

Mullion Parish Council Meeting held on **Tuesday 18 October 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	

Three members of the public attended the meeting.

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

1. Public Session

Mr T Raybould, owner of the Former Royal British Legion Hall, asked why a civil dispute that he was involved with was mentioned in the July 2016 minutes. The Chairman clarified that he had been made aware of the dispute, and had simply passed on that information at the Parish Council Meeting. The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council did not get involved with civil disputes.

2. Absence

Councillor D Williams was not in attendance.

3. Minutes

Councillor M Rowse stated that item 5 PA16/06799 – Mr A Rudd – Seven Pines, Angrouse Lane – Proposed Living room and bedroom extension incorrectly stated that the Parish Council has objected to the previous application on this site. The Parish Council had, in fact, raised concerns over the proposals but had supported the application after a 5-3 vote.

Following the amendment of the minute mentioned above, it was proposed by Councillor Mrs C Rule, seconded by Councillor I Harvey and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 20 September 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

The revised plans included a reduction in the number of openings and a revised balcony for the second floor part of one of the dwellings.

It was proposed by Councillor R Willey, seconded by Councillor P Wilkins and RESOLVED to support the application.

Two further applications had been received by the Clerk since the publication of the agenda. It was agreed to discuss these applications at the meeting.

PA16/08496 – Mr J Mitchell – John Mitchell Transport Ltd, Higher Bochym Workshops – Provision of storage shed

No comments had been received in relation to this application. It was felt the industrial nature of the site was an ideal location for the storage shed.

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

PA16/09441 – Mr & Mrs M Hearn – The Doune, 22 Gibbons Fields – Proposed extension, internal and first floor window alterations

This application was located within the village development boundary and the small extension would not impact on the adjoining neighbours.

It was proposed by Councillor I Harvey, seconded by Councillor R Willey and RESOLVED to support the application.

It had been brought to the attention of the Clerk that revised plans had been submitted online for the Post Office building by the Co-op. She had contacted the Planning Officer who had advised that the amendments were minor, and that the Parish Council would not be consulted. However, if the Parish Council wished to make a comment, he would welcome our input. The amendments included the careful deconstruction of the existing front wall and the rebuilding of that wall 500mm further towards the Post Office building. A small gap would also be created in that wall to allow delivery trolleys and pedestrians to pass onto the site without using the vehicular accesses. The Chairman and Councillors raised serious concerns over the length of time that this planning application had taken to be determined. It was now a very real prospect that the village could be left without a Post Office facility if a positive decision was not taken on this application in the near future.

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor P Wilkins and RESOLVED to ask the Clerk to submit the Parish Council's comments in favour of this application, and to urge the Planning Officer to make a positive decision for the reasons stated above. Councillor Mrs C Rule would also make contact with the Planning Officer.

The Chairman read the following decision notices received from Cornwall Council:-

PA16/04222 - Mr R Gilbert - Half Tides, Laflouder - Replacement of the existing main house and the holiday cottage with a new main dwelling and holiday accommodation – Approved

PA16/06575 - Mr J Desola Pinto – Gwelgwynyn, Gibbons Fields - Single storey extension – Approved

PA16/07115 - Mr And Mrs J Mather - Laflouder Thatch, Laflouder Lane - Listed Building Consent for repointing works, Chimney Treatment and External Colour amendments – Approved

PA16/07319 – Mr & Mrs Cattran - Newton Farm Polhorman Lane – Proposed replacement sunroom- Approved

PA16/00628 – Mr T Raybould – Former Mullion British Legion Club, Churchtown, Mullion – Appeal Dismissed

PA15/06921 - Mr Nigel Chapman - Polurrian Hotel, Polurrian Road - Amended design for the construction of six holiday units with car parking and garden area/hotel amenity area – Planning Committee Decision – Approved

PA16/07327 - Mr Mark Cox, The National Trust - Mullion Harbour, Mullion Cove - Listed building consent for remedial repairs to the Western Breakwater at Mullion Harbour following storm damage, two areas of concrete repairs are proposed – Approved. Councillor R Willey thanked Councillor Mrs C Rule for attending the Planning Committee meeting on behalf of the Parish Council. Although the dwelling could be sold off individually and without a S106 tying them to the Hotel, there would be a 12 month holiday use restriction on the properties and the Hotel would be required to hold the register of occupants.

PA16/07445 - Messrs W A Williams & Son - Clahar Garden, Trewoon Road - Proposed agricultural building 18m x 10.6m – Withdrawn

PA16/07898 – Ms R Turner – Smugglers Cottage – Replacing sliding patio doors with bi-fold doors to same size opening at rear of property – Approved. Concern was raised over a blocked drain at this site, which had almost caused the property itself to flood during heavy rainfall recently. Councillors Mrs C Rule would contact the Highways Officer.

The Clerk had been printing some of the plans for each application submitted online over the past couple of months. She was asked to continue to do this.

6. Report from Cornwall County Councillor Mrs C Rule

Cornwall Councillor Mrs C Rule advised the meeting that the review of the number of Cornwall Councillors was ongoing. Initial reports indicated that between 105 and 115 Councillors would be needed. Evidence was still be collated and the final number would be published in May 2017 before the ward boundaries could then be decided.

The Health and Social Care collaboration was now progressing well due to a genuine willingness to work together due to the budget constraints being placed in all areas of public services. There would be a presentation at the next Helston and The Lizard Community Network Panel Meeting to be held at Cury Village Hall on Wednesday 7 December 2016 at 6pm. All were invited to attend.

Mullion Primary School were looking at the possibility of removing the extremely large trees to the left of their entrance. There were concerns regarding the safety of the trees which had only grown to 1/3 of their anticipated height. Although the trees were not covered by a Tree Protection Order, the School had sought the views of the Parish Council. Councillors felt that the trees should be removed if they posed a danger to anyone. It was hoped that the School could replaced the removed trees with different, more appropriate, species.

The Localism Summit would take place at Wadebridge on 31 October 2016. The Clerk would send around the details and everyone was welcome to attend. Councillors Mrs C Rule would be attending.

Budget meetings were ongoing at Cornwall Council. The Revenue Support Grant had been reduced from £100m to £12m and the Council was trying to find £167m of savings. As part of the work included in identifying savings, Cornwall Council was looking at how Town and Parish Councils could be better supported. Many Councils had now been awarded the Power of Competence which enabled them to take on more services from Cornwall Council. The Power of Competence required 1/3 of Councillors to have stood at an Election and for the Clerk to be CiLCA qualified, amongst other things.

7. Chairman and Clerks Comments

The Chairman had noticed that a few of the headstones in the older part of the cemetery were in need of attention. The Clerk had asked a stonemason to assess the situation, but would be placing signs on the dangerously angled headstones stating that the headstones would be removed from their existing positions and placed flat on the grave if rectification of the problem was not forthcoming.

Following the death of a resident of Mullion, concern had been raised relating to the care of the lady by the NHS service. There was also a potential housing problem which would be created by the eviction of her son from a rented social house in the village. Councillor Mrs C Rule was willing to point the family in the right direction.

8. Public Rights of Way

Councillor R Willey thanked the Council for putting up with his dogged determination over the reinstatement of FP3 leading up to Predannack Manor Farm.

There had been reports of fly tipping on land at the Cornwall Council farm at Predannack, adjacent to a footpath. Cornwall Council had been made aware of the situation.

9. Public Open Spaces

The zip wire in the park had been tightened to the relevant European standard by South West Play. Councillor I Harvey had completed the maintenance checklist and everything else seemed in order.

It was felt that the gym equipment recently installed in the park had very little resistance when being used. Only a couple of the pieces of equipment used body weight to give the user a good workout. The Clerk would contact Lars Laj, the company who installed the products.

10. Highways

No issues raised.

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

A thank you letter had been received from Cruse Bereavement Care.

A funding request had been received from Tanya's Courage Trust. It was not to support this organisation at the current time.

12. Finance and Accounts

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

13. Other correspondence received

None received.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.45pm.

Signed:
Chairman

Dated:

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