

Colan Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 31st August 2022

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

Derek Luscombe was in the Chair.

1. Police Report:

Reported crimes this period include:

3 Thefts, 5 Drink driving offences, 5 stalking/harassment, & assaults, 3 Public order offences, 3 Burglaries, 1 Bladed article, 1 Criminal damage, 1 Sexual assault, 1 Drunk and disorderly, 1 threat to kill, 1 false imprisonment. The report is attached to these minutes.

2. Public Speaking:

Paul Bateman representing Mr. Harding of Rialton View spoke about the planning application PA22/07377. Barns are to be converted into two dwellings. These will be no higher than the current barns and will improve on the outlook of the current barns. The aim is to provide new and better quality housing which will not look out of place in the countryside. This application will be discussed later in the meeting under agenda item 10.

3. Vice Chairperson:

Alistair has resigned as Vice Chairperson and parish councillor due to a change in his personal circumstances. A new Vice Chairperson will need to be nominated. It was agreed to leave this decision until next month to give Councillors a chance to consider who they would like to take on this role.

4. Vacancy for Parish Councillor:

Due to Alistair’s resignation we now have to advertise for a new Councillor. The advert will be in the Colan Companion this month and also on the website. There will also be a notice put on our notice board.

5. Cornwall Councillor’s Report:

The new houses at the Coastline development are now ready for their residents and they will be moving in September.

The Park and Ride scheme is now coming to an end for this year – this has not proved to be a practical solution as there was not a dedicated bus service serving the site. The parking area was too far down the hill and away from the bus stop. Travellers also moved in at one point and the Duchy have now put large concrete blocks in place to prevent this happening again.

Some of the Boardmasters construction traffic did not adhere to the management policy – there was a one way system in place, but some drivers chose to ignore this. There was a great deal of rubbish left on the beach at Watergate Bay which resulted in a huge clearance operation.

The cycle hub is not going ahead as Cornwall Council has pulled out having spent over £200,000 so far. The officer in charge of was removed on 1st April and the land has now been offered elsewhere.

The Aviation Museum has now been evicted from their present site as Cornwall Council has refused to engage in further discussion with them. They will have to be out by March next year and are in desperate need of somewhere else to go.

John will attend the Boundary Review – the committee has already indicated their support for the current arrangement, but Newquay Tow Council will fight this, so it will go to full council on 24th January 2023. There is no news on the development adjacent to the Goldings and progress at the Treveth site has stalled. There is a footpath on Prow Park from the Trencreek Crossing diagonally across the field which appears to have been made the new boundary between Newquay and Colan, the south east side of this is in Colan while the land to the west falls into Newquay. There have been complaints that the footpath has been realigned into Colan Parish therefore Newquay has gained some land. This has been reported to highways.

Cornwall Council is currently reviewing its budget and is looking to make substantial savings due to the increased cost of energy. There has been a large increase in the cost of the Fire Service, but hopefully this will settle down when the evenings draw in as people are no longer out and about. There are also new overheads for Highways department.

Derek then asked John if he could take up a request received from a resident regarding a crossing at the roundabout. John stated that there will be double yellow lines painted on the West Road and the bus pull in should be done once the completed houses on the new estate are occupied. He will take this to Adrian Drake to see if anything can be done to resolve this issue.

John also stated that the verges in Quintrell Downs will be cut and overhanging branches removed from the trees.

6. Declarations of Interest:

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

7. Apologies:

Apologies received from:

Steve Lean and Vicky Smalley

8. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed by the majority as true and correct – Pat abstained as he was not at the previous meeting. They were signed as such by Derek.

9. Matters Arising:

None

10. Planning Applications:

PA22/07261 – 73 hard standing bases at Parkdean – Pat proposed approval as set out – all Councillors present agreed.

PA22/07118 – Variation of Condition2 including conversion of building to two self contained units – after discussion regarding concerns that this is turning into a small hamlet, Councillors voted by majority to support this application subject to listed building consent. Pat abstained from this vote.

PA22/06682 – Listed building consent for removal and replacement of flagstones to allow for underground heating – The Parish Council supports this application providing it is in accordance with the listed building rules

PA22/07013 – Improved access to Lower Tregenna – All councillors supported this application.

PA22/06865 – Change of use to secure dog walking area – There was some discussion regarding the effect on wild life in this area. In the final decision Brian and Maurice abstained, but the remaining Councillors approved this application.

PA22/07377 – Replacement of class Q approval for two dwellings at Rialton Vean. – Having heard the report from Paul Bateman during public speaking, Pat proposed approval as set out and all Councillors agreed with this proposal.

Pat asked if we can request better location maps for any further planning applications. The Clerk will look into this.

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

No further news at present.

12. Accounts

PKF Littlejohn – external audit £200.00 + VAT – Approved by all

Fasthosts – SSL Certificate renewal £35.00 + VAT– Approved by all

Cormac – Recreation Field grass cutting August 2022 £195.65 + VAT – Approved by all

Duchy Defibrillators – Maintenance contract £190.00 + VAT – Approved by all

13. Grantscape Funding and shared Prosperity fund:

There has been a response from Cormac regarding the Village Gateway signs. Although they agree in principle, there are some technical issues as follows:

- The name signs would need to be relocated along North Way and West Road to where the current speed limit signs are situated, as the location of these signs cannot be altered due to the legal TRO.
- Current clearway and speed camera signage would still need to be located in the same place as at present so these would have to be attached to separate poles adjacent to the proposed signs
- Illumination requirements for the terminal speed limit sign would require an additional pole in the centre of the new sign to provide external illumination which could detract from the overall look

He suggested that we have signs which did not include the speed limit to limit the additional expense all these alterations would require.

The clerk was asked to email all this information to the Councillors to enable them to consider the way forward which will be discussed at the next meeting.

Maurice attended a zoom presentation on the Shared Property fund which has funding available for various projects and he wondered if the football club or any other local organisations may be interested. The closing date for this year is the end of October, so it was decided that it is too late for this year but this would be added to the agenda next month in preparation for next year.

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

We have had a request via the website if residents can have a barbecue at the recreation field – the immediate reaction of Councillors is no – due to safety concerns and lack of insurance cover for this type of activity. Clerk to respond accordingly.

Derek stated that he was hoping for a quote from Bob regarding the fencing around the toddler area, but has not received this yet. There are also several smaller jobs that need to be done following the inspection by Fiona, so he will arrange to meet Bob and request quotes for these to be sent to the Clerk. These include the toddler swing to be repaired, the repair of the basketball hoops and the overgrown entrance to the recreation field.

Maurice reported that the steps to the mound are too far apart and causing problems for our younger residents – another item to be added to Bob's quote.

The toddler play equipment is becoming jaded and we will need to look into replacing this once the new play equipment for the older children has been installed. For the moment we will maintain this equipment as required.

The Clerk will update the inspection list and remove Alistair from the rota.

15. Playground Equipment:

The order has been placed with Sovereign to update our playground equipment.

The swings have not been included as yet, but will remain on the agenda as will the provision of a DDA swing.

16. Toddler Play Area fencing:

As previously discussed, we await a quote from Bob to supply and fit wooden fencing.

17. Mountjoy Bus shelter

The bus shelter at Mountjoy is very often misused as it is enclosed on three sides. It has been suggested that we could put a large window on the side facing the oncoming traffic which would deter people from misusing the shelter and enable passengers to see when the bus is coming without being outside. Derek has a double glazed unit that he is prepared to donate but we will need to find someone to cut the shelter and fit the window. Marc agreed to try and think of a contractor and let Derek know so that we can get a quote for this work.

18. Hazardous Trees near the railway line:

The clerk has written asking for a meeting with Network rail to assess which trees need attention. No response as yet – the clerk will chase this up.

19. Overgrown Bus Shelter:

The bus shelter opposite Quintrell Gardens on East road is becoming overgrown. Derek no longer has to declare an interest in this as the land has been taken out of the boundary of the property he is purchasing. It was agreed to add theist to the list for Bob and ask him for a quote for this work.

20. Neighbourhood Plan

Currently on hold.

21. Speeding Issues – Quintrell Downs:

No further news this month

22. Website:

As Alistair has now resigned, we will need someone else to deal with the technical side of the website – Ben agreed to help out, so the Clerk will ask Alistair to set everything up for him. It was decided to ask Vicky if she is able to deal with our facebook page.

23. Letters/Notices:

None

24. Any Other Business

None

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 28th September 2022 at 7.30pm

Di Willett

15/9/2022