday 8 June 2016 at Falmouth Town Council Chamber. All Parish Councillors were welcome to attend.

The remaining public left the meeting.

22. Clerk's Salary

The Clerk left the room during the discussion of this item. It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor R Willey and RESOLVED to increase the Clerk's pay by one spinal point to SCP27. Councillors thanked the Clerk for her efforts.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.34pm.

Signed:
Chairman

Dated:

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