

Colan Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 29th June 2022

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

Derek Luscombe was in the Chair.

1. Police Report:

No report received this month.

2. Public Speaking:

Abby from the Goldings development is struggling to buy her house she currently lives in from Astor Housing – they are telling her that she cannot purchase it because it is rural. The Parish Council have never heard of this excuse and neither has John Fitter. John agreed to take this up on Abby’s behalf to try and get this sorted out.

Tim Roper from the Atlantic Vineyard brought us up to date with progress at the vineyard. The agricultural shed has now been built, the bore hole drilled. Solar panels and a wind turbine have also been installed. 5500 vines have also been planted which are highly resistant to disease. These are growing very quickly and need a lot of pruning. He wants to recruit local people as “Friends of the Vineyard” and has already managed to recruit three – 2 from Bosoughan and 1 from Quintrell Downs. This will be casual labour with payment in kind at present. He invited anyone from the Parish Council who wishes to have a look round to do so at any time.

We are joined this evening by Ben, who has responded to our advert for a new Councillor.

3. Vice Chairperson:

Alistair stated that he is happy to continue as Vice Chairperson.

4. Cornwall Councillor’s Report:

Firstly Cllr Fitter apologised for his absence last month. Since the last meeting highways have now cut the verges and the low branches on the trees which cyclists have complained about are due to be done shortly. It seems as if the park and ride scheme for Newquay is now back on – John objected to the idea of a car park opposite Hendra as there was no security in place. There will be better official signage this year so as not to cause any confusion.

20 is plenty is still in Phase 1 the report is due to be produced in December. If it is successful the scheme will be rolled out o all approved locations. The roll out should be completed by 2026 – if there are no changes to Cornwall Council in the meantime.

A planning application has been sent in for the development of the old warehouse area on the road between Trevemper and Morrisons. If the application is not successful then John will request that the site is tidied up. In the meantime the area has been made more secure.

The devolution of the playing field is still in the system and should be considered next year. They are not able to value it as yet.

The NSR is progressing – the final part is currently being completed. The design of the bridge has been changed but the variations have not been received as yet. They are considering putting a “Halt” on the railway line rather than a station. The completion date is currently 2024.

A review is underway for safety improvements at Rialton Junction as there have been several incidents on the bend.

The cycle hub at the aerohub has been put on hold until further funding can be found for this project. Currently there is no Council Officer to take this forward.

Pat asked if there was any news on the signage at Halloon – this has stalled due to a shortfall in funding from the NSR.

Cornwall Council wants to change the Community Network areas. These will be reduced from 19 down to 10. John has no problem with the enlarged areas he feels that the Parish Councils will have more power. The Chair of the new network area will be shared by Paul Wills from Newquay and John Fitter, with Liz McKenzie as Vice Chair.

The Parish Council has been removed from the Airport Forum, but St Columb Major has two representatives. The new forum members have signed a confidentiality clause, but John feels that this forum should remain open to the public.

The Boundary review should be completed by January 2023 – there will be consultation and engagement meetings before a decision is reached.

5. Declaration of Interest:

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

6. Apologies:

Apologies received from:

Marc Dummet, Steve Lean and Suzanne Featherstone.

7. Minutes of previous meeting

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

8. Matters Arising:

None

9. Planning Applications:

PA22/04997 – Change from holiday let to residential – oak Tree Barn road – Approved by all.

PA22/04039 – Conversion of garage to dwelling – Higher Tren creek – Approved by all.

Bus shelter on East Road – Derek declared an interest at this point and left the room. We have received a letter from the solicitor of the vendor of 24 Willow Close regarding the bus shelter on East road which is actually on their property. They have offered it to the Parish Council for no cost and want to know our feelings on this. After discussion the Council agreed in principle to this idea, however would like clarification that we will be able to access the property to maintain the bus shelter. It was suggested that we contact our solicitor to ask his advice. All agreed with this.

10. Cornwall Governance Review:

As stated in John Fitter's report – the boundary review is due to be decided in January 2023.

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

No further news at present.

12. Accounts

Newquay Mowing Service: strimming the toddler area – 4 cuts @ £30.00 each - £120.00. Approved by all.
Cornwall Council – rent for field - £150.00 – Approved by all.

Quintrell Downs Village Hall – Rent from January to June 2022 - £72.00. Approved by all.

Clerks Salary and expenses – April/May/June 2022 - £942.19. Approved by all.

Cormac – Recreation Field Grass Cutting – invoice submitted for £977.94 inc VAT which is more than agreed, so a credit note of £270.00 inc VAT was issued leaving a total of £707.94 inc VAT to pay which is the agreed amount. All approved this payment.

NMS have issued quote for brush cutting behind the toddler area - £20.00 per fortnight and the back of the tennis court- £80.00 per cut twice yearly. Derek was asked to ask them to quote for cutting twice yearly – and it was agreed by all that the maximum we would pay would be £100.00 per cut.

13. Grantscape Funding:

We have to have written permission before we can access our funding for the Village Gateway signs. The Clerk will email Adrian Drake to establish the way forward.

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

We have been informed that the fence has been damaged around the toddler area – Derek will ask Bob to take away the damaged panels. We should have prices for new fencing ready for the next meeting. It was suggested we order three more picnic tables as these have proved very popular with residents.

We have three inspection reports from our insurance inspection which, although not urgent will need to be followed through. Derek will arrange with Bob Scott to look at these.

It was agreed that we should inspect this equipment our selves once a month – Alistair, Fiona, Marc, Maurice and Derek agreed to be part of the rota – the Clerk will put a rota together and send it out.

Colan cricket club has now reformed and they have asked permission to have their matches on the recreation field. We would need a formal request and need to see that they have their own insurance in place, and then we can consider this.

15. Playground Equipment:

A quote of £21,289.00 has been received from Outdoor Playpeople. Sovereign have quoted £26455.16, however the quotes include different items. It was decided that 5 Councillors would meet separately to discuss these quotes as we have various monies available to fund this project. Derek, Alistair, Fiona, Brian, Maurice and Vicky agreed to meet at 11, The Oaks on 12th July at 6.30 pm.

16. Toddler Play Area fencing:

This was discussed under agenda item 14 – Derek will try to get a quote for the next meeting.

17. Queens Canopy/Community Event:

The clerk has requested a landmark tree and we await the final decision.

18. Speeding Issues – Quintrell Downs:

No further news this month

19. Shipping Container:

Our contact, Brian Smallworth, has responded to the email, but unfortunately he is currently awaiting heart surgery and therefore we can take this no further at the present time.

20. Website:

The Clerk is now able to add minutes etc to the website. Craig Allen has agreed to put the Colan Companion on to the website, Alistair will do this when it is produced.

21. Letters/Notices:

Sarah Paul from Treloy has requested support with ongoing costs for a defibrillator on their site. After discussion it was decided that it is difficult to support one business in the Parish as others would probably request help as well. We do not have the funds available to help every business.

22. Any Other Business

Alistair stated that the Neighbourhood Plan is currently at a standstill – he has looked into this and found that every other Parish appears to have one in place. Suzanne stated that we will have to organise an

event inviting Parishioners to be involved. Alistair and Suzanne will research the way forward and it will be discussed at the next meeting.

Ben was invited to attend the next meeting when we can complete any documentation required for him to join the Parish Council.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 27th July 2022.

Di Willett
15/6/2022