

Colan Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 25th January 2023

Those present:, Derek Luscombe, Marc Dummett, Fiona House, Brian Killingback, Vicky Smalley,

Clerk – Di Willett.

Derek Luscombe was in the Chair.

1. Police Report:

This month's report as follows:

5 x thefts

9 x assaults

2 x making off without payment

1x burglary

1 x criminal Damage

1 x blackmail

1 x sexual offence

3 x malicious damage

2. Public Speaking:

Aaron and Eve representing Persimmon Homes gave a presentation of the proposed plans for the development opposite Morrisons. There will be 187 dwellings with extra space for play areas and they will incorporate the hedgerows into the plans. There will be a 3m wide path along the main road. There will be a mixture of dwellings including bungalows, houses and apartments some of which will be rented and some on the open market. There will be approximately 30% of affordable properties. The dwellings will be either clad or rendered.

Derek thanked Aaron and Eve for attending the meeting to explain their plans for this site and we await the formal planning application.

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 – Vicky will advertise the vacancy on our facebook page.

5. Cornwall Councillor's Report:

Unfortunately John is unable to attend the meeting tonight, but sent the following report to keep us up to date:

I presume at some time in the coming months the application for the Chalet / Touring Park out at Bejowan direction will come forward, my personal stance is that until the application is published in full on the Portal I am reserving any comment. When I do know the details of the full application I will make my view quite clearly known.

The NRS contract for the remainder of the route has now been signed off with the funding in place, Cormac will be doing the road section, Railtrack will do the main bridge construction with their own choice of Contractor. The road is due to be completed late 2024 early 2025.

20 mph zone speed for Q.D is still in the system for consideration, no firm date as to when it will be confirmed.

I will be making the case at the special meeting of Cornwall Council as to why the Council should not accept any amendment to the boundary review as set out in the review; it is that the present boundary remains as set out in the last review. Regretfully it would seem that they have submitted two amendments which will have to be debated in which they seek to take all the Trevithick land from the river right up to the road to lane plus they seek to take all the land on the south side up to the Chapel turning. It is going to be a bit of a fight against the three Newquay Cornwall Councillors. The meeting is next Tuesday.

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 Lamshead, Steve Lean, Ben Dumbleton, Maurice O’Gara.

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:

PA22/10784 & PA22/10785: Listed Building consent and installation of ducts Trevemper Bridge:

The Parish Council feels that the new ducts should be taken under the new road bridge and not under the Packhorse Bridge. There are already several ducts under the old bridge as well as a water main. As this is a listed construction, Councillors unanimously object to these two planning applications.

PA22/07377 – Removal of Class Q approval – the Parish Council objects to this amendment as the Class Q approval was given in good faith and the Council sees no need to remove it.

PA23/00289 – All Councillors approved this application as it is a small change in the roof line.

Chapel of Rest at Morrisons Roundabout – We have received a letter from the designers regarding the change of use of this building. There are currently no plans available so we are unable to comment, but we would certainly consider any plans submitted.

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

There is a proposed new holiday development at Mountjoy, submitted by the developers who wanted to develop Bejowan. The access/egress would be on the main A392.

On this latest proposal there is a 6m wide path, which is designated as a footpath, which would meet the main road at Gypsy Corner. A drone survey has been carried out on 20th January which the surveyors stated was for a new access road for a new housing development with no mention of this being a footpath. We need to pay close attention as to how this develops to ensure the developers are not trying to use this “footpath” as an access road.

12. Mayor For Cornwall:

The new role of Mayor for Cornwall was discussed. It was proposed to put forward a motion to object to the appointment of a Mayor for Cornwall. All agreed with this decision – the clerk will initiate this.

13. Defibrillator:

We have received an email from Duchy Defibrillators advising us that the defibrillator was recently deployed by the ambulance service for a local incident and the batteries on our defibrillator are too low to operate at present. They have provided a cabinet on loan and offer the following options:

- 1) They replace the battery like for like, these usually last around 3+ years before needing replacement again (depending on the amount of times it is used). This costs £375+VAT (£450). This will have to be ordered in from the suppliers.
- 2) They replace the whole defibrillator with the model they now recommend. The battery is in the same cassette as the pads so when the pads are replaced the battery is also replaced. We replace pads as a part of the annual fee you pay so you would have the battery changed in future with no additional costs (as long as the annual fee is cleared). They are doing these at a reduced rate for people in the same position as us, this option costs £600+VAT (£720). These units in stock

Vicky proposed that we take the second option and this will be cheaper in the long run. Marc seconded this and all remaining Councillors agreed. The clerk will take this forward.

Post meeting note: the new defibrillator is now in place and in full working order.

14. Accounts/New signatory:

We need a new signatory on our accounts to ensure we are always able to authorise any payments that are required. Vicky agreed to be the new signatory.

The following invoices have been received this month:

BIFFA: Annual fee for emptying the bus shelter bins - £468.00 + VAT – Approved by all.

BIFFA: 6 monthly fee for emptying Recreation Field bins:- £343.15 + VAT – Approved by all

Cormac – grass cutting for January 2023 - £196.65 + VAT – Approved by all

Clerks Salary and expenses: – Sept – Dec 2022 - £818.00 – Approved by all.

Renewal of Insurance policy. The Clerk has obtained two quotes for next year's policy. Although BHIB came in cheaper at £1388.84, they only offer one inspection of our playground equipment, while Zurich offer is £1678.42 which includes 2 playground inspections. As the cost of BHIB inspection is £419.20, Zurich seems to be better value for money. Councillors unanimously agreed to accept the quote from Zurich.

15. Network Highways Scheme:

We have received an email from Adrian Drake stating that the gateway signs will not be funded until 23/24 once they are approved. There is nothing further we can do until funding is approved

16. Cycle Hub Project:

No further news at present.

17. Recreation Field:

The playgroup has asked if it would be possible to rent a piece of the recreation field to enable them to form a forest school. Derek and Di met with Victoria to find out exactly what they would want. We suggested that she should write to the Parish Council stating exactly what they want and how they plan to use it. We would then be able to discuss this at one of our meetings. The lease would have to be set up through our solicitor to ensure the terms are legally agreed. We await the official letter.

Newquay Football club have still not paid the rent which was due at the end of December – clerk to send a reminder email.

Derek met with John Sweeney from Activ8, who gave some advice on the type of accessibility equipment we could install. He suggested we could either install a swing or a roundabout probably within the toddler playground and recommended we contact disabled agencies in the area. Vicky agreed to look into this. The new fence around the toddler area is still ongoing and the toddler swing still needs repairing. Clerk to email Bob regarding progress on this work.

18. Playground Equipment:

The playground equipment is now fully installed. A local company actually did the installation and they can also quote for any further equipment that we may require.

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

19. Mountjoy Bus shelter

Steve will try and get a quote for the next meeting.

20. Neighbourhood Plan

Currently on hold.

21. Speeding Issues

Kestle Mill safety works are still ongoing. No further news on the other issues.

22. Website/Facebook page:

The Clerk has an appointment to meet Dinah, our local Computer expert to try and get the website sorted out. She will give us a quote to carry out this work.

Post Meeting Note: Dinah has quoted a price of £200.00 to sort the website out and give some training on the management of it. The clerk contacted Councillors by email and was given approval to take up this offer.

23. Letters/Notices:

A letter was received from Tamar Toll Action group which wants to lobby the Government to abolish all tolls on the Tamar crossing. This would be in line with other river crossings in the UK. Councillors support this idea.

24. Any Other Business

None

Derek stated that while we like to see members of the public at our meetings, we cannot have them talking amongst themselves while we are trying to deal with the monthly business. He apologised for requesting silence and did not mean to offend anyone.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 22nd at 19.30 hrs.

Di Willett

08/02/2023