

Mullion Parish Council Meeting held on **Tuesday 21 October 2014** at **6.45pm** at The Centenary Room, Methodist Chapel, Churchtown, Mullion

Councillors Present

D German	Mrs S Ormond
A Gilbert	Mrs C Rule
Mrs S Ireland	R Willey
J Lang (Chairman)	P Wilkins

Five members of the public attended the meeting.

1. Public Session

No issues were raised.

2. Police Report

The Clerk read the report for the month of September, as attached to these minutes. Concern was raised over the suggestion that a monthly report would no longer be produced by the over stretched PCSO's in the area. It was very much hoped that these monthly updates would continue.

3. Absence

Councillor I Harvey had submitted his apologies to the meeting. Councillor D Williams was not in attendance.

4. Minutes

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs C Rule, seconded by Councillor P Wilkins and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 16 September be approved as a true record and be duly signed by the Chairman.

5. Declarations of Interest

None.

6. Planning

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

PA14/07533 - Mr D Lagdon - The White Cottage, Meaver Road - Retrospective change of use from games room/utility room to a one bedroom annexe which will be used as a holiday home/overspill accommodation for family and friends

The Applicant attended the meeting and explained why the change of use of the games room had been necessary due to his ill health and the closure of his businesses. The additional income the holiday let would provide was much needed. It had been used as a holiday let since April 2014, and the Applicant circulated a photo album and visitors book.

The property was located outside of the village development boundary. Concerns were raised by Councillors over the dangerous access from the property onto the main road into Mullion. Although the road was a 30mph zone, the property's entrance was concealed on a left hand bend. By allowing a holiday let on this site, another car would be on the site, and more importantly, entering and exiting from the driveway. Over the summer months, four cars (and sometimes five) had been parked on the driveway. It was thought that planning guidelines stipulated that driveways exiting onto highways should be large enough to allow cars to enter and leave the site in a forward gear, although this could not happen when there was more than one car parked on this driveway. There had been reports of 'near misses' at this site due to the poor access.

The initial application for a double garage and annexe, PA09/01434/F, had been refused by the Parish Council and the Local Planning Authority, and it was felt that nothing had changed since that time to convince Councillors to allow this application to be supported.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs S Ormond, seconded by Councillor D German and unanimously RESOLVED to object to this planning application on the following grounds:

- The property was located outside of the village development boundary
- The existing access was located on a dangerous corner and by creating a holiday let at this property would inevitably attract more vehicle movements on and off the driveway
- Planning Application PA12/05326 approved in June 2012, had the following conditions attached, which the Parish Council felt should be adhered to:
 1. The development hereby permitted shall not be used or occupied until areas have been provided within the site for vehicles to be parked and to enable them to enter and leave the site in a forward gear in accordance with the approved plan. These areas shall not thereafter be obstructed or used for any purposes other than the parking and turning of vehicles.
Reason: To ensure the provision of off-highway parking, in the interests of highway safety.
 2. The garage/storage/utility/games room building shall not be used other than for purposes incidental to the enjoyment of the dwellinghouse known as 'The White Cottage'
Reason: To enable the local planning authority to retain control over the development.

PA14/09495 - Mr R Fraser - Mulberry Cottage, Laflouder Lane - Tree No.1 (The smaller of 2 fir trees) - to remove the lowest 2 branches, which emanate from the trunk approx. 4m above the ground and hang down below 2m. Tree No.2 (The larger of 2 fir trees) - to remove the lowest 2 rings of branches to raise the crown to some 6m above the ground. Tree No.3 (Mulberry Tree) - remove the lowest 2m of the lowest 6 branches

The Tree Officer had submitted his comments on the application, which were supportive of the application.

It was proposed by Councillor R Willey, seconded by Councillor Mrs S Ireland and RESOLVED to support this application.

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

PA14/06151 - Mr P Hall - La Flouder Thatch, Laflouder Lane - Use of a swimming pool, originally installed in 1981 and hot tub cabin installed 2000 – Approved

PA14/08406 – Mr & Mrs D Gardner - 6 Park En Venton - Erection of conservatory to NW elevation and repositioning of WC window – Approved

PA14/08015 - Mr & Mrs S Wormington – Greenhills, Nansmellyon Road - Extension and alterations to dwelling including rooflights and replacement garage - Approved

The Clerk had submitted a Planning Enforcement Complaint form for the temporary kerb raisers that were located at Melvin House, Nansmellyon Road. Planning Enforcement had sent this complaint to the Highways Section for their attention.

It was suggested that the Parish Council purchased equipment for projecting plans and other information onto the wall at meetings. This would enable everyone present to see the plans and information that was being discussed. The Clerk was asked to obtain costings for the purchase of the necessary equipment.

A complaint form had been submitted to the Planning Enforcement Section at Cornwall Council regarding recent development at Far View Farm and Sea View Farm, Ghost Hill, but the Parish council had not received an update since the last meeting. Councillor Mrs C Rule would chase the Enforcement Team again in relation to this complaint.

7. Report from Cornwall Councillor Mrs C Rule

Councillor Mrs C Rule advised the meeting that a petition had been raised at the Lizard in relation to the First bus route using Meneage Road as the entrance to Helston and not Trengrouse Way. This had happened before when Western Greyhound were operating the route, and Councillor Mrs C Rule was endeavoring to have the route changed back to Trengrouse Way which greatly assisted the elderly.

The AGM of the Helston and South Kerrier Community Network Panel would take place on Wednesday 28 October from 6pm in Helston School. A budget briefing and consultation would take place first, and everyone was encouraged to attend.

The 111 Out of hours NHS service would come into effect from 11 November 2014, although calls were already being diverted to this number.

An Energy Saving week was being held from 20-24 October, with the closest Event at Truro Piazza on 22 October.

Councillor Mrs C Rule mentioned the recently published 'Bitesize' Affordable Housing booklets that had been produced by Cornwall Council. The Clerk was asked to circulate them to Councillors.

The Scrutiny Committee that was looking at the front desk closures imposed at Police Stations across Cornwall be the Police and Crime Commissioners Panel, had met with the Chief Constable and Police and Crime Commissioner. It was accepted that the closures had taken place due to the lack of use, but it was agreed that the communication was very poor and other means of contacting police needed to be improved. It was thought that the blue telephone that could be used by members of the public at police stations should jump to the top of the queue.

Councillor Mrs C Rule thanked Councillor Mrs S Ormond and her team of volunteers for organising the Remembrance Parade this year following the closure of the Mullion RBL Branch.

8. Chairman and Clerks Comments

A meeting had been arranged for Thursday 6 November with Trand Housing to discuss their outline proposals for affordable housing in the village.

A meeting had been arranged on Tuesday 11 November with Cornwall Council to discuss devolution.

9. Public Rights of Way

No issues raised.

10. Public Open Spaces

The Clerk advised the meeting that the honesty box in the Forge Car Park had been refurbished.

11. Highways

It was noted that a taxi sign was being positioned on the pavement at the narrow part of Churchtown. Although the Council was pleased to see the success of the new business, the Clerk was asked to write to the owner of the taxi company requesting that it was not placed at that location.

Two drain covers located in Churchtown were reported to have dropped, and the Clerk was requested to advise the Highways Department of the problem.

Councillor Mrs S Ormond remarked that elsewhere she had seen notices spray painted onto pavements using stencils to request that dog owners pick up their dogs' mess.

It was suggested that a sign should be placed at the Penhale junction advertising Mullion. It was thought that there was a sign in the Parish Office which had once been placed at that junction. The Clerk would investigate what permissions were required to erect the sign.

It was noted that a Road Closure notice had been issued for Churchtown and Lender Lane for its entire length, and on Lender Lane between the junctions of Meaver Road and Churchtown, from 1445 and 1615 hours on 9th November 2014 for the Remembrance Parade.

12. The Provision of a Neighbourhood Plan

A Public Meeting had been held on Monday 6 October 2014 in the WI Hall, Nansmellyon Road. 77 people had attended the meeting at which an informative briefing was given by Maxine Hardy, Community Network Manager for Helston and South Kerrier.

Since the meeting had been advertised and held, 46 responses to the public notice had been received, with 19 of those responding indicating that they would support the creation of a plan but only 6 people willing to help produce a plan.

Concerns held by Councillors included the Plan being unable to conflict with local and national policy, and the Western Planning Committee having the final say on planning applications whilst having the ability to go against local and national policy. Neighbourhood Plans are designed to promote development in an area, not stop it, which latter it was felt that some people in the Parish wished to happen.

It was noted that approximately 2,100 individuals were currently on the electoral register in the Parish of Mullion. The numbers who had responded to the public notice and had attended the public meeting did not show a large percentage of people willing to support, or help in, the production of a plan at the current time.

It was proposed by Councillor D German, seconded by Councillor Mrs S Ormond and RESOLVED not to undertake a Neighbourhood Development Plan at present, but noted that the matter could be re-visited at a later date. The Clerk would update the names on the database of those who had registered an interest in the plan.

Councillor R Willey thanked the Chairman for his input at the Public Meeting. Some Councillors raised concern that one of the members had exceeded the course of action chosen by the Parish Council regarding this project without authority. The Chairman confirmed that the Code of Conduct requirements had been made clear to all involved.

13. Membership of the Helston and South Kerrier Community Network Panel

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor A Gilbert and RESOLVED to nominate Councillor Mrs S Ireland to sit on the Panel. The AGM would take place on Tuesday 28 October at 6pm at Helston School. Everyone was welcome to attend, but only the nominated Councillor could vote on decisions. Councillors Mrs C Rule and the Clerk would also be in attendance.

14. LGA 1972 requests for funding

A request for funding had been received from the Mullion Christmas Lights Committee. It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Mrs S Ormond and RESOLVED to grant £300.00 to the organisation.

A request for funding had been received from Headway, Cornwall. It was agreed not to support this application.

15. Finance and Accounts

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

16. Other correspondence received

A letter had been received from a member of the public regarding the money that would be raised from the sale of the RBL Hall in Mullion. It was suggested that the money should be passed to the Parish Council for the use of the people of Mullion. The Clerk was asked to investigate what would happen to the funds raised from the sale of the Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.34pm.

Signed:
Chairman

Dated: