

Colan Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 23rd February 2022

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

Derek Luscombe was in the Chair.

1. Police Report:

During the reporting period (26/01/2022 to 17/02/2022) there were 8 reported crimes including: 4 thefts or making off without payment, 1 drink driving, 1 criminal damage and 1 harassment.

This is a fall on the same period last year which counted 12 reported crimes. The quote for this month comes from Robert Peel – “The goal is to prevent crime. The key to preventing crime is earning public support. The police earn public support by respecting community principles” The report is attached to the minutes.

2. Public Speaking:

None

3. Cornwall Councillor’s Report:

Cornwall Council approved the budget for next year yesterday. The precept for Colan band D properties will be £12.98 per household. Newquay will be £225.78. Pat asked where the cuts would be made – John replied that there have been 400 staff posts cut in Cornwall Council with Community Link officers being cut by 50% - Anna now looks after two network areas.

The bus pull in on West Road is likely to be delayed due to Mi-Space going into administration.

Approximately £22m is owed to various sub contractors.

The Saints Trail is no longer viable and probably won’t be resurrected.

Home Choice – the Cornwall Housing company which allocates social housing could be privatised. Private landlords now want their properties back and families cannot get another house until they are actually homeless.

The Tamar Bridge tolls were increased yesterday by 30%.

The Aviation Centre has problems renewing their lease, Cornwall Council has not yet agreed a renewal, and therefore the Centre are unable to take the Nimrod aircraft which has been offered to their exhibition.

The sand school opposite Lane Theatre was requested to have a visibility splay at their entrance, but the owner misunderstood and has cut the hedge down completely.

John has received no feedback on his application to have a lower speed limit on the A3059.

John has asked the Boardmasters organisers to include a 30mph temporary limit at Treloy for the duration of the festival.

The road safety work on South Road Quintrell Downs is due to start on March 1st and should last for a week.

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 and Suzanne Featherstone.

It was noted that this is the 5th meeting that Chris Ramsey has missed – the clerk was asked to write to him advising him of the rule that after 6 missed meetings the Council will have to discuss his future on the Parish Council.

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:

PA22/00689 – Hazardous substance consent, Hendra: Approved by all.

PA22/00428 – Land train storage, Hendra: Approved by all.

PA22/00632 – Change of use from Agricultural land to garden, Little Trethiggey – Approved by all

PA22/01493 – Construction of Garage, Golden Palms, Taylors Lane – Approved by all.

PA22/00474 – Residential unit, Draymans Cottage – Derek declared an interest and abstained from the vote. The remaining Councillors all supported this application.

Due to their contractors going into administration, Coastline Housing has requested an amendment to their planning application in order to delay the proposed bus stop and lay-by on West Road. However the Parish Council voted that the plans should be carried out as originally agreed. Once the application is received the Clerk will respond accordingly.

9. Cornwall Governance Review:

Following further discussion on this review, the Parish Council voted to re-iterate the fact that they do not want any further changes to their boundary.

10. Community Network Highways Scheme:

It was decided to put forward an expression of interest in applying for more speed awareness on South Road and North Way. The Clerk will complete the form and send it to Anna Druce.

11. Local Maintenance Partnership:

We have received another request for the Parish Council to take on maintenance of the footpaths in our Parish. The Councillors decided they do not want to do this and we should leave the maintenance as it is.

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

No further news at present.

13. Accounts

CALC – Code of Conduct Training – Vicky Smalley - £24.00 + VAT – approved by all.

Cornwall Council election recharge - £255.00 – Following further communication with Cornwall Council, it seems we have no option but to pay this invoice. Approved by all.

We have received two quotes for grass cutting on the recreation field:

Grant Eden £4100 inc VAT

Cormac - £2910 inc VAT

The Councillors voted to accept the quote from Cormac Solutions.

14. CIL Funds:

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

15. 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. The devolution of the land at Gypsy corner has been refused.

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

As stated in agenda item 13 above, Cormac have submitted the cheapest quote for the grass cutting next year. The Clerk will accept their quote.

17. Playground Equipment:

Marc, Brian, Maurice and Derek agreed to meet Cathy from Outdoor Playpeople to discuss rejuvenation of the outdated play equipment.

Post meeting note – Meeting arranged for Thursday 10th March at 4.30pm

18. Queens Canopy/Community Event:

There seems to be several events in and around the Parish for the Queen’s Jubilee. Although this is something we would like to hold, Councillors do not feel that they have enough time available to organise this. However, Marc has agreed to look into trees that would be available for planting on the recreation field in support of the Queens canopy.

19. Speeding Issues – Quintrell Downs:

No further news at present. However the Parish Council will enter an expression of interest in the Cornwall Highways scheme requesting speed awareness signs on North Way and South Road.

20. Website:

No further news.

21. Letters/Notices:

None

22. Any Other Business

Colan Companion – Derek asked if anyone would submit an article for the Parish Magazine on behalf of Colan Parish Council. No-one present wanted to do this. We will ask again when there are more Councillors present. In the meantime, Carole Luscombe has agreed to submit an article if the clerk will send the approved minutes to her. This was agreed by all.

Maurice asked if Cormac have done the hedge by the allotment yet – the clerk will check this.

Our GDPR policy needs updating – the Clerk offered to do this and present it to the Council next month. All agreed.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 30th March 2022

Di Willett

10/03/2022