

Mullion Parish Council Meeting held on **Tuesday 16 August 2016** at **7.00pm** in The Centenary Room, Methodist Chapel, Churchtown, Mullion

Councillors Present

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

Two members of the public attended the meeting.

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

1. Public Session

No issues were raised.

2. Absence

Councillor D Williams was not in attendance.

3. Minutes

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs C Rule, seconded by Councillor Mrs L Skeites and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 19 July 2016 be approved as a true record and be duly signed by the Chairman.

4. Declarations of Interest

None.

5. Planning

PA16/05044- Mrs R North - Predannack Farmhouse, Predannack - Conversion of redundant agricultural buildings to 7 residential units with garages and parking space

A representative for the Applicant, Mr Macauley, attended the meeting and stated that he was happy to answer any questions from the Councillors. He confirmed that it was intended to use the dwellings as permanent residences. None of the units would be low cost, affordable housing due to the high costs involved with renovating old barns (and in line with Cornwall Council policy).

Concern was raised over surface water run-off and drainage issues that had been experienced around the site during periods of heavy rain and over the winter months. The site lies in the lowest point of a "bowl" and water, naturally finding the lowest level, accumulates and at times floods neighbouring

properties. The creation of additional soak aways and the management of surface water run-off needed careful attention to ensure that these problems did not occur again in the future. The Applicants had met with Penwith Tank and Drain to discuss the drainage systems to be used at the site. It was hoped that Cornwall Council would allow access to a field in which a herringbone soak away system could be created. Mr Macauley remarked that the Applicants had a good relationship with Cornwall Council (the previous owner of the site) and it was hoped that this option would be supported.

There would be no changes to the existing road layout, although Cornwall Council was in the process of upgrading the road surface leading to and from that area.

The historic Methodist Chapel close to the development would remain in Cornwall Council's ownership and was not affected by this application.

The Parish Council had no material objection to the conversion of the barns into dwellings but requested that close attention is paid to the proposed sewerage treatment systems to cope with the seven additional, full time residences and that the surface water run-off issues would be dealt with adequately..

It was proposed by Councillor D German, seconded by Councillor P Wilkins and RESOLVED that the Parish Council supports the planning application provided Cornwall Council ensures that an adequate drainage and sewerage system is installed to ensure that the proposed dwellings and neighbouring properties are not affected by drainage issues in future.

PA16/04482 - Mr P Woodcock - 36 Tregellas Road - To build a single storey extension to the side of property as a bedroom

No comments had been received for this application which was located within the village development boundary.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs L Skeites, seconded by Councillor M Rowse and RESOLVED to support the application.

PA16/06829 – Mr & Mrs M Pickett – 56 Laflouder Fields – Proposed sunroom extension and roof alterations

No comments had been received for this application which was located within the village development boundary.

It was proposed by Councillor D German, seconded by Councillor I Harvey and RESOLVED to support the application. Councillor Mrs S Ireland abstained from the vote.

PA16/06694 – Mr & Mrs J Mather – Laflouder Thatch, Laflouder Lane – Application for a non-material amendment following the grant of planning permission PA15/06734 to amend entrance gate arrangement

No comments had been received for this application which was located within the village development boundary.

It was proposed by Councillor I Harvey, seconded by Councillor D German and RESOLVED to support the application. Councillor Mrs S Ireland abstained from the vote.

An update had been released by the owners of Tresidder regarding the redevelopment of the property located at the end of Laflouder Lane. It was mentioned in the update that the local Cornwall Council Member had abstained from the vote at Planning Committee. Councillor Mrs C Rule wished it to be recorded that she did not sit on the Planning Committee and therefore was not entitled to a vote. Councillors asked for the information to be circulated again.

A revised planning application for Gwelgwynen, Gibbons Fields had been received after the August agenda had been published. The Clerk had asked for an extension of time until the September meeting, but it may be that an extraordinary meeting would be required.

A pre-application had also been submitted for the creation of two semi-detached cottages on the site of the Mullion Gallery, Nansmellyon Road.

Following a suggestion at the July meeting that an A3 printer could be used to print large scale plans, the Clerk would investigate the costs involved. It would cost approximately £150 to purchase a printer. It was suggested that the Clerk printed the most relevant plans for each application on her A4 printer for the September meeting, and then the Councillors would reassess the situation. Councillor R Willey felt that a Planning Committee should be created post May 2017 Elections which would research each planning application thoroughly and make recommendations to the full Council for approval.

There was no update on the application for the rebuilding of Halftides, Laflouder Lane. The Parish Council and Cornwall Councillor had forced the decision to a Planning Committee meeting to be held in the future.

There were no Decision Notices received from Cornwall Council.

6. Report from Cornwall County Councillor Mrs C Rule

Cornwall Councillor Mrs C Rule advised the meeting that following the perceived lack of Police presence on the Lizard Peninsula, Officers had been invited to attend the next Community Network Panel Meeting to be held on Wednesday 7 September 2016 at Cury Village Hall. The Local Area Inspector and a representative of the Police and Crime Commissioner would be in attendance. Everyone was urged to attend.

Councillor Mrs C Rule still had money left in the Community Fund pot available for the current year. Applications for funding were welcomed.

A Service of Reflection was being held for families affected by suicide at Truro Cathedral on Sunday 11 September 2016.

A press release was to be issued by Cornwall Council regarding the Registration Forms for inclusion on the Electoral Register. They would be sent to each house within the next few weeks and should be completed and returned to ensure inclusion on the Electoral Roll for the May 2017 Local Government and Parish Council Elections.#

The EU Funding that Cornwall was due to receive had been thrown into question following the Brexit vote in June 2016. Cornwall Council was working hard to lobby Parliament to guarantee the funding that had already been promised to the County.

7. Chairman and Clerks Comments

The Clerk had consulted Mullion Cove Hotel regarding the refurbishment of the Canon located on the cliff outside of the Hotel. The Hotel had confirmed that they were willing to undertake the work required to the canon. Councillor R Willey had undertaken some research into the history of the canon. It was reported that the canon was dragged out of the cliff on the other side of the harbour when the Hotel was being built. Mullion Parish Council paid for the work to be undertaken on the canon during its installation in the 1880's – 1890's. The Parish Council was grateful to the Hotel for taking stewardship of the canon, although the Parish Council remained connected with the canon due to the history involved with the installation.

8. Public Rights of Way

Councillor R Willey advised the meeting that Footpath 54, Criggan Mill to Mullion Cove was being used by horse riders on a regular basis. This was ruining the well established path for walkers. The Clerk would contact the Countryside Officer. It was also noted that the footpath direction sign had broken off as well.

9. Public Open Spaces

It was agreed that the Parish Notice board was looking a bit tatty. The Clerk was asked to obtain a quote from the handyman to tidy it up as the board was owned by the Parish Council. It was also mentioned that the notices placed on the board should relate only to events and information relating to Mullion. In years gone by, the Clerk had to authorise the placing of notices on the board. It was suggested that a notice be placed on the board, after renovation, advising that only notices relating to events and information for Mullion should be placed on the board. Councillor Mrs S Ireland had a copy of the old notice (pre-1976) and would let the Clerk have it.

The Clerk had received several complaints regarding the bins at the Forge Car Park and Tremenhee toilets being left overflowing with private households waste on the weekends. It was thought that holiday lets were being cleaned at that their rubbish was being left with the public bins. Everyone was asked to monitor the situation and to ask people not to leave black bags near the bins – Helston has a household waste recycling centre that is open seven days a week.

The Old Inn had been contacted by Councillor I Harvey regarding comments made to him about the unsightly appearance of the bins located outside of their store room opposite the pub. The situation had improved since the communication. However, Councillors were reminded that official correspondence should come from the Clerk of the Council.

10. Highways

The Clerk had contacted the Highways Safety Officer at Cornwall Council requesting a road narrowing sign for the Commons, to the north west of the Woodlands estate. Unfortunately the Council had no funding available for the installation of new road signs. The Parish Council could pay for the installation of signs, at a cost of £250 per sign. It was felt that many areas of Mullion would request a sign if the Parish Council started funding them, and it would be difficult to refuse those requests. It was therefore agreed not to install a sign in this location. Councillor M Rowse felt that this was the wrong decision and that this was the most dangerous area for pedestrians in Mullion.

The Clerk had received reports of mobility scooter users driving too fast on the roads and pavements around Mullion. The Police had been informed, although it was thought unlikely that they would investigate the matter.

11. Cornwall Council’s Electoral Review

Cornwall Council had contacted all Town and Parish Councils asking for their thoughts on the amount of Cornwall Councillors as part of the Electoral Review. They were asking whether the number of Cornwall Councillors should be more, was about right or should be fewer.

Cornwall Councillor Mrs C Rule did not take part in the show of hands, and five Councillors felt that the numbers were about right. The other three Councillors thought that the numbers should be reduced.

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

A thank you letter had been received from the Mullion Memory Cafe.

A funding request had been received from the Cornwall Schools’ Cricket Association for a donation towards Joseph Cockings’ trip to South Africa. It was proposed by the Chairman seconded by Councillor D German and RESOLVED to grant £200.00 to the organisation to help with Mr Cockings’ fundraising appeal.

A funding request had been received from Victim Support. It was agreed not to support this organisation.

13. Finance and Accounts

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs C Rule, seconded by Councillor D German and RESOLVED to confirm the accounts and to pay the invoices.

14. Other correspondence received

Cornwall AONB Team had published their Management Plan for 2016-2021. The Clerk had a copy should anyone want to read it.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.26pm.

Signed:
Chairman

Dated: