

Colan Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 26th January 2022

Those present:, Derek Luscombe, Maurice O’Gara, Suzanne Featherstone, Fiona House, Pat Lambshead, Alistair McKenna, Vicky Smalley, Brian Killingback, Marc Dummett,John Fitter
Clerk – Di Willett.

Derek Luscombe was in the Chair.

1. Police Report:

During the reporting period (24/11/2021 to 25-01-2022) there were 25 reported crimes including: 4 thefts or making off without payment, 1 drug driving, 1 drink driving, 2 sexual offences and 6 assaults. This is a slight rise on the same period last year which counted 21 reported crimes. The report is attached to the minutes.

2. Public Speaking:

None

3. Cornwall Councillor’s Report:

The first meeting has been held to discuss the traffic management plan for the Boardmaster’s festival. John has requested a temporary extension of the 30mph limit so that it taken passed RAF St Mawgan. He has been unable to secure a 20mph after discussion with highways. He has also requested that HGV traffic uses Henvor Road and does attempt to go by Treloy. The feedback from this meeting is due on 26th March. The growth at Morrisons roundabout has now been cut back. Highways engaged with Newquay Town Council but they declined to take on responsibility for the roundabout.

Planning for the Saints Trail is ongoing and the application will be submitted on 26th February. There have already been objections from St Newlyn East. Trevilley Farm has also objected as it cuts through six of their fields. Originally John suggested it terminate at Trevemper Bridge but Newquay TC wants it to carry on to the swimming pool. They are now reviewing it to see if there are any further amendments to be made before the application is submitted.

Cornwall Council budget will be set in February, currently 400 staff will be made redundant. Anna Druce , our Community Link Officer will retain her post, but will have to take on additional Community Link Areas.

4. Declaration of Interest:

Declarations of interest will be declared prior to discussion of any agenda item involved.

5. Apologies:

Apologies received from:
Steve Lean

6. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed by all as true and correct. They were signed as such by Derek.

7. Matters Arising:

None

8. Planning Applications:

PA22/00116 – Figgy Road side extension: All supported this application subject to the approval of the neighbour whose property is in close proximity to the new extension.

PA22/00625 – New farm building, Hendra Paul Farm – Supported by all.

PA22/00370 – Little Trethiggey- annex for disabled person:

Marc declared an interest and left the meeting.

This application appears to be for an annexe for a disabled person, but then also talks about a holiday let. More clarification is required – is this a holiday let or accommodation for a disabled person? If it is to be a holiday let then there is not sufficient parking area.

Marc rejoined the meeting.

PA21/0869 – Newquay Tourist Park additional buildings – Supported by all.

PA21/12755 – 28 West Road, 2 storey side extension – Supported by all.

Pa22/00006 – Treisaac Farm – detached annex construction – Supported by all.

9. Action Group Against the Proposed Holiday Development at Bejowan:

No further news at present.

10. Accounts

Clerks Salary and expenses Oct/Nov/Dec - £897.40 – Approved by all

Zurich Insurance £1386.89 – Approved by all.

Cormac Solutions: grass cutting 2 invoices – Jan 22: £186.21 + VAT and Feb/Mar 22: £372.42 + VAT – Approved by all

Cornwall Council Election Recharges: £255.00 – no-one is sure that we should be charged for this as there was no election for the Parish Council. Clerk to query this payment.

11. CIL Funds:

Councillors were asked to consider ideas for this money for the next meeting.

Alistair suggested we get some more speeding signs which register when drivers are over the speed limit to raise awareness. This will be discussed as an agenda item at the next meeting.

12. Devolution of Land:

The playing field devolution has been submitted for the next round of funding. No further response at the time of this meeting.

13. Recreation Field/Hedgecutting/Grass Cutting/Tennis Courts:

The grass cutting contract expires at the end of March – Derek doesn't know of anyone who wants to take this on – Alistair has received some interest from a couple of contractors. The clerk will send out the specification to those interested.

Following the insurance inspections, there was some urgent work to be carried out to make the equipment safe – Abbey Maintenance were asked to do this work and it is now complete.

There is some less urgent work to be done and Abbey Maintenance will be asked to quote for this in the normal way, as well as refurbishing the poles on the green slide.

We have received two quotes for the work to tidy up the recreation field. The first from NMS was for £850.00, but this did not include all the work which needs doing. The Councillors voted for Abbey Maintenance to carry out all the specified work at a cost of £2500.00.

Derek will meet with Abbey Maintenance and ask that priority be given to clearing the hedgerows before the birds start nesting. Bob will also remove all the wood left behinds after the replacement of the picnic benches.

The large activity area needs some attention. It was suggested that we consider purchasing paint and asking for volunteers to carry out this work. The area is also very outdated and the Council should consider employing a professional company to redesign the area. The clerk will try and find companies that are prepared to quote for this work.

14. Playground Inspection Reports:

Covered in agenda item 13 above.

15. Queens Canopy/Community Event:

Nansledan Community are holding an event of the Sunday of the holiday weekend, so there is no point in the Parish holding one the same day. Alistair suggested maybe we do something on the Saturday for

example "Plant a Tree". Barnecutts have agreed to supply 100 pasties free of charge. Marc agreed to help with the tree species and several Councillors will meet before the next Council meeting to discuss the way forward. Alistair will also try to get the local school involved.

16. Speeding Issues – Quintrell Downs:

Alistair has set up a Speedwatch group, however there are only 3 volunteers at present and we need at least 4. There is a Speedwatch event in Launceston next week which will be attended by Alistair and the Quintrell Downs Residents Group.

17. Litter Picking Equipment:

Vicky requested we purchase ten litter picker tools to help with the Community Litter Pick. She has decided that this should be done monthly and not weekly as it will probably encourage more people to attend.

18. Website:

Di has agreed to post minutes etc on to the website and Alistair will show her how to do this.

19. Letters/Notices:

The Air Ambulance have written asking if we have grants available for their work. The Council agreed to send them the flyer for Grantscape as we have no other funding available.

20. Any Other Business

Vicky stated that there has been a sofa bed dumped on the path to the recreation ground and wondered if we could get it moved. Fiona said that she will ask Ben to move it at the weekend.

Brian asked when Cornwall Council was going back to their offices to work. The Parish Council has no input into the work of Cornwall Council therefore we cannot answer this question.

Marc commented on the rusty container at the recreation field – apparently it belongs to Newquay American Football Club. It has become an eyesore and looks unsafe. The Clerk will write to the club asking them to make safe or move it.

Patrick asked that we send our condolences to Jane's husband – the clerk agree to do this.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 23rd February 2022

Di Willett

01/02/2022