

Colan Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 26th August 2020

Those present:, Derek Luscombe, Kath Waters, Marc Dummett, Alistair McKenna, Jane Combes, Steve Lean, Suzanne Featherstone, Brian Killingback Cllr John Fitter
Clerk – Di Willett.

Derek Luscombe was in the Chair.

Derek thanked everyone for attending the physical meeting and Marc was thanked for allowing us to use the venue at the Garden Centre. Derek also thanked Bob Scott who has helped us out considerably during the pandemic with various works including opening and closing the play equipment on the recreation field. It has been difficult during this period conducting all our business by email and Di was thanked for co-ordinating everything.

1. Police Report:

There were 10 crimes reported in Colan Parish during the period 24/07/2020 to 24/08/2020. We were advised that there has been an influx of “travelling” rogue traders preying on the vulnerable. They have been carrying out work that does not need to be done and overcharging for it. There was also advice on how to deal with Rogue traders and doorstep crime. The report is attached to these minutes.

2. Public Speaking:

John Marshall and Abe Simpson from Kingsley Developments gave a presentation on the next phase development of Trevithick Manor Farm. Due to the fact that the retail market has changed, they will be submitting a Pre App to construct residential dwellings rather than commercial premises. They were asked if there is any provision for a doctor’s surgery and other associated businesses, but John Marshall stated that there was no-one to operate this. They were also asked where the footpath would go and said that it will go along the main road behind the hedge – Kingsley are liaising with Cornwall Council regarding the proposed cycle and walking trail from Perranporth. The principle for development has been established – the creation of a crossing was then also discussed as the crossing is still not in place from the Goldings, although work is due to start on this in September Kinglsey stated that they are happy to attend any meetings that the Goldings Residents hold to explain their plans.

3. Cornwall Councillor’s Report:

John congratulated the Parish Council for managing to hold a meeting in this format.

He stated that Cornwall Council have now completed the paperwork for the pedestrian crossing at the Goldings. The work will start in September following a lack of communication between Highways and Persimmon.

There is a meeting regarding Nansledan LDO for the area opposite Hnedra – Suzanne and Jane have agreed to join this meeting.

There is no further news on the NSR – the Duchy still have to complete the southern arm.

There will be a new cycle centre in Colan – the site has been brought by Cornwall Council from the Bakers – this is good news for Colan Parish.

The planning department are not happy with the Kings Head development- -the height has to be reduced from 4 storeys to three.

The control tower at RAF St Mawgan will be demolished to make way for the Space Port hangar.

There was a caravan enforcement complaint at Trebarber Farm – they are allowed 40 residential caravans, the additional one is a show caravan only and therefore is not occupied. Due to this, the complaint has not been upheld.

The Cornwall Trail could go through part of Colan Parish, but the route has not been finalised yet and there is no further development on the use of the Newquay – Perranporth railway line. It has no legal force to it as it is not a saved policy.

4. Declaration of Interest:

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

5. Apologies

Apologies received from:

Pat Lambshead and Maurice O’Gara

6. Minutes of previous meeting

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

7. Matters Arising:

Derek proposed that our standing orders be amended temporarily during the current health crisis to allow Councillors to miss more than 6 meetings without being asked to resign their seat. This was approved by all.

8. Approval of Governance Statement

The Governance statement for 2019/2020 was presented to the Councillors. All councillors present gave their approval to the statement and it was signed by the Chairmen and the Clerk/RFO.

9. Planning Applications:

PA20/06516 – Extension to property on Figgy Road: All present supported this application.

PA20/06132 – Extension to a property on Trethiggey Crescent – All present supported this application.

PA20/06258 – Extensions to Lower Bosoughan – All present approved this application.

PA20/01569 – Reserved matters for land at Trevemper, Newquay.

Brian declared an interest in this application. As there are so many documents with this application, Councillors requested more time to consider their opinions. The Clerk will email details to them and they will reply in time for the clerk to respond.

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

A resident has recently received a telephone call from the developers – however the developers did not get any response to their questions.

11. Accounts:

Fasthosts Security – to improve security on the new website - £30.00 – Approved by all.

NMS – Strimming the play area and additional work requested - £260.00 – Approved by all.

Defibrillator Annual Maintenance - £160.00 – Approved by all.

Clerks Salary and expenses – April/May/June - £879.50 – Approved by all

Cormac Solutions - Recreation field grass cutting – July £180.81 – Approved by all.

Abbey Maintenance – Insurance remedials – £360.00 – Approved by all.

The Clerk has received notification from Nationwide that they are closing treasurers’ accounts shortly. A couple of different accounts were described to the Council and the Clerk was authorised to change the account to a Business Instant Saver.

12. Approval of Accounts for 2019/2020:

All present approved the accounts for 2019/2020 and they were signed by Derek as correct.

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

The recreation field grass is being cut regularly. The tennis court is currently being resurfaced following the grant being approved by Grantscape.

Derek suggested that we could enlarge the concrete area and apply a rubber coating, as he has seen it being used for keep fit classes. This could be one of our projects for next year's grantscape funding. He requested that Councillors think of other areas where we could use the grant to improve facilities.

Vyvyan Drive Play area – Alistair has been in contact with Persimmon who are now considering handing over this bit of land as a good will gesture – hopefully he will have further news at the next meeting.

14. Devolution of Playing Field – Action Plan/Village Green Status.

This has gone into the second tranche, however due to COVID 19 the process has currently stalled. John will chase this for us to establish that it is definitely included in tranche 2.

Village Green Status- john suggested that we wait until the current situation has settled down.

15. Neighbourhood Plan:

No further progress as yet. Nansledan has set up a pilot emergency plan for residents – perhaps one could be included in our Neighbourhood Plan. Suzanne is hoping to get a steering group set up in September to move this forward.

16. Governance Review:

No further actions at present.

17. Grantscape funding:

All three applications were approved by Grantscape. The allotment association has applied to install solar panels on their Community Building. The tennis courts are now being resurfaced and should be finished by the end of the week. Derek has received the seats and picnic tables – Bob will be fixing them together and installing them at the agreed locations.

Derek reiterated that we need to think about projects for the next release of funds which will be due next year

18. Memorial Plaque

The councillors were not happy with having a plaque on one of our new seats, unfortunately we have seen memorial seats in Newquay left untidy following the positioning of flowers etc on them. However Kath suggested that a plaque could be placed on one of the trees at the recreation field – all Councillors were in favour of this. Suzanne also stated that she may be able to get a seat placed at Nansledan – but this area may not be suitable. Clerk to contact the resident and make these suggestions.

19. Website:

Alistair is gradually changing our website to the new format which will be much more user friendly. Our facebook page is now up and running with several queries being raised via this platform.

20. Colan Parish Bus Stops:

The bus stop on East Road is still not in place – the Clerk has chased this and is awaiting further news.

Steve stated that the stop at Mountjoy needs to be demolished and replaced as it has been used as a toilet and consequently smells dreadful. Clerk to ask if this one can be replaced under the same scheme as those in Quintrell Downs. The Clerk will also research if our CIL can be used to replace bus stops

21. Speeding Issues:

It is difficult to know what else to do to reduce speeding through Quintrell Downs. Alistair agreed to contact the Police and see if any further monitoring can be carried out.

22. Dog Bins:

Any dog bins installed would have to be paid for by the Parish Council. There is a necessity to educate irresponsible dog owners to pick up after their animals – though this is very difficult. We cannot keep putting up more and more bins, there would still be people who would just ignore them.

23. Newquay Cricket Club

Newquay Cricket Club have requested use of our recreation field for matches on a Saturday and on odd evenings during the summer. Councillors agreed that as the field is so well used now, it would not work well if they were trying to play cricket there at the same time. However, if Newquay Football Club is willing to share their ground, then we would have no objection to that. Clerk to advise Newquay Cricket Club.

24. Letters/Notices:

Letter from Little Harbour cancer charity asking us to advertise their fund raising activity – all agreed to put their poster on our noticeboard.

25. Next Meeting:

The Village Hall will soon be opening their facility to regular users, so it will be available to us if we decide to hold our next meeting at the end of September. They will have a cleaning regime in place and we will have our risk assessment – which Alistair has kindly agreed to complete again. Clerk to book the hall and see how things progress.

26. Any Other Business

Jane: Asked if Peter James is involved in the cycle hub – John confirmed that he is as the route could go through Duchy land.

Alistair: Has received a request for dog bins on the facebook page. This was discussed earlier in the meeting and will be revisited at a later date if the problem persists.

Brian: Wants to know if the hedges are going to be trimmed from Morrisons to Trevemper as they are currently overgrown. John stated that they will be starting hedge trimming in September and will chase this for him.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be on September 30th 2020 at 19.30 hours.

Di Willett

12/09/2020