

Mullion Parish Council Meeting held on **Tuesday 20 December 2016** at **7.00pm** in The Centenary Room, Methodist Chapel, Churchtown, Mullion

Councillors Present

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

Four members of the public were present.

The Chairman opened the meeting, welcomed everyone and advised of the fire procedures. He offered Season's Greetings and wished everyone a peaceful and successful New Year.

1. Public Session

Mr R Felce advised the meeting of further cliff fall at Mullion Cove, on the right hand side of the harbour. He had serious concerns about the cliff falling onto the harbour wall and very much hoped that the National Trust was monitoring the situation.

2. Absence

None.

3. Minutes

It was proposed by Councillor M Rowse, seconded by Councillor Mrs S Ireland and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 15 November 2016 be approved as a true record and be duly signed by the Chairman.

4. Declarations of Interest

None.

5. Planning

PA16/10187 - Mr Mike Hardy - Teneriffe Farm, Predannack Road - Erection of shower/ toilet block to serve campsite

Mr Hardy had attended the November meeting of the Parish Council and given a presentation on this application.

No comments had been received from the public.

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

PA16/10430 - Mr N Varga - 49 Tregellas Road - Erection of single storey front extension

Two letters of objection had been submitted online to the Planning Department. One of the objectors was present at the meeting and gave a presentation which outlined her concerns regarding the proposed extension. The main issue was that the extension would have a significant adverse affect on the two adjoining properties resulting in a reduction of light to their front rooms. The extension was not in keeping with the surrounding area and would create a precedent for other dwellings.

The Applicant advised the meeting that he required the extension to accommodate his growing family. He did not wish to extend into his back garden, as had been suggested. He confirmed that he would be submitting fresh plans to the Planning Officer which would reduce the size of the extension from 2.5 metres to 2 metres. The Clerk advised the meeting that those plans would have to be discussed at the January meeting, and that we could only pass comment on the current received plans.

Although Councillors were keen to support growing families, it was felt that this extension to the front of the property was not suitable for the area. It was not in keeping with the other houses on the estate and would have an adverse affect on the neighbouring properties.

It was proposed by Councillor I Harvey, seconded by Councillor P Wilkins and RESOLVED to object to the planning application on the following grounds:-

- Not in keeping with the surrounding area
- Adverse affect on the neighbouring properties by restricting light to their living rooms
- An extension to the front of the dwelling would create a precedent on an estate that was built to look similar from the highway.
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One member of the public left the meeting.

PA16/10847 - Mr G Summersall - Mengleth House, 3 Carne Quarry, Meaver Road - The continued use of existing building as a holiday let

The previous owners of the property had used the 'Boat house' as a standalone unit of accommodation. The current owners bought the property with the intention of using the 'Boat House' as a holiday let to create additional income. The sales details on the property advised that the 'Boat House' was in use accommodation and the new owners had no reason to doubt it was without the relevant permissions. Following an enforcement complaint submitted by a neighbour, the Applicants discovered that they required planning permission to regularise the situation.

One letter of objection had been submitted online in relation to parking in the area. It was felt that there was adequate parking in the vicinity, and that this was a civil matter which would need to be resolved between the neighbours.

It was proposed by Councillor D German, seconded by Councillor Mrs C Rule and RESOLVED to support the application. It was suggested that the holiday let should be tied to the property in perpetuity and that it should not be allowed to be sold off individually from the house. The Planning Department should also ensure that the correct business rate charge was being paid on the holiday let.

PA16/11047 – Mr & Mrs R Emmett – An Modros, Churchy Fields, Laflouder Fields – Proposed Extension

No comments had been received from the public in relation to this application, which was situated within the village development boundary.

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

PA16/11381 – Mr & Mrs S Branham - Gil Brea, Glenmoor Lane – Proposed extension and internal alterations to dwelling and extension to garage

The Applicants attended the meeting and were willing to answer any questions that the Councillors had. They confirmed that the garage and ancillary room would not be used as a holiday let. The extension was required to house a growing family.

No comments had been received from the public in relation to this application, which was situated within the village development boundary.

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

PA16/11462 – Mr & Mrs G Stephens – Mill Wheel Caravan, Mill Wheel Caravan Park, Mullion Cove

A letter had been received from the applicants outlining their intentions, but this application came in too late to be published on the Agenda. The Clerk has secured an extension of time with the Planning Officer and the item would be discussed in January 2017.

This site is licensed three static caravans by the Local Authority and is restricted to holiday occupancy from Easter to the end of October only. Some Councillors had viewed the plans and expressed their surprise at the size of the proposed “replacement dwelling”, which was to replace a single level, portacabin sized chalet. Serious concerns were raised over the legitimacy of a Certificate of Lawfulness given the site licence must have to be breached in order to establish the required residency requirements. A Swiss style chalet on the site was used by the landowner as accommodation, not the portacabin sized chalet that was to be replaced with a much larger dwelling. Councillor Mrs C Rule was asked to investigate this matter further, both in relation to the caravan licence and the legality of the Certificate of Lawfulness.

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

PA16/09649 - Mr & Mrs Pickles – Sandpiper, Polurrian Road - Proposed Extension, Balcony and Internal Alterations – Approved

PA16/09647 – Mr & Mrs J Foster – Tolverne, Nansmellyon Road - Demolition of existing dwelling and proposed replacement dwelling – Approved

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

PA16/10609 - Mr S Moore - 9 Gwel An Garrek - First floor extension to existing dwelling with replacement to conservatory. Inclusion of balconies on both the northwest elevation and the southeast elevation – Approved

Two letters of concern had been received by the Clerk in relation to the erection of a very high fence at Laflouder Thatch, a listed property located on Laflouder Lane. The Clerk had the backing of the Parish Council to submit a planning enforcement complaint to the Local Planning Authority.

Concern was raised over potential development at Trelubbas, Chypons Bridge between Trewoon and Cury Cross Lanes. The Clerk was asked to investigate the matter with Planning Enforcement.

6. Report from Cornwall County Councillor Mrs C Rule

Cornwall Councillor Mrs C Rule advised the meeting that rubbish and recycling collection in Mullion would not be affected over the festive period. Christmas tree collections would take place on the opposite Wednesday to recycling day – either 9th or 16th January. Please place trees outside with the normal rubbish collection – do not leave them in the Forge Car Park.

A finance settlement deal had been agreed with Central Government to allow Cornwall Council to keep 100% of business rates revenue for a pilot project. Central Government would ‘top up’ the difference to ensure that Cornwall Council would be no worse off financially. There was a certain amount of scepticism surrounding this pilot; London councils would benefit massively but more rural areas would struggle to raise enough income.

Parish and Town Council precepts would not be capped for 2017/18.

A consultation had commenced on the Dogs on Beaches legislation. Everyone was encouraged to have their say.

Cornwall Council was encouraging communities to investigate the possibility of creating a Neighbourhood Plan. Councillor Mrs C Rule suggested that a meeting could be held which included all of the Parishes on the Lizard Peninsula. After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed to instruct the Chairman and Clerk to attend a meeting with the relevant Cornwall Council Officer along with other local Councils.

Cornwall Council had been authorised by Central Government to allow an additional Council tax increase of 2% to be used solely for the Social Care budget. Therefore, with the proposed 1.99% increase, Council Tax in Cornwall was probably due to increase by 3.99% in 2017/18. A final decision by Cornwall Council was due to be made in February 2017.

7. Chairman and Clerks Comments

None.

8. Public Rights of Way

It was reported that Footpath 60, which led from the South West Coast Path down onto Mullion Harbour had been closed. It was thought to be due to cliff fall in the area, but yet again the Parish Council had not been informed. The Clerk was asked to contact the Access Team at Cornwall Council to express the Parish Council’s disappointment at not being consulted yet again. This was an

important path in the Parish, and the Parish Council was keen to see the cliff stabilised and the footpath reopened.

The Clerk was asked to obtain a quote for creating 12 A5 size 'No horse' signs for placing on footpaths in the Parish. A draft sign would be sent to the Chairman and Councillor R Willey for authorisation before purchasing.

9. Public Open Spaces

The park and cemetery appeared to be in good order. There had been a recent issue with new graves not being backfilled particularly well. The grave digger had been contacted and it was hoped that this problem would not arise again.

No contact had been made by the Land Agent for Mrs A Harry who owned the land adjacent to the Cemetery. The Parish Council had met with the Land Owner and Agent over 18 months ago with a view to purchasing the adjoining field for the future expansion of the cemetery. Several attempts had been made to speak with both the Agent and the Land Owner to no avail. Cornwall Councillors Mrs C Rule was asked to approach the Legal Team at Cornwall Council with a view to commencing the Compulsory Purchase of the land.

10. Highways

There was a complaint regarding the excessive amount of mud being left on the road by farmers pulling out of the field adjacent to the Chapel in Cury. The Clerk would report the issue to the offending company and Cornwall Highways Department.

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

The Clerk advised the Councillors of the properties currently on the Register; The Former Royal British Legion Hall, The Watchkeepers House (1 Coastguard Cottages), Mullion Methodist Chapel, Predannack Manor Chapel and the Former Primary School. It was suggested that The Barn, Parc Venton Sah, Garro Lane was also added to the list. The Clerk was asked to ascertain whether or not the Wesley Stone at Angrouse Farm was listed.

12. Nominations for the 'Ron Curnow Outstanding Contribution to the Village' Award

A list of five was proposed, and a vote was taken. It was agreed that Dr G Wood would be the 2016 recipient.

13. Precept Demand 2017/18

The Clerk had previously circulated the Precept and Budget figures for 2017/18 to the Councillors. A lengthy discussion took place regarding the figures.

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor D German and unanimously RESOLVED to increase the Precept Demand by 2%. One Councillor voted against the 2% rise, preferring a 1%. This would take the amount to £48,873.75 and bring an additional £958.31 to the Parish Council. Band D properties would see an increase of £1.18 per year. The Parish Council would also receive a Council Tax Support Grant of £2,397.12 from Cornwall Council.

14. Calendar of Meetings 2017

The Calendar of Meetings for 2017 was approved by the meeting.

15. Affiliation to the Campaign to Protect Rural England

It was proposed by Councillor D Williams, seconded by Councillor R Willey and RESOLVED to subscribe to the CPRE.

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

A request for funding had been received from the Cornwall Air Ambulance. It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor D German and RESOLVED to grant £200.00.

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

18. Other correspondence received

A consultation document had been received from the Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly Health and Social and Plan to develop a new five year plan to improve health, wellbeing and the quality of local health care services across Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly. Councillors were invited to read the document.

A thank you letter had been received by a visitor to the village stating how lovely Mullion was to visit and how much they appreciated the free car parks.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.54pm.

Signed:
Chairman

Dated: