

Colan Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 27th July 2022

Those present:, Derek Luscombe, Alistair McKenna, Maurice O’Gara, Steve Lean, Marc Dummett, 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:

None

3. Co-Opting Councillor:

Ben Dumbleton was offered the remaining position of Councillor on Colan Parish Council. He accepted this offer and signed the Acceptance of Office form which was duly witnessed by the Clerk/RFO. Ben was invited to take part in this meeting.

4. Cornwall Councillor’s Report:

GWR have aspirations to improve facilities for walking, cycling and bus interchange at Quintrell Downs- there has been no specific funding allocation at present, but there is some levelling Up funding which could be available. There is currently a feasibility study underway regarding a new halt at Nansledan and also an investigation into strategic improvements at Quintrell Downs. Nothing definite in the pipeline at present. There are plans to close both Trencreek and Chapel level crossings – engagement with landowners should begin in September.

Boardmasters traffic – there will be a one way system in operation on Treloy Road, this is however not suitable for HGV traffic. Cars will be directed in to the festival via Treloy and out via Porth and Herver Road.

The Park and Ride is now back on – but the regular bus service will be used instead of a dedicated bus. Cars will be parked in the field; people will then have to cross the road to the stop outside Hendra. This car park should be manned by a council employee.

Travellers destroyed a fence on Duchy land and the Duchy had to go to the high court to get them moved on.

Currently John is still waiting for Cormac to carry out the promised verge cutting on West Road and North Way, but the Morrisons roundabout has now been tidied up.

The Community Network Areas are being re-organised down to 10 areas. It has not yet been decided how the new areas will be divided up. John feels that there will be more Parish input if it is not Newquay based. The decision should be made by April next year.

There have been complaints regarding fireworks being set off at Hendra, but there is no law against this. Alistair stated that there had been lots of complaints on Social media and some residents of the Goldings have taken their worries direct to Hendra. The residents have now gone to the media, so Alistair has stepped back as the Parish Council cannot get involved any further. A time has now been agreed with all, that the fireworks will be set off at 9.30 every Thursday.

5. Declaration of Interest:

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

6. Apologies:

Apologies received from:

Suzanne Featherstone and Pat Lambshead

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:

PA22/06061 and PA22/06062 – Listed building consent and demolition of garage replaced by new glasshouse - Coswarth Manor: Supported by all present.

PA22/06615 – Barn conversion into dwelling- Manuels Farm : Ben declared an interest and left the room while this application was discussed. All the remaining councillors supported this application.

Ben rejoined the meeting.

10. Bus Shelter on East Road:

Derek declared an interest in this issue and left the room – Alistair was now in the chair for this agenda item.

Our solicitor has declined to advise us on this issue as he is acting for the buyer on this occasion.

Councillors discussed this further and agreed that as long as it is written into the TP form, Colan Parish Council is happy to proceed on this basis.

Derek rejoined the meeting and resumed the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

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

No further news at present.

12. Accounts

Newquay Mowing Service - £100.00 for cutting back vegetation as per quote – Approved by all.

Abbey Maintenance – Supply and install matting and bark for play equipment - £85.60 – Approved by all

Cormac – Recreation field grass cutting July 2022 - £235.98 inc VAT – Approved by all.

13. Grantscape Funding:

The clerk has now taken the required photos and will send them to Adrian Drake this week. We await his approval before we can take this any further.

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

There have been some comments that the hedge is becoming overgrown – this is due to be cut in September once all the birds have flown their nests.

Ben House has cut the grass in the field which is currently used for dog walking and would like to plant some clover seeds to keep the weeds under control. There would be no cost to the Parish Council and will not affect the dogs that are walked in this field. The Parish Council accepted this offer and thanked Ben in advance. This will be done in the Autumn.

When Alistair carried out his site inspection of the Recreation field he noticed that three swings have been put up in the trees. These would not be covered by our insurance and will need to be removed. Alistair will put an explanation on our Facebook page as to why we have had to remove them and Derek will go up and take them down.

15. Playground Equipment:

Following the meeting which was attended by Derek, Alistair, Brian, Fiona, Maurice and Di, it was decided to ask Sovereign to carry out this work as their equipment looks sturdier than that quoted by Outdoor Playpeople. This equipment will be financed from CIL, Solar panel and our ring fenced reserves so there will be no additional cost to the tax payer. All approved accepting the quote from Sovereign. The clerk was asked to request a quote from outdoor playpeople for a DDA swing.

16. Toddler Play Area fencing:

Derek has received a quote for recycled plastic fencing – a total of £11,105 for black/brown, £12,770.00 for multi coloured and £12,030 for grey/green. These totals include 40 posts and one gate. This is a huge amount to pay out and Derek asked if the Council would like a quote for timber fencing. All agreed – Derek will try and get some quotes for the next meeting.

17. Neighbourhood Plan

Alistair stated that we may have to defer this and suggested we revisit it when Suzanne returns.

18. Speeding Issues – Quintrell Downs:

No further news this month

19. Website:

Fasthosts have now requested payment for our SSL certificate- all agreed that the Clerk should pay this and claim the money back from the Parish Council.

20. Letters/Notices:

None

21. Any Other Business

Vicky has managed to get a book case for the bus shelter on North Way. She will clean this up and try and clean up the bus shelter before putting it in there. There will be a litter pick on Sunday at 11.00am.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 31st August 2022.

Di Willett

15/08/2022