

Colan Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 30th November 2022

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

Derek Luscombe was in the Chair.

1. Police Report:

This month’s report as follows:

- 1 x Criminal Damage
- 1 x Drugs offence
- 1 drink Drive
- 3 x Assaults

2. Public Speaking:

None.

3. Vice Chairperson:

Derek stated that we can manage for the moment without a Vice Chairperson, however if anyone is interested in taking up this position, they should contact Derek or Di. Should Derek be unable to attend a meeting, one of the Councillor’s present will have to lead the meeting in his absence.

4. Vacancy for Parish Councillor:

No responses so far..

5. Cornwall Councillor’s Report:

John has attended a briefing regarding the placing of pods for homeless people at the Tregunnel Car Park. However before this can be taken forward there must be additional car parking spaces provided. The Park and Ride scheme is still being considered, but this time it will be a designated bus service and the car park will be close to the bus stop. At present Plymouth Bus Company has shown an interest in running this service, but it will have to be subsidised. The long term plan is to investigate putting a park and ride close to Gypsy Corner on Rundle Wheldon’s land – nothing has been decided as yet.

South West Water are extracting water from Porth reservoir to help with the current water shortage. The subject of a Mayor for Cornwall is ongoing – the Conservative Leader of Cornwall Council does not want to have a vote. Colan Parish Council, as do many other Parish Councils, wants to have a referendum to allow the residents of Cornwall to vote on this subject. John suggested we have an agenda item at the next meeting to enable us to submit a motion calling for a referendum. This will be added to the agenda for the January meeting.

There has been no notification as yet of the new rates for next year – they could increase by up to 5%.

There is no further news on the Treveth Development.

The Saints Trail is now defunct – the only way forward now is for this to be done through private investors. The Aviation Museum has been offered a site near the airfield, but not on Cornwall Council land. They will however need funding to construct a suitable building. Cornwall Council has promised to help fund the relocation.

A meeting will be held with the director of the spaceport to establish where the exclusion zone will be, there are currently white lines around the hamlet of Treisaac. John will investigate this further.

6. Declarations of Interest:

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

7. Apologies:

Apologies received from:

Suzanne Featherstone, Pat Lambshead, Steve Lean and Vicki Smalley.

8. Minutes of previous meeting

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

9. Matters Arising:

None

10. Planning Applications:

PA22/09055: Proposed residential development at Trevithick Manor farm – Councillors had no objections to this application.

PA22/10221: Proposed extension and alterations – 127 Vyvyan Drive – All councillors supported this application.

PA22/09546 – Erection of 7 new dwellings – this is no longer in Colan Parish, now falls under Newquay's jurisdiction.

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

No further news at present.

12. Accounts

Cormac – Recreation Field grass cutting – November 2022 - £196.055 + VAT – Approved by all

CWC – Japanese knotweed treatment - £180.00 + VAT – Approved by all

CWC – Weedkilling around Quintrell Downs - £340.00 + VAT – Approved by all.

Quintrell Downs Village Hall – Broadband services for 7 months £290.64 – Approved by all.

We have received a quote for weedkilling around Quintrell Downs for 2023/2024 – a total of £800.00 + VAT – All Councillors agreed to accept this quote. The Clerk will advise CWC of our decision.

13. Clerks Salary and Precept 2023/2024:

The clerk left the room while Councillors discussed her salary for the next year. On her return she was told that an increase of 5% had been agreed – taking the annual salary to £3832.00 per annum.

The Precept payment for next year was then discussed with the Clerk providing a proposed budget based on last year's expenditure. It was agreed to request £13,500.

Post Meeting note: this was submitted to Cornwall Council on 02/12/2022 ref HFN9CQ00.

14. Network Highways Scheme:

We have received no further news on this application for our Village Gateway signs - John will chase.

15. Cycle Hub Project:

No further news at this time

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

The landmark tree we requested has now arrived. Marc agreed to organise the planting of this tree and we will ensure that we have some photos taken when it is planted.

17. Playground Equipment:

The installation of this equipment will now start on 5th December. Di has managed to contact activ8 regarding the DDA swing and access to it. They have agreed to meet us on site to give us some advice on the way forward. Hopefully we can use some Grantscape money for this.

The fencing around the toddler area is being replaced by Abbey Maintenance and is currently work in progress.

Once all this work is complete, maybe we could think of replacing the toddler area play equipment using CIL funding or Grantscape.

18. Mountjoy Bus shelter

Unfortunately Steve was unable to attend this meeting; hopefully he will have some news for the next meeting. The clerk will contact Steve to find out if he has managed to get any quotes.

19. Neighbourhood Plan

Currently on hold.

20. Speeding Issues – Quintrell Downs:

No further news

21. Website/Facebook page:

Ben still does not appear to have access to the website.

22. Letters/Notices:

Peter Griffin has emailed the council regarding the state of the footpath by the allotments - although the hedge has now been cut, the path is still overgrown. This path actually belongs to the duchy, so John has agreed to contact them to try and resolve this matter.

23. Any Other Business

The rent from Newquay Football Club for the land behind the recreation field is now two months in arrears. Derek will pay Pete Butterley a visit to establish exactly what they are going to do with this land. Marc asked what was being done at Kestle Mill. John replied that it all to do with the continuation of the road safety scheme from South Way to the A30 which is designed to enhance pedestrian and user safety. John will get details and send them to the clerk to forward to Councillors.

Brian stated that it is good to see that the verges have been cut, however they have left a lot of dirt on the road –they have swept Trevemper Road – could they not take it further up to the Morrison’s roundabout. John will express these concerns to Cormac.

Maurice said the drainage at the railway crossing is very poor and causing puddles to form at the North and East of the crossing. John will also take this up with highways.

Next Meeting:

Due to our next meeting falling during Christmas week, the next meeting will be on Wednesday 25th January 2023 at 7.30pm

Di Willett

10/12/2022