

Colan Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 28th September 2022

Those present:, Derek Luscombe, Maurice O’Gara, Pat Lamshead, Ben Dumbleton, Steve Lean, Vicky Smalley, Cllr John Fitter
Clerk – Di Willett.

Derek Luscombe was in the Chair.

1. Police Report:

There were 16 reported crimes during this period which included:

3 Thefts, 7 assaults, 1 Assault on an emergency worker, 1 making off without payment, 2 Burglaries, 2 Criminal damage. The report is attached to these minutes.

2. Public Speaking:

None

3. Vice Chairperson:

As a few Councillors were unable to attend this month, it was decided to carry this forward to next month.

4. Vacancy for Parish Councillor:

The advert has been placed in the Colan Companion, on the website and in our noticeboard – no responses so far.

5. Cornwall Councillor’s Report:

The Aviation Centre has been asked to leave their current site – John is supporting them in their attempt to retain the site, but Cornwall Council want to sublet/lease the whole of Treloy site. Two different locations have been suggested but have had no joy with Cornwall Council. The cycle hub project which was due to be built on the left side of the Aerohub land has come to a standstill. Cornwall Council has spent £200K drawing up plans for this site, but they have now stated that they cannot ring fence this land. It is not in an area of local development and no one seems to know what they wish to use this area for. Stakeholders will provide money for building the hub, but they will not bid for this money if the land is committed elsewhere.

The roundabout by Morrisons is overgrown again, this was not originally designed to be used as a four way roundabout, but since the Goldings development has opened, this is how it is being used.

The land at Trevithick has now been sold by Kingsley to Cornwall Council, who have transferred to Treveth, their contractors. There has been enquires from Phil Mason who is trying to get part of this land allocated for sleeping pods for homeless people. Supposedly this would only be for two years, but once they are inhabited it will be difficult to move people out. There is a lot of pressure to provide these pods- John has suggested they put them up at the Aerohub, but so far has received no response.

Cornwall Council has a budget shortfall of £60M and has asked for suggestions to alleviate this – John has suggested that they re-introduce the £1 parking fee in Council car parks after 4pm and also to re-instate the Airport Development fee.

Derek asked if we should object to the eviction of the Aviation museum. All agreed to suspend standing orders in order to vote on this subject. Everyone present voted to write to Cornwall Council in support of the Museum.

John stated that he was invited to the ribbon cutting ceremony at the space port which he duly attended. A local artist has created a sea scene which has been enlarged to cover one wall – all very impressive. The first rocket launch is due to take place at the end of October.

6. Declarations of Interest:

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

7. Apologies:

Apologies received from:

Marc Dummett, Brian Killingback, Fiona House and Suzanne Featherstone.

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:

PA22/07388 – Listed building consent at Coswarth Manor : Pat had some concerns about the number of amendments that have been requested at Coswarth Manor – it seems that the original plans are constantly changing. After discussion, all councillors agreed that they had no objections to this amendment providing it conforms to all appropriate regulations.

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

No further news at present.

12. Accounts

Clerks salary and expenses – Jul/Aug/Sept £912.50 + £6.50 expenses total £919.00 – Approved by all. The clerk requested authority to order the remembrance wreath – to which all councillors agreed. Steve agreed to accept the wreath and take it to the Church in preparation for the Remembrance service.

Derek has obtained quoted form Abbey Maintenance for various works at the recreation field:

1. Remove and dispose of overgrown foliage at the bus shelter on east road - £110.00 – all agreed to accept this quote.
2. Supply and install wooden back boards to the steps on the slide - £50.00 – all agreed to accept this quote.
3. Repairs to the toddlers swing support chains - £95.00 – all agreed to accept this quote.
4. Clearance of weeds at the entrance to the recreation field - £175.00 – all agreed to accept this quote.
5. Replacement of basketball hoops - £260.00 – all agreed to accept this quote.
6. Replacement of toddler area fencing and disposal of old fencing – £4686.00. We have been unable to get any other quotes for this work, so Derek requested the suspension of standing orders to enable us to move this forward. All agreed to suspend standing orders to allow us to accept one quote for this work. Following this suspension, all councillors present voted to accept this quote from Abbey Maintenance.

The clerk will advise Abbey Maintenance of our decision to accept the quotes provided.

13. Grantscape Funding and shared Prosperity fund:

Following the email from Highways, raising some concerns about the gateway signs, all present agreed to withdraw from this funding at this time. We will look into it further in preparation for next year's funding. In the meantime the Clerk will notify Grantscape about our decision. In the meantime, John agreed to ask highways to cut the foliage around the current signs so that they are visible again.

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

The grass was cut this week.

15. Playground Equipment:

The new playground equipment will be installed at the end of November. The Clerk will continue to find out more about installing a DDA swing and the older children's swings are still in the pipeline.

16. Toddler Play Area fencing:

As previously discussed, we have received and agreed a price from Abbey Maintenance to carry out this work.

17. Mountjoy Bus shelter

So far we have been unable to get a quote for cutting a space for a window in the bus shelter at Mountjoy. Steve agreed to look into this further and try and get a quote for the next meeting. Derek stated that once the hole has been made he will install the window.

18. Hazardous Trees near the railway line:

Network Rail have now agreed to carry out this work at no cost to the Parish Council.

19. Overgrown Bus Shelter:

This was discussed earlier with a quote supplied by Abbey Maintenance of £110.00 which was agreed by all present.

20. Neighbourhood Plan

Currently on hold.

21. Speeding Issues – Quintrell Downs:

This is still a huge problem but there is no further news this month

22. Website:

Vicky has agreed to keep an eye on the facebook page and Ben will help the clerk to keep the website going. Ben is currently waiting for Alistair to contact him and allow him access to the website.

23. Letters/Notices:

Tracy Ware sent an email as follows:

I am writing again as I have not had a response to my email of 14th August and the situation has escalated with a large flat bed truck now parking in the space every evening as evidenced by images sent by my neighbour, Marie McConville.

We have put up polite notices asking for the space to be left clear as we do not seem to be able to get assistance from the Council, the police or yourselves.

The path is very clearly blocked to the new crossing installed by the council and the truck is also causing a dangerous obstruction on the junction, most certainly within the guidelines set out by the Highway Code. He is also blocking the dropped kerb for pedestrians.

The van us coming from the small estate over the main road where there does not seem to be enough parking for the residents on a regular basis.

I would suggest that the Parish Council needs to look at parking on any housing applications given most homes have 2 if not 3 cars these days.

I would also suggest that possibly the wide verges on the main road could be utilised as paid permit parking thereby covering any council costs in addressing the issue and also solving the problem rather than just moving it on.

Perhaps there is a further opportunity for permit parking in the Quintrell Inn car park field which may generate income for the pub or perhaps council if it were rented maybe.

I do think solutions are possible and we, as residents, would be grateful to hear that the Parish Council are listening to our concerns and able to start action prior to an accident happening. As Marie has noted there have already been several near misses saved only by the low speed residents use on this junction. Were someone to be speeding (as many do) on the main road when a car was unable to turn into the junction due to the obstruction it would be very easy for them to hit the turning car.

Please let us know what steps we need to take. Whilst Marie and I are in contact with you as the residents directly on this junction we are conveying the sentiments and feedback from residents in Quintrell Gardens and are aware this is affecting a number of the residents, both pedestrian and drivers.

The clerk will respond as follows:

Dangerous Parking – John has asked the police to call on Tracy and discuss her concerns.

Planning application – this is a Cornwall Council matter as they have agreed that spaces for cars on new houses should be 1.5 per household.

Verges – this is a matter for highways.

Parking in Quintrell Inn car park – this is private land and the matter will need to be taken to the owner.

We also received an email from Peter Griffin:

The new cycle/ Pedestrian path Nansledan to Quintrell Downs is hugely overgrown with no maintenance being done since built. I believe Nansledan estate are responsible for this path. also the railway crossing is extremely dangerous and not wide enough with railway crossing signs protruding the path way. can the railway crossing path be extended and separated from the road, can it be incorporated with the pedestrian /cycle path so when exiting the cycle / pedestrian path pedestrians are not having to step out into the road it they have a child or dismantled pushbike. I know the path is narrow at the railway cottage but there is no need for it to be so narrow over the railway lines.

Also North way needs to become either become one way or completely blocked off at Nansleden school. As the Newquay strategic route does not ever look like getting completed and the houses are still going up at Nansleden against planning permission then Northway needs to be completely blocked off at Nansleden school immediately. People are using Quintrell Downs as a rat run in their vehicles, the increased traffic pollution and extremely dangerous roads.

North way needs a pedestrian crossing with either traffic lights or zebra crossing for access to Colan park. The spar shop and most importantly the pre school and Nansleden school.

Also I would like to raise a complaint. I requested as part of the updated park equipment to Colan park for wheelchair accessible equipment to be added. My emails and contact to you was ignored. Can you please explain why when there is already a basketball court and assault course you have you are buying equipment for older children. I have heard that these older children parents asking for the equipment are the children who have been vandalising the park including indecent exposure to an 8 year child. Can you please explain yourself why you would ignore my request for a disabled wheel chair park equipment for the disabled children in the village.

Following discussions clerk was asked to respond as follows:

Nansledan path – this falls under the jurisdiction of Newquay Town Council and John has agreed to pass this on to them.

We cannot do anything about the path over the railway line – Network Rail may be able to help.

Nansledan is subject to a Local Development Order and as such has all planning permissions in place.

NSR is ongoing and will be completed in due course.

We are still discussing various swings for the recreation field including a DDA swing for our disabled residents.

24. Any Other Business

Vicky asked why the top soil is being put between Nansledan and Quintrell Downs and was concerned that more houses were going to be built. John replied that this is not the case, it is currently being put there for future use.

Ben stated that there appears to be some sort of development going on opposite the new garage on East Road, just past the railway bridge heading out of Quintrell Downs. A storage container has been placed there. There has not been any planning applications submitted for this area – John said that he would investigate.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 26th October 2022 at 7.30pm

Di Willett
30/9/2022