

Mullion Parish Council Meeting held on **Tuesday 15 November 2016** at **7.00pm** in The Centenary Room, Methodist Chapel, Churchtown, Mullion

Councillors Present

Mrs S Ireland	Mrs L Skeites
J Lang (Chairman)	P Wilkins
M Rowse	R Willey
Mrs C Rule	D Williams

Mr Mike Hardy, National Trust Warden, attended the meeting. There were no members of the public present.

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

1. Public Session

Mr Mike Hardy, National Trust Warden, gave a presentation to the Parish Council in relation to the proposed new toilet and shower block at Teneriffe Farm, Predannack. The National Trust had previously obtained planning permission for a new, much larger, toilet and shower close to the existing farm buildings. These new plans would remove the existing dilapidated toilet and shower block and replace with a more modest, understated block on virtually the same location. The new facilities would support 60 pitches at the site, and the National Trust would be applying to the Licensing Department at Cornwall Council to regularise the proposals. The waste water treatment plant was upgraded in 2012 and was capable of servicing the proposed 60 pitches.

Mr Hardy also advised the meeting that the National Trust was looking to replace the farm buildings, and would come back to the meeting early in 2017 to give a further presentation.

The Chairman thanked Mr Hardy for attending the meeting, and looked forward to welcoming him back in early 2017. He also stressed the need for replacement farm buildings at Teneriffe Farm to provide adequate shelter for the cattle.

2. Absence

Councillors D German and I Harvey had submitted their apologies to the meeting.

3. Minutes

It was proposed by Councillor R Willey, seconded by Councillor Mrs L Skeites and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 18 October 2016 be approved as a true record and be duly signed by the Chairman.

4. Declarations of Interest

None.

5. Planning

PA16/09647 - Mr Daniel Reid – Tolverne, Nansmellyon Road - Demolition of existing dwelling and proposed replacement dwelling

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

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs S Ireland, seconded by Councillor P Wilkins and RESOLVED to support the application.

PA16/09649 – Mr & Mrs Pickles – Sandpiper, Polurrian Road – Proposed extension, balcony and internal alterations

No comments had been received for this application.

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

PA16/10609 – Mr Stephen Moore - 9 Gwel an Garrek – First floor extension to existing dwelling with replacement conservatory

This application had only been received by the Clerk on the day of the meeting. Councillors had looked at the plans and agreed to discuss the householder application at the meeting. However, it should be noted that the public may not have been advised of the application and that any concerns raised by neighbours would be considered valid by the Parish Council.

Councillors felt that this application was in keeping with the surrounding dwellings that the architect had taken steps to minimise overlooking from the first floor extension.

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

It had also been brought to the attention of the Clerk that a pre app had been submitted for PA16/03228/PREAPP - Mullion Cove Hotel, Mullion Cove Mullion - Pre-application advice for erection of attached leisure centre, extension to bar area and creation of approx 15 - 20 self contained accommodation, parking, turning and amenity areas - Mr T Hassell. Although the Parish Council was not invited by Cornwall Council to give a comment on pre app's, Councillors felt that as they had already been involved in the consultation process by being invited to the Hotel previously to hear their plans, they should give a response.

At that site meeting, representatives from the Mullion Cove Hotel had advised Councillors of their plans for creating a leisure centre and the possible creation of self contained units on the adjoining open meadow area. Councillors had given their thoughts on the proposals and stated that they were happy with the proposals located within the existing built area of the Hotel, but that they would not support the open meadow being built on. As is clear from the pre app, it would appear that the Hotel did not listen to the concerns raised by Councillors at that meeting.

Following perusal of the submitted pre app, Councillors reiterated that they would support the creation of the leisure centre and bar extension within the parameters of the existing built area of the Hotel. Much of the area located behind the Hotel was in need of being demolished as it was unsightly. However, Councillors would not allow the building of 15 - 20 self contained units of accommodation on the adjoining open meadow which was located directly adjacent to the South West Coast Path and over which a Public Right of Way passed. The units of accommodation would be seen from all directions and would be located on the Heritage Coast and in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty; the units of accommodation would do nothing to add to the AONB, in fact they would exploit the natural beauty of the area for the profit of the Hotel. The Parish Council was keen to support the need for businesses in the Parish to expand and grow, but not at the cost of the living environment. The Hotel previously owned self contained accommodation to the north of the site, which it sold off many years ago. It was thought that a similar situation was likely to occur if the new units were allowed to be built. The open fields to the north of the site would be likely to receive planning applications to extensively create dwellings if this application was to be approved.

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Mrs L Skeites and unanimously RESOLVED to instruct the Clerk to write a strongly worded letter to the Planning Officer, Matthew Doble, quoting the 'by expressing a view at this stage, it should be noted that this is not our final view' statement containing the issues raised above. Other interested agencies would be contacted if and when a full application had been received.

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

PA15/09423 – Ms Trounson - Robins Parc, Priske Farm - Part discharge of Section 106 Agreement attached to W2/90/00264/F dated 4 March 1991 – Withdrawn

PA16/06799 – Mr Rudd – Seven Pines, Angrouse Lane - Proposed Living room and Bedroom Extension – Approved

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

PA16/08368 - Mr & Mrs J Larcombe - The Watchhouse, 1 Coastguard Cottages, Mullion Cove - Proposed dormer windows and balcony to second floor, replacement entrance porch at front and single-storey rear extension – Approved

EN14/02257 – The White Cottage, Meaver Road, Mullion – Mr D Lagdon – Creation of a holiday let - Appeal Allowed. Councillors were astounded to learn that the Planning Inspector had gone against the decision of the Planning Enforcement Team at Cornwall Council. The Clerk was asked to write a letter to the Planning Inspector stating that the Parish Council was extremely disappointed to learn of the result and that it made a mockery of the Enforcement system. It was felt that the appeal was allowed due to the tardiness of the Planning Enforcement Department and that the complaint should have been dealt with many months ago. Staffing issues and a lack of willingness to investigate breaches of planning control was evident.

PA16/05044 – Predannack Farmhouse, Predannack was being refused by the Planning Officer due to the balcony not being in keeping with the stone barns. The Parish Council supported the application so were being asked to agree with the Planning Officers comments, agree to disagree or to force the application to Planning Committee for decision. Councillors agreed to disagree with the Planning Officer. However, they were surprised that he was willing to refuse this application on the grounds

stated, given that the proposed dwellings were located in a tucked away position and would not impact on anyone. At the other end of the spectrum were the planning applications for the rebuilding of iconic buildings known as 'Tresidder' and 'Halftides' which were passed without so much as a blink of an eyelid from Planners. Councillors felt that Planning Officers were using double standards when deciding application, and were being heavily influenced by the amount of funding the applicants had behind them and the threat of appeal. The Clerk would pass the Councillors comments onto the Planning Officer.

6. Report from Cornwall County Councillor Mrs C Rule

Cornwall Councillor Mrs C Rule advised the meeting that the library service had managed to achieve its savings for the current year without closing any libraries. In fact, several new pop up libraries had been created, including one at that the Old Inn, Mullion.

The number of Directorates at Cornwall Council had increased from 3 to 4 following a recent review.

Cornwall Housing had investigated the number of people on the housing register and had subsequently reduced the number from 30,000 to 18,500.

The contract to run all of the leisure services in Cornwall had been awarded to GLL. There would be a £34.5 million annual saving to Cornwall Council and GLL were required to keep all of the facilities open.

A fundraising event being held to raise money for the Chairman's Charity would see Councillors being 'jailed' with their telephones and laptops which would be used to beg for a ransom to be paid for their release.

The next Community Network Panel meeting would be held on Wednesday 7 December 2016 at Cury Village Hall. The Police would be in attendance and applications would be forthcoming for the Local Development Fund once again. Everyone was welcome to attend. The Clerk advised that she was unable to attend the meeting.

One Cornwall Councillor had been identified in the local press for non-payment of Council Tax. Councillor Mrs C Rule assured the meeting that this was an error on Cornwall Council's part, and that a formal apology should be forthcoming.

7. Chairman and Clerks Comments

The Chairman advised the meeting that Nominations for the Ron Curnow Community Award were now being welcomed. A decision would be made at the December meeting with a presentation being made in January 2017 to the winning recipient.

A well attended wreath laying service was held at the Parish Church on Remembrance Sunday. A service was also held in the Chapel, and it was hoped that Churches Together would liaise ahead of next year's service to hold a joint service and possibly a procession.

Concern was raised over Coastline selling off two empty houses at St Mellans Terrace. The Clerk was asked to contact Coastline to ask for an explanation and to state that we desperately needed to retain the social housing stock in the Parish.

8. Public Rights of Way

Bridleway 19 leading from Chypons to Priske Farm had been the subject of complaints again. The path was extremely muddy and was being churned up from daily use by large farm vehicles. Cornwall Council had been informed and were investigating the problem.

Footpath 15 which led from Angrouse Farm to the village was very wet in the copse area, as it had been in previous years. The Clerk was asked to undertake a Land Registry search to ascertain who owned the copse and to contact Cornwall Council for further advice.

The bridleway sign at Bridleway 13 Clahar Barton was missing. The Clerk would ask for a replacement to be installed. The Clerk was also asked to request more 'no horse' signs for erection on FP54.

Cornwall Council was undertaking a survey of the Local Maintenance Partnerships in Cornwall. The Clerk had already responded positively to the survey. Cornwall Council were now inviting Parish and Town Councils to work with them under the LMP to provide grass cutting in closed churchyards (over which Cornwall Council held the maintenance responsibility). It was agreed not take on the maintenance of the closed churchyard.

9. Public Open Spaces

The park and cemetery appeared to be in good order.

The Clerk had obtained two quotes for undertaking general maintenance jobs around the village which included the refurbishing of the notice board and installing a new padlock on the disabled toilet at Mullion Cove. It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor R Willey and RESOLVED to appoint the handyman which we had previously used to undertake work in the toilets.

Following the recent passing of Mrs Carol Cooper, the retiring collection had been for the Mullion Garden. Mullion in Bloom had received £240.50 and had outlined how they intended to use the donation in the garden, which included purchasing a rose called 'Carol' and several Daphne's.

10. Highways

A pothole was reported to have opened up opposite the Former Royal British Legion Hall. A kerb was also loose between Claridge's and the Spar shop in Churchtown. The Clerk was asked to report both.

The street light A130 adjacent to Shortwoods was still not working. The Clerk advised the meeting that Cormac had been waiting for parts, but that she would chase them again.

The Health Centre had contacted the Parish Council with a request for the installation of a directional sign to advise users of the Health Centre of its location off of Nansmellyon Road. Reportedly, two emergency vehicles had missed the turning in recent weeks. Cormac had given a quote of £800 to install signs from both directions, and although the Highways Safety Officer thought it was a very good idea, confirmed that there was no budget for new signs. It was suggested that the Health Centre should use the postcode TR12 7DF when giving directions which would lead directly to the Health Centre when using a satnav. The Health Centre postcode led to the Post Office when using a satnav, therefore leading drivers past to the turning. It was noted that there used to be a Health Centre sign at the entrance to Willis Vean (posts were still visible and still held other business signs) and it had only

been removed in recent times. It was thought that this was installed by Kerrier District Council and that the Health Centre should contact the Highways Safety Officer again to request a reinstatement of the sign, instead of an entirely new sign in a new location. There would be no donation coming from the Parish Council at the current time.

11. To discuss the properties on the Non Designated Heritage Asset Register

Properties currently on the Non Designated Heritage Asset Register included the Former Royal British Legion Hall, The Watchkeepers House - 1 Coastguard Cottages, St Mellanus Church, Mullion Methodist Chapel, Predannack Manor Chapel and the Former Primary School. Any further suggestions should be passed to the Clerk prior to the next meeting, at which the updated Register would be adopted.

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

A request for funding had been received from the Christmas Lights Committee. As in previous years, it was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor R Willey and RESOLVED to grant £300.00 to the organisation to cover their insurance costs.

13. Finance and Accounts

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

13. Other correspondence received

The Clerk had received the estimated costs of the Parish Council elections for May 2017, which should be used as part of the budgeting process for 2017/18. An uncontested election would cost approximately £349.95 and a contested election would be in the region of £2,751.67. The Cornwall Association of Local Councils was querying the costs, which seemed to have increased significantly since the previous Parish and Town Council Elections held in 2013.

A letter had been received from a member of Helston Town Council who was investigating the possibility of Cornwall holding a stage of the Tour of Britain cycling race in either 2019 or 2020. He was looking for support (or not) initially for the race to pass through a) Cornwall and b) our Parish. It was agreed to support the proposal, but not to commit to any financial contribution at the current time.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.17pm.

Signed:
Chairman

Dated: