

Annual General Meeting of Colan Parish Council
Wednesday 25th May 2022

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

Clerk – Di Willett.

The Annual General Meeting of Colan Parish Council was held on 25th May 2022

1. Nominations for Chairman:

The Clerk asked for nominations for Chairman for the next year.

Steve Lean proposed that Derek Luscombe continue in this role – seconded by Maurice O’Gara. This was unanimously approved by all members present.

Derek Luscombe was now in the chair for the AGM.

2. Nominations for Vice Chairman:

Current Vice Chairman Alistair McKenna felt that perhaps he does not have the experience to fulfil this role. Those Councillors present said that he is the best person to take this forward. Alistair will consider this and we will make a decision next month.

3. Nominations for Committees:

The following Councillors agreed to be members of the sub Committees as listed:

Planning Sub Committee: Derek Luscombe, Steve Lean, Marc Dummett, Alistair McKenna, Fiona House and Maurice O’Gara.

Recreation Field Committee: Derek Luscombe, Brian Killingback, Marc Dummett, Fiona House and Maurice O’Gara.

Village Hall Committee: Derek Luscombe and Maurice O’Gara.

Trees, Countryside and Footpaths: Marc Dummett

Police Liaison: Alistair McKenna

Cornwall Association of Local Councils: Derek Luscombe

Newquay Airport Committee: John Fitter

Colan Companion Report: Suzanne Featherstone

4. Police Report:

The attached Police report covers the period from 24/3/2022 to 22/05/2022 and was produced by PC Lee Penhaligon. There have been 23 reported crimes during this period.

5. Chairman’s Report

The Chairman thanked all Parish Councillors for making such a good effort during the last year. The improvements to the Recreation Field are almost complete and we are currently obtaining costings to replace the play equipment.

Speeding is still a big issue and we have applied for a 20mph limit through Quintrell Downs on all approach roads.

Councillor Vicky Smalley has organised a “litter pick” in the Village on the first Sunday of every month. Grantscape funds need to be pushed to other organisations throughout the Parish to encourage them to apply. There is approx £8K available each year.

The container on the recreation field is a real eyesore but we are struggling to get any response from the organisation involved.

The field behind the recreation field is currently leased for 50 years from Cornwall Council with the opportunity to lease for a further 50 years. We have applied to get this field devolved to the Parish Council and are currently awaiting the outcome.

Derek thanked our County Councillor John Fitter for all his help and support throughout the last year. Lastly Derek also thanked Bob Scott who has helped us considerably on smaller jobs without payment.

6. Cornwall Councillor's Report:

John was not able to attend this month but sent a report as follows:

I have been advised that a new company has now taken over the Coastline site and the new firm are on site, the company name is Classic. It is hoped that the 12 affordable homes will be made ready for families to move into by late July early August.

The Council run Park and Drive which was run from the site across the road from Hendra will not happen this year, no company has submitted a tender, there was a suggestion that the site in question could be used by the public to park vehicles there and take the public service buses into Newquay, this is something that I am not keen on unless the site has 24 hour security due to possible overnight or indeed over day sleepers camper vans and such like.

The Duchy have agreed to remove the sign that has been erected across the road from Hendra indicating the name of that part of the duchy development will be called Hendra, it was accepted that signage both saying the name Hendra on either side of the road could lead to confusion.

The full Council meeting to agree any change to the Parish Boundary will be held on Jan 31st 2023. But of course public meetings when we can make our case will be held sometime in 2022, dates to be advised.

The traffic calming work on south road down to Kestle Mill is still ongoing!!!

There is an enforcement case that has been opened regarding a complaint about the possible establishment of a residential mobile home on land off the A392 between Q.D and Mount Joy.

I continue to engage with the Highways over the Boardmasters wishing to use the Treloy road for their Construction Traffic, this has been ongoing for the last 3 months but I continue to press the case as to why it should not be allowed.

The enforcement complaint regarding the state of the demolished buildings on the road to Trevemper Bridge is under investigation.

7. Public Speaking:

Bob Scott thanked the Chairman for his kind words. He said the work at the Recreation ground is now complete. He stated that he has found some prices for safety matting and will happily put this down under the slides with wooden bark chippings underneath. The Council agreed that he should be asked to do this. The picnic benches are in great demand and look really good. Perhaps the council could consider some swings for the older children. The strimming has not been done under the benches again – Derek is meeting NMS at the field tomorrow so will ask for a quote for this additional work. The cricket club has reformed and is looking for new players.

8. Declaration of Interest:

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

9. Apologies

Apologies received from:

Fiona House and Cllr John Fitter

10. 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.

11. Matters Arising:

None

12. Approval of Annual Governance Statement:

All Councillors approved the Governance statement which was emailed to them prior to the meeting for consideration. This was signed by the Chairman and the Clerk.

13. Planning Applications:

PA22/03949: Siting of 6 staff caravans at Hendra Tourist Park – Supported by all.

PA22/03991 – Erection of Replacement steel portal frame agricultural building: There were several concerns about this application. Firstly the Council thinks that some of the land involved is Common land and as such cannot be built on. Councillors were also concerned about the height of the new building and additional smells from the piggery affecting surrounding residents.

14. Cornwall Governance Review:

Currently ongoing – no further communication received.

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

No further news at present.

16. Accounts:

NMS – grass cutting in the toddler area - £120.00 – Proposed approval by Marc and seconded by Pat. Supported by all present.

Abbey Maintenance: Works to recreation field £2600.00 including extra bark chippings and repair of stainless steel supports following insurance inspections – Proposed approval by Maurice and seconded by Steve. Supported by all present.

Data Protection Fee: £40.00 – supported by all

17. Approval of Accounting Statement :

All Councillors approved the Accounting statement which was emailed to them prior to the meeting for consideration. This was signed by the Chairman.

18. Grantscape:

We await confirmation of approval of funding.

19. Recreation Field:

Maurice wondered if we could provide some sort of matting for wheelchair users to make the field more accessible as he saw someone in a wheelchair trying to get up the play equipment. Derek suggested we look into this but we must be aware of keeping the ability to mow the grass. Pat said that we must also be aware of any future plans when considering this. AN alternative would be to roll the grass – perhaps the cricket club would have a roller. The clerk agreed to look into this matting for the next meeting.

The play equipment is getting more use now and we need to replace the matting at the bottom of the slides and at each end of the tubes. Bob has a quote for matting of £21.00 inc VAT per sheet – 5 mats would be required – also he would need approximately four bags of bark to put under the matting. All present authorised Bob to go ahead and order this and fit it once received.

20. Toddler Pay Area – Fence and Graffiti:

Derek will investigate the cost of purchasing recycled fencing for this area.

We did not clean the graffiti straight away as Derek thought it would encourage the perpetrators to do it again. There has also been problems at Nansledan with graffiti – possibly the same people. We await further advice.

Bob was asked to remove the damaged fencing from this area.

21. Queens Canopy:

The trees cannot be planed until autumn – Marc will look into the cost.

22. Speeding Issues:

Speed Awareness signs will cost approximately £1800.00 - Alistair has Asked Louis Gardner to email the link to him. There are two options – “Thank You” or “Slow Down” with different prices.

Alistair reported that there is only one approved area where the Community Speedwatch team could operate. Paul Price has been asked to carry out a risk assessment on further sites next week.

Alistair will meet with Devon and Cornwall police after this assessment and will report back to the council.

23. Shipping Container:

Still no response from the Sharks – Clerk to chase this up.

24. Website:

Alistair has put the accounts on the website and has contacted Craig Allen who is quite keen to have the Colan Companion put on here.

25. Letters/Notices:

Helen Fincham has sent an email regarding the supply of a free landmark tree for the Queen’s Jubilee – The Council voted to apply for one of these. The clerk will take this forward.

The clerk has received an email from Fin Britcliffe regarding the provision of goal posts on the recreation field. Having discussed this, the Council felt that as Newquay Ladies Football club will be developing the back field in due course that we should not spend money on this at the present time. We have had sever requests from local sports clubs to use this back field and it was decided to contact Pete Butterley to suggest sharing the ground with other clubs. Currently Newquay Football Club has a 30 year lease on this ground. Clerk to email Pete Butterley.

26. Any Other Business

Suzanne reported that there has been a spate of car crime at Nansledan, although the culprit was caught on camera, there was not enough evidence to accuse him of the crime.

Next Meeting:

Next meeting will be held on 29th June 2022 at 19.30 hours.

Di Willett 4/6/2022