

Mullion Parish Council Meeting held on **Tuesday 19 July 2016** at **7.00pm** in The Centenary Room, Methodist Chapel, Churchtown, Mullion

Councillors Present

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

One member of the public attended the meeting.

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

1. Public Session

No issues were raised.

2. Absence

Councillor D German had submitted his apologies to the Clerk. Councillor D Williams was not in attendance.

3. Minutes

It was proposed by Councillor I Harvey, seconded by Councillor Mrs C Rule and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 21 June 2016 be approved as a true record and be duly signed by the Chairman.

4. Declarations of Interest

None.

5. Planning

No Planning Applications had been received from Cornwall Council in time for the meeting. However, PA16/05044 – Predannack Farmhouse, Predannack – Conversion of redundant agricultural buildings to 7 residential units with garages and parking space had come through at lunchtime. The Chairman had negotiated an extension of time with the Planning Officer and the application would be discussed at the August meeting. Councillor I Harvey advised the meeting that the documents were on the website and had been circulated to Councillors already.

It was suggested that an A3 printer could be used to print large scale plans such as Predannack Farmhouse. The Clerk would investigate the costs involved.

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

PA16/03762 - Mr & Mrs J and A Larcombe - The Watchhouse, 1 Coastguard Cottages, Mullion Cove - Refused - Certificate of lawfulness proposed use: Use of land as garden to The Watch House

PA16/04928 - The Swallowcourt Group - Poldhu Nursing Home - Non-material amendment for amendments of the facings materials in respect of decision notice PA11/08107 construction of 4 close care bungalow and Erection of garage building – Approved

PA16/04165 - Mr A Corden - Lloyd – Arcady, Laflouder Lane - Proposed First Floor Extension, Alterations and External Works – Approved

PA16/04284 - Mr R Bray - Alma House, Churchtown - Outline application for the construction of a dwelling on land to the rear of Alma House – Approved

PA16/04887 - Mr P Skerrett - Tal An Vean, Polhorman Lane - Proposed extension and replacement of window to French doors – Approved

PA16/04465 - Mr M Bawden - Briar Cottage, Trewoon Road - To construct a new detached garage to the side of the existing property – Approved

Councillor R Willey asked for the reasons behind The Watchhouse's refusal. The Clerk would circulate the decision notice.

A Planning Enforcement Complaint had been submitted to Cornwall Council regarding the installation of a new front door on the Former Royal British Legion Hall which was not in keeping with the approved plans.

6. Report from Cornwall County Councillor Mrs C Rule

Cornwall Councillor Mrs C Rule advised the meeting that after a review of the Housing Register, approximately 18,000 people had been taken off the list. Following an interrogation of the Register during Mullion's Housing Survey, it was found to be incorrect several years ago.

Following the perceived lack of Police presence on the Lizard Peninsula, Officers had been invited to attend the next Community Network Panel Meeting to be held on Wednesday 7 September 2016 at Cury Village Hall. The Local Area Inspector and the Police and Crime Commissioner would be in attendance.

Councillor Mrs C Rule still had money left in the Community Fund pot available for the current year. Applications for funding were welcomed.

The Code of Conduct Training held the previous evening at the Lizard had been well attended and very informative. Councillor Mrs C Rule thanked Councillors Mrs L Skeites and M Rowse for attending.

Cornwall Councillors had purchased, and were wearing, crocheted white flowers in memory of Jo Cox MP who was tragically murdered just prior to the EU Referendum.

7. Chairman and Clerks Comments

The Chairman advised the meeting of recent attempted burglaries at Post Offices in the area. The Lizard Post Office and others had been targeted by thieves using distraction methods to gain access to the tills. Everyone was warned to beware of suspicious activities.

In relation to the Planning Application for the Co-Op in the existing Post Office building, a delay had been caused by the Planning Officer's insistence that the street scene remained the same and that the wall to the left of the entrance gates stayed in place. Mrs Grimmer, the Sub-Post Master, was keen for the building to change hands and Councillor Mrs C Rule was invited to make contact with the Planning Officer in an attempt to move the application along. Mrs Grimmer had submitted a letter to the Planning Department outlining her concerns over the delay. She had the full support of the Parish Council who wished to see the deal finalised as soon as possible to ensure the future of the Post Office in Mullion.

The Clerk had received an anonymous letter from a resident of the Parish concerning a Toyota Yaris which had been parked on Nansmellyon Road for several months. It was alleged that the vehicle was not taxed, which turned out not to be true. The Clerk had no way of responding to the anonymous letter. The DVLA was an excellent source of information regarding vehicles, and the current tax status of a vehicle could be assessed this way.

A civil dispute was ongoing between the owners of the Former Royal British Legion Hall and the neighbouring property regarding easements over land.

It was reported that the canon at Mullion Cove Hotel was in a poor condition. The Parish Council was unsure as to who had responsibility for the canon, which was now rusty and required renovation. The Clerk would consult the Hotel owners and Councillor R Willey would seek assistance from Mr Charlie Hunt (who had previously refurbished the canon) in the attempt to ascertain ownership and responsibility.

8. Public Rights of Way

The second cut of the footpaths had already commenced due to the rate of re-growth this season. It may be that certain paths require a third cut later in the year, which would be at the Parish Councils expense.

The Ramblers Association had contacted the Clerk and Cornwall Council regarding Bridleway 19 from Chypons to Priske Farm. They were complaining that the path was impassable in the winter months and only marginally better in the summer months due to large farm machinery using the track on a regular basis.

The Clerk had contacted the Footpath Officer regarding FP3 to Predannack Manor Farm yet again. He had confirmed that the request for funding the work was with Cornwall Council and was waiting to be placed on the work schedule.

It was noted that the sign 'No access to motorbikes/cars' sign was completely covered up at the top of Bridleway 35 to Polurrian. The Clerk would report the issue to Highways.

9. Public Open Spaces

Councillor I Harvey advised the meeting that the park was in a good condition. The Cemetery was also in a good condition.

The Mullion Garden had received the Green Flag award for another consecutive year. It was agreed that Mullion in Bloom do an amazing job in the area and this award was well deserved.

10. Highways

It was noted that a road narrowing sign was required for the Commons, to the north west of the Woodlands estate. There was no footpath on this section of the road and vehicles were often forced onto the opposite side of the road into oncoming traffic. Many years ago, an effort was made to have a footpath installed at this site. The Clerk would make contact with the Highways Safety Officer at Cornwall Council.

Hedge trimming had been undertaken quite severely at Teneriffe Farm, and the tenant farmer wished it to be known that he had not undertaken or authorised the work.

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

A funding request had been received from the Mullion Memory Cafe. It was proposed by Councillor R Willey seconded by the Chairman and RESOLVED to grant £200.00 to the organisation.

A thank you letter had been received from Shelter.

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

Mullion School was looking to work together with other local schools to provide a Multi Academy Trust. A consultation period was now open and further information could be found on their website.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.41pm.

Signed:

Chairman

Dated: