

Colan Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 26th October 2022

Those present:, Derek Luscombe, Maurice O’Gara, Pat Lamshead, Suzanne Featherstone, Ben Dumbleton, Fiona House, Brian Killingback, Vicky Smalley, Cllr John Fitter
Clerk – Di Willett.

Derek Luscombe was in the Chair.

1. Police Report:

No police report this month

2. Public Speaking:

James Snelgrove from Atlantic Vineyard presented an update on progress at the vineyard. 5500 vines were planted in May 2022 which involved a lot of hard work. The vines planted are disease and pest resistant – no chemicals will be used during cultivation as they are trying to create a good environment. Some local volunteers have become involved and the owners want to encourage this. They are hoping to have a local’s open day next year and also have wine tasting tours in the future. They have submitted a planning application for two seasonal caravans so that the owners are able to stay on site when required. They are not visible from the road as they will be sited behind the shed. The growing season is February to November and it will be five years before they are fully mature. There are both red and white grapes with 15 varieties planted. Initially the grapes will be sent away to be crushed, but eventually the owners hope to make the wine on site. They hope to involve more local volunteers as time goes on. Their website address is: hello@atlanticvineyard.co.uk more information is available here.

3. Vice Chairperson:

Marc has been suggested, but as he is not able to attend this month, this will remain on the agenda for next month.

4. Vacancy for Parish Councillor:

The advert has been placed in the Colan Companion, on the website and in our notice board – no responses so far. Vicki will put the advert on our facebook page.

5. Cornwall Councillor’s Report:

Cornwall Council wishes to progress with electing a Mayor for Cornwall in order to access levelling up funds from the central Government as no level 3 money is available without a directly elected Mayor. The Council leader has written to the Prime Minister and Simon Clarke has responded that this is the best way of accessing these funds. However residents and local councils in Cornwall have expressed their disagreement with this idea as they feel it would give too much power to one person. Level 2 money is still available without the election of a Mayor and this would have more support from the people of Cornwall. Local Councillors have not been consulted on the election of a Mayor.

Work has started on the development on the Kings Head site at Lane and is progressing well.

There is a committee meeting next Tuesday on the Boundary Review – John will attend to insist that the Boundary remains as it is at present as Colan Parish Council requested. Following this meeting, there will be a special meeting of Cornwall Council in January to further discuss this.

Cornwall Council will still not ring fence the land that is required by the cycle hub to bring this project to fruition. A Community Interest Company will now be formed by British Cycling following meetings at Bodmin and County Hall. This will allow them to bid for funding to complete this project on the land that is not wanted by anyone else. Colan Parish Council should support this project and perhaps could raise a motion to support at the next meeting.

The airport review is complete but not yet released.

The Aero Museum at Treloy has still not obtained a new lease from Cornwall Council. Colan Parish Council supports the museum remaining where they are and the Clerk will email the proprietor expressing our support.

There is no movement on progress at Trevithick Manor – the land has been purchased from Kingsley and transferred to Treveth. The Council wants to use some of this and for temporary “pods” for homeless people on a temporary basis, however Once the pods are occupied they will probably end up permanently in place. These pods should be placed at Tregunnel Car Park – but this does not meet the terms of the Newquay Plan as more car parking spaces would have to be provided.

The Cornwall budget has been set – they have to find £62m of savings. Part of this is to restrict the printing that staff are allowed to produce!

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 and Steve Lean.

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:

PA22/08026 – Seasonal Caravans at Atlantic Vineyard – All supported this application as set out.

PA22/08635 – Non material amendment to Lowertown Farm – The plan is to make the first floor ceiling higher and reduce the pitch to the roof. All Councillors supported this amendment.

PA22/08623 – Change of use from agricultural land and extension to residential building, Poppy Farm – All supported this as set out.

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

No further news at present.

12. Accounts

Remembrance Wreath – the Clerk ordered this as agreed - £23.98 inc VAT – All approved this payment.

Newquay Mowing Services – Four cuts of toddler play area - £120.00 – All approved this payment

Cormac – Recreation field cutting Sept/Oct £471.96 inc VAT – All approved – clerk to check that the invoice is correct before payment.

Post meeting note – Cormac invoice is the correct price.

13. Grantscape Funding

The clerk has now returned the money to Grantscape to be carried over to next year.

14. Network Highways Scheme

It was suggested that we apply for money from the Network Highways Scheme for our Gateway Signs with wording and images to be provided at a later date. All agreed to this proposal – the Clerk and Chairman will meet to complete the Expression of Interest form. Ensure that John is copied into the email.

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

It has been reported that the hedges have not yet been cut – the Clerk will chase this up with Cormac.

Sovereign will be starting work on 24th November with the removal of the old equipment, the installation of the new equipment will begin on November 28th. They requested that the trees were cut along the approach to the field – Derek has done this, so all is ready for the work to begin. Vicki will put this on our facebook page so that everyone knows what is going on.

Maurice reported that the bark needs replacing by the swings – the Clerk will ask Bob to carry out this work.

Fiona reported that Ben has planted the clover in the dog walking field. Vicki asked if we can replace the bark that has been put down on the paths to the field, but as this is leased to Newquay Football Club, this is not under our control.

16. Playground Equipment:

As reported previously, 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.

17. Toddler Play Area fencing:

This work has been contracted out to Abbey Maintenance.

18. Mountjoy Bus shelter

Unfortunately Steve was unable to attend this meeting; hopefully he will have some news for the next meeting.

19. Overgrown Bus Shelter:

This work is now complete.

20. Neighbourhood Plan

Currently on hold.

21. Speeding Issues – Quintrell Downs:

The police have been checking speeds through Quintrell Downs yesterday, but we have no other news.

22. Website/Facebook page:

Vicky is regularly updating the facebook page. Unfortunately Ben does not yet have access to the website – the Clerk will try to contact Alistair to resolve this issue.

23. Letters/Notices:

None

24. Any Other Business

Vicky stated that the library in the bus shelter is being well used and the next litter pick will be on the first Sunday in November.

Brian said that the hedges at Trevemper have been cut, but the drains are blocked and brambles remain in place. John will contact Cormac.

Ben mentioned that an entrance has been opened up on the A392, East Road and wondered what work was being carried out there. It seems that there has been a gateway there for many years and therefore planning permission is not required to re-open it. No planning application has been received for any building work and we need to ensure that nothing is built without permission.

Maurice asked when the water would be required – from 28th November onwards.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 30th November 2022 at 7.30pm

Di Willett

6/11/2022