

Mullion Parish Council Meeting held on **Tuesday 15 March 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	

Seven members of the public attended the meeting, including Graeme Wilkinson, West Briton reporter.

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

1. Public Session

No issues were raised.

2. Absence

Councillor D Williams was not in attendance.

3. 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 16 February 2016 be approved as a true record and be duly signed by the Chairman.

4. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Mr P Wilkins declared a non-disclosable interest in relation to item 5, PA16/01717 – Mill Cottage, Mullion Cove. He signed the Register of Interests and left the room during the discussion and vote on the item.

5. Planning

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

PA16/01275 - Mr A Rudd - Seven Pines, Angrouse Lane - Proposed construction of kitchen and bedroom extension

The Applicant attended the meeting and explained his reasons for wanting to extend the family home.

Concerns were raised by Councillors in relation to the size and scale of the proposed extension and that it was not in keeping with the existing property. There would be a huge amount of glazing used in the proposed extension which would be seen from the South West Coast Path. The National Trust had

submitted an objection to the planning application for similar reasons, which was surprising as they hadn't commented on other, larger scale developments in the vicinity.

However, the dwelling was located within a large plot and no comments from neighbouring properties had been received.

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

A member of the public then left the meeting.

PA16/01590- Mr Julian De Sola Pinto - Gwelgwynyn, Gibbons Fields - Two storey side extension containing 2 ensuite bedrooms, dining room and utility room

The Clerk explained that this application had been submitted to Cornwall Council as a householder application. The Planning Officer had reviewed the file and decided that the application looked like a new semi-detached house due to the proposed front door and separate stair case. The application had therefore been passed to another team and the Applicant advised. The current application may not be decided due to the issues raised, but the Planning Officer was still keen to hear the Parish Council's views while discussions took place with the Applicant.

Concern was raised amongst Councillors due to the apparent creation of a new semi-detached dwelling within an already small site. Creation of new dwelling or extension of this size would be over development of the site and would create overlooking onto the neighbouring properties.

The access to the site was incredibly tight for vehicles and there would be very little or no amenity space for the properties should off road parking be created on the site.

The Chairman asked for proposals in support of the application. None were received.

It was then proposed by Councillor I Harvey, seconded by Councillor M Rowse and unanimously RESOLVED to object to the application on the above grounds.

PA16/01717 – Mr & Mrs Glossop – Mill Cottage, Mullion Cove – Extension and alteration of existing cottage

Councillor P Wilkins left the room during this item for the discussion and vote.

The Applicants advised the meeting that they had that day submitted amended plans to Cornwall Council which removed the replacement porch from the proposals. They felt that the pretty, double fronted property should be left as it was. The removal of the pebble dashed exterior would expose the original brickwork. They were keen to renovate the property to its original condition in a sympathetic manner.

Councillors were delighted to see the dwelling being restored to its original state and thanked the owners for doing so.

It was proposed by Councillor C Rule, seconded by Councillor D German and unanimously RESOLVED to support the application.

Councillor P Wilkins returned to the room and two members of the public left.

PA16/02141 – Mr & Mrs B Jones – Living Waters, Polurrian Cliff – Demolition of two extensions and erection of new and replacement extensions

The Parish Council had received no comments from neighbouring properties in relation to this application.

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

PA16/02013 – Mr & Mrs J Buxton – Roselands, Mullion Cove – Proposed extension to dwelling and cladding

The Parish Council had received no comments from neighbouring properties in relation to this application.

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

The Applicants for PA16/02141 - Living Waters, Polurrian Cliff arrived at the meeting. The Chairman advised them of the Parish Council's comments.

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

PA16/00516 - Mr & Mrs M Pickett - 56 Laflouder Fields - Proposed sunroom extension and roof alterations – Approved

The affordable housing led development at Park En Venton had also received planning permission that day. A S106 for the affordable houses had been agreed, but no mention of the Off-site Amenity Contribution for the Parish Council was made in the planning permission. The Clerk had contact the Planning Officer in that regard.

The Clerk advised the meeting that she had received an anonymous complaint via the website relating to a breach of planning conditions at Angrouse Farmhouse. The complainant accused the owners of letting the equestrian facility for a livery yard. The Clerk had passed the complaint onto Cornwall Council who had investigated the matter and decided that no breach had been made due to the 2014 planning permission not being implemented. Unfortunately there was no way of relaying this information to the complainant, which was why the Clerk was mentioning the matter at the meeting. It was decided that the Clerk should take no action in the future on anonymous communications. Councillor I Harvey would attempt to make the contact information on the website form compulsory.

Concern had been raised by a resident of Angrouse Lane following rumours circulating the village regarding the creation of an access to the road of Laflouder Lane during the construction of replacement dwellings. Until a planning application was submitted stating the intention of the developer, no action could be taken. The resident had been advised that Angrouse Lane was a designated footpath and only properties with a right of way could pass over it in vehicles.

6. Report from Cornwall County Councillor Mrs C Rule

Cornwall Councillor Mrs C Rule advised the meeting that the Community Network Panel (CNP) had invited a member of the Local Policing Team to every meeting, with no representation being made to date. It was hoped that this would change now that the Police Reports for Parish Council meetings had stopped.

At the CNP Meeting in March, representatives from Cornwall Council and Cormac advised that their budget had halved since 2009. It was felt that they should liaise more closely with Parish Councils to ensure that the money that was being spent was going to the right areas and issues. The Highways Safety Officer had agreed to meet with the Ward Member, Chairman and Clerk for each Parish Council to discuss future plans and aspirations on Tuesday 22 March 2016. Councillors were asked to submit questions, comments and suggestions to the Clerk before that date.

Approximately £35,000 had been allocated to the Helston and Lizard CNP to be used on devolution projects in the area. A procedure for spending the money was being agreed, and voting members on the CNP would decide which projects, from ideas submitted by Parish and Town Councils, would be supported. If the allocation of the funding was successful, more money may be forthcoming from other areas. Councillor Mrs S Ireland had concerns over the allocation of the funds, which was a one off pot of money. She felt that the bigger areas such as Porthleven and Helston would be in a better position than the smaller Parish Councils. Councillor Mrs C Rule explained that each Parish and Town Council had one vote each and that no one was at an advantage. She hoped that the CNP could come to a mutual decision of the spending of the money.

The Local Government Boundary Review had commenced and a decision on the number of Cornwall Councillors would be made before May 2017. The actual boundaries would be decided after that date and implemented in time for the 2021 Local Government elections. A consultation meeting would take place with the Boundary Commission on Wednesday 30 March 2016 in the Council Chamber at New County Hall, Truro between 2 and 3.30pm and all Parish and Town Councils were invited to attend.

7. Chairman and Clerks Comments

The Clerk read out an email received from a member of the public regarding the cessation of the publication of the Parish Calendar. The complainant was surprised to see that it would no longer be created by the Parish Council and felt that it was a great help to the public. The Clerk had responded with the Parish Council's reasons for no longer producing the Calendar and suggested that members of the public referred to the Parish Council website notice board and Parish Guide for information instead.

The Chairman advised the meeting that the sand bank at Poldhu would receive attention from the National Trust on Thursday 17 March 2016. It was hoped that the public toilets and beach would then be accessible to users.

8. Public Rights of Way

The Clerk advised the meeting that the Footpath Contractor would be increasing his tender by £25.38 for the 2016 Footpath Cutting season. The Parish Council was satisfied with that increase.

9. Public Open Spaces

Councillor D German stated that the Parish Map located on the back of the sign at the entrance to Tremenhee car park was looking tired and should be removed. Councillors explained that the map had been designed by Westcountry Publishing and paid for by the Parish Council at a great expense. Councillors would visit the map and report back to the Parish Council before any action was taken.

Complaints had been received about the new black bin in the park which had been installed by the Parish Council in 2015. Cory were still not emptying the bin. Councillor I Harvey had made contact with Cornwall Council and Cory had agreed to collect the key from the Clerk to unlock the bin so that it could be emptied. Although the key was not actually required to unlock the bin, it was hoped that this might solve the situation.

It was suggested by Councillor D German that some more benches should be purchased for the park. Councillor D Williams still had one of the benches at his property and would be asked yet again to return it to the park. It was agreed that this issue would be revisited in May once the new gym equipment had been installed and the space in the park could be surveyed.

Councillor I Harvey had provided the Clerk with a satisfactory Park Maintenance Checklist on 15 March 2016. He confirmed that he had lubricated the swings in the Park.

Two new toddler swing seats were required due to the rubber being worn and cracked. A quote had been received for £125 each plus VAT and it was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor D German and RESOLVED to ask the Clerk to purchase the replacement swing seats for delivery to and installation by Councillor I Harvey.

It was noted that litter had recently been picked up in the park by an unknown individual or group of people. The Parish Council was very grateful to members of the community who undertook tasks like this for benefit of the Parish.

The Clerk confirmed that the gym equipment had been ordered and would be installed during the week commencing 11 April 2016.

The Chairman of Mullion In Bloom had contacted the Parish Council to ask permission to place a 'Welcome to Mullion Garden' sign on the Lender Land entrance of the Gardens. The Parish Council was happy for this to happen.

10. Highways

It was mentioned that a large pothole had opened up at the entrance to Polurrian Road and that the water was still running on Meaver Road, just past the school on the way out of the village. The Clerk would report both issues.

The Chairman advised the meeting that the Highways Safety Officer from Cormac was due to visit the Office on Tuesday 22 March 2016 at 11.30 to discuss suggestions for future spending in the Village. He asked for any suggestions to be sent to the Clerk prior to that meeting.

A significant amount of ditching had taken place at Predannack, along with some resurfacing works. It was thought that this was in preparation for surface dressing over the summer months.

The Clerk had asked the traffic warden to visit the village. It was understood that several tickets were issued during their visit. It was pure coincidence that the bus was stopped by an impassable car parked on the pavement between Spar and Biddicks' Shop during the same week.

Concern had been raised again by parents and staff at Mullion Primary School due to parents and carers parking on zigzag lines outside of the school and speeding in and around the area. It was hard to believe that parents and carers would put their own children, and other children, in danger this way. It was hoped that children could raise awareness of the potential dangers with their parents and carers.

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

No requests for funding had been received.

Councillor M Rowse gave an update on the installation of defibrillators in the Village. A defibrillator had been installed at the Mounts Bay Inn, completely funded by Lizard 2000. The second defibrillator had been installed outside of the Chapel and a third at the doctor's surgery, funded by Mullion Monday Methodist Club. It was hoped that one would be installed at the W.I. Hall, but that had been met with great resistance by the W.I. Another defibrillator was being funded by the Monday Club and Cricket Club for installation at the Cricket Club in due course. Everyone congratulated the Monday Club on the huge fundraising efforts.

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.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15pm.

Signed:
Chairman

Dated: