

Mullion Parish Council Meeting held on **Tuesday 18 November 2014** at **7.00pm** at The Centenary Room, Methodist Chapel, Churchtown, Mullion

Councillors Present

D German	Mrs S Ormond (Vice Chairman)
I Harvey	Mrs C Rule
Mrs S Ireland	R Willey
J Lang (Chairman)	D Williams

Three 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 October, as attached to these minutes. In relation to the Anti-Social Behaviour in Tremennee Car Park, the Clerk advised the reported vandalism had been caught on CCTV and the perpetrators had been identified. Appropriate action had been taken.

3. Absence

Councillor P Wilkins had submitted his apologies to the meeting. Councillor A Gilbert was not in attendance.

4. Minutes

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs C Rule, seconded by Councillor D German and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 21 October 2014 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.

PA14/09683 - Mr Jonathan Richards - Parc Mere, Nansmellyon Road - Creation of turning and parking space, and formation of associated access

The Applicant attended the meeting and advised the meeting that the creation of a parking space within the grounds of his property would help to ease congestion on Nansmellyon Road. The turning space would ensure that vehicles could enter and leave the property in a forward gear. He stated that the Highways Department were happy with his proposals.

It was proposed by Councillor R Willey, seconded by Councillor D German and RESOLVED to support the planning application.

PA14/10106 - Mrs M Cooper-Brown – Binfield, Mullion - Installation of Dormer Window Extension

The applicant attended the meeting to advise Councillors that the main reason for installing the dormer window was to maximize the use of the space in the already converted attic room. It would also provide a fine view of the countryside, without creating any overlooking issues.

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

Before Mrs Cooper Brown left the meeting, the Chairman thanked her on behalf of the Parish Council and the Village as a whole for her massive efforts towards the success of this year's Poppy Appeal. Mrs Cooper Brown advised the meeting that she would not be running the Poppy Appeal in 2015.

The following applications had been received in the Office on the day of the meeting, but it was agreed that they could be discussed at the meeting.

PA14/09549- Mr Philip Hall - La Flouder Thatch, Laflouder Lane - Use of a swimming pool and hot tub cabin in the grounds of the property

The Clerk advised the meeting that a Certificate of Lawfulness for the use of a swimming pool and hot tub cabin had already been consulted on, and approved. This application was for Listed Building Consent for the use of a swimming pool and hot tub cabin.

It was proposed by Councillor D Williams, seconded by Councillor Mrs S Ormond and RESOLVED to support the planning application.

PA14/09682 - Boots the Chemist – Boots, Churchtown - To install an air condenser unit to the rear elevation

Some concern was raised over potential noise and pollution which may be created by the proposed air condenser unit.

It was proposed by Councillor D German, seconded by Councillor Mrs S Ormond and RESOLVED to support the planning application. One Councillor abstained from the vote.

PA14/10688 - Mrs Trisha Antwis – Tremellyon, Polurrian Road - Extension and alterations to existing detached dwelling and construction of a new detached double garage had also been received on the morning of the meeting. Due to the previous application being refused by the Parish Council and a subsequent Site Meeting being held and a reduction in the size of the original plans being agreed, it was thought that this application should be dealt with at the next Parish Council Meeting, when proper notification could be given. The Clerk was negotiating an extension of time for the Parish Council's response with the Planning Officer. The Clerk was asked to ensure that the National Trust and AONB Office were aware of this application.

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

PA14/03383 - Mr Richard Bray - Rear Of Alma House Churchtown - Erection of a dwelling – Approved

PA14/09495 - Mr R Fraser - Mulberry Cottage, Laflouder Lane – removal of tree branches - Approved

Two members of the public left the meeting.

7. Report from Cornwall Councillor Mrs C Rule

Councillor Mrs C Rule advised the meeting that the Winter Wellbeing programme was being run by a collection of agencies again this year. Please contact Councillor Mrs C Rule for further information.

Government grants were available to help towards community minibus projects.

Councillor Mrs C Rule thanked Councillor Mrs S Ireland for attending the Annual Meeting of the Community Network Panel. Councillor Mrs C Rule had been elected as Chairman for this panel, and Councillor Ian Patterson (Parish Councillor) had been elected as the Vice Chair. The next meeting would focus of the priorities for the area, which would be chosen by Parish and Town Councils from the CNP Profile document circulated at the meeting. The Clerk would obtain an electronic copy from the CNP Manager for circulation.

Funding was still available in Councillor Mrs C Rule's Community Chest.

Cornwall Council would hold their Budget meeting on 25 November 2014. The Cabinet had put forward a budget which required a 2% increase. A straw poll held at budget consultations throughout Cornwall had show that most people would prefer a 2% increase – a poll at the Parish Council meeting showed the same result in Mullion.

Part of the savings to be made in the budget included £165,000 from the Community Network Team, which would cut staff from 15.5FTE to 12FTE. In an attempt to cancel out the budget cuts in the Localism Department, Councillor Mrs C Rule was proposing a cut in the Community Chest budget. £750 would still be available to each Councillor, but the £750 would be amalgamated with the other Cornwall Councillor's in each CNP area to create one pot of money for the CNP to decide on which grants to allocate the money to.

8. Chairman and Clerks Comments

The Clerk had undertaken some research into the feasibility of providing electronic data at Parish Council meeting, plans for example. The purchase of a laptop, projector and screen would cost approximately £770.00. It was felt that the time involved in downloading information onto the laptop would be excessive, necessary as there is no internet access in the Chapel,. Councillors and members of the public were made aware of the plans to be discussed when the agenda was published several days before the meeting was held. It was thought that interested parties could go online to view applications via the Cornwall Council Online Planning Register, or visit the Parish Office to view hard copies of the plans. For the time being, it was felt that electronic data was not required at the Parish Council meetings.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Mrs S Ormond on behalf of the Parish Council and the Village itself for the huge success of the Remembrance Parade that she had organised.

Nominations were requested for the 'Ron Curnow Mullion Community Award' prior to the December meeting, when a decision would be made. The trophy would be presented to the recipient at the January 2015 meeting.

Despite promises that the repairs to Mullion Harbour would be completed by the end of October 2014, health and safety issues and bad weather had resulted in a delay to the works at the Cove. The National Trust was now estimating a completion date of the end of February 2015.

The Chairman was delighted to advise everyone present that someone was trying to start a Brass Band in the Village. It was very much hoped that this would be a success.

9. Public Rights of Way

Councillor R Willey advised the meeting that cows had escaped from fields close to Predannack Manor Farm and had caused a significant amount of damage to Footpath 3 and several stiles located along its route. Unfortunately, parts of the well worn path were now impassable and serpentine stones that had formed part of the walkway were no longer visible and large stones from stiles had been uprooted. The Footpath Officer for Cornwall Council had visited the site and would be liaising with the Land Owner.

10. Public Open Spaces

Councillor Mrs S Ormond had spoken to a lady that let her dog roam free in the park. A fence would be erected between the park and her garden, and it was hoped that this would stop the dog entering the park.

Trees, mostly blackthorn, overhanging a property adjacent to the park required some attention. Councillor D Williams agreed to visit the site, liaise with the neighbour and look into the matter.

Councillor I Harvey stated that the park was in a good condition.

11. Highways

Councillor D Williams advised the meeting that Cormac were clearing ditches on Polhorman Lane. He had spoken with the workmen, and they had agreed to look for the drain that used to lead across Polhorman Farm land which relieved the road from flooding.

12. Chacewater Call for Change

Following the circulation of further information from Chacewater Parish Council in relation to allegations made against Cornwall Council, it was proposed by Councillor Mrs S Ormond, seconded by Councillor D German and RESOLVED to send a letter to Cornwall Council supporting the issues raised on Planning only.

13. LGA 1972 requests for funding

A letter had been received from Mullion Christmas Lights Committee thanking the Parish Council for their donation.

A letter had been received from Cornwall Air Ambulance. It was proposed by Councillor R Willey, seconded by Councillor D German and RESOLVED to grant £100.00 to the organisation.

A letter was also received from the Cornwall Blind Association. It was proposed by Councillor R Willey, seconded by Councillor Mrs S Ormond and RESOLVED to grant £100.00 to the organisation.

A funding request from the Young Peoples Service was not supported.

14. 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.

15. Other correspondence received

A letter had been received from the daughter of a gentleman that passed away in May 2014 requesting permission to place a plaque on one of the benches located on the cliff overlooking Mullion Cove. The Parish Council was not aware of the owners of the benches, and the Clerk was asked to respond suggesting that the family contacted Mullion Cove Hotel as they had previously undertaken maintenance work on some of the benches.

The Helston and The Lizard Foodbank were opening a depot in the Mullion chapel for people in crisis to collect emergency food on Thursday mornings from 9am to 12.30pm. A Christmas Day lunch was also being held at Mawgan Village Hall for anyone not looking forward to Christmas for any reason.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.06 pm.

Signed:
Chairman

Dated: