

Colan Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 22nd February 2023

Those present:, Pat Lambshead, Marc Dummett, Fiona House, Brian Killingback, Maurice O’Gara ,

Clerk – Di Willett.

Pat Lambshead was in the Chair.

1. Police Report:

This month’s report as follows:

1 x theft

2 x assaults

21x making off without payment

1x burglary

1 x criminal Damage

3 x sexual offences

1x dog offence

1 x harassment

A copy is attached to the minutes

2. Public Speaking:

Dave Potter – chairman of Cornwall Cycle Hub gave us an update on the progress of the new facility. The idea was instigated following the Tour of Britain visit to Cornwall. It is planned to construct it to the west of the Aerohub – no other suitable land could be found. Cornwall Council was originally going to help with financing, but this funding is no longer available so the committee is working with British Cycling to take this forward with private investors. A business plan is in place and surveys and design are complete. Planning permission is in place for a low impact project and they are now looking at about £9.5m – £10m to fund the project. He requested the support of Colan Parish Council for this project which will include a closed road circuit, BMX track, Pump track, cyclo cross and training centre. The site would also be open to hold events. They want to be an inspiration for young people to take up the sport.

The access will be fully inclusive and the hub will include changing facilities for disabled people. It will be a national facility which will be unique within the UK.

Fiona questioned the running costs to which Dave replied that there will be a café on site together with a well being centre. They will also be prepared to hold events and there will be no reliance on grant funding.

3. Vice Chairperson:

No-one has yet shown an interest in taking on the position of vice chairperson. Pat has chaired the meeting tonight in Derek’s absence.

4. Vacancy for Parish Councillor:

No responses so far – Vicky will advertise the vacancy on our facebook page.

5. Cycle Hub:

The councillors discussed the report from Dave Potter. They agreed that it made good economic sense to go ahead with this project and would bring many benefits to the local community.

The clerk was asked to write to Linda Taylor, the leader of Cornwall Council expressing our support for this project.

6. Cornwall Councillor’s Report:

John stated that the Village development will be 75% occupied by August. There will be 25 affordable dwellings, 28 houses for over 80’s, 8 rented properties and 30 shared ownership. Social housing is also included on the site. The bus stop lay-by will be constructed in November.

John is currently chasing the painting of double yellow lines on West Road – at present this is with Cornwall Council to issue the TRO order. Once this is done the verges can be reinstated. There will be a letter drop to all residents informing them of the intention to carry out this work.

The Treveth development is currently on hold while archaeologists investigate remains found on the site. These include pots and round houses – a full report will be issued shortly. Treveth hope to start construction work in August.

Persimmon are continuing to move forward – the problem at Trevithick Farm had to be resolved prior to any further work.

John has had reports of children running wild on the Village Estate. He has asked our local Community Policeman to keep an eye on it.

John is currently working with the allotment society to find funding for solar lighting on their shed.

He fully supports Dave Potter in his intent to create a cycle hub in Newquay.

The Space launch project will probably not go again this year.

The park and ride is due to operate in Newquay again this summer. It will again run from land opposite Hendra Holiday Park, but parking will be at the top of the field this year. The commercial bus service will still be used to transport holidaymakers into Newquay.

The proposal to take ducting under the Packhorse Bridge at Trevemper has been rejected, although the contractor does have the right to appeal.

The clerk thanked John for his efforts to retain our Parish Boundary which was successfully concluded in February.

7. Declarations of Interest:

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

8. Apologies:

Apologies received from:

Derek Luscombe, Suzanne Featherstone, Steve Lean, Ben Dumbleton, Vicky Smalley.

9. Minutes of previous meeting

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

10. Matters Arising:

The results of the proposed Mayor for Cornwall deal are currently being reviewed and will be announced in due course.

11. Planning Applications:

PA22/07261 – Proposed 60 new hardstanding bases at Newquay Holiday Park : Approved by all.

PA23/00891:- Removal of time limit on solar PV arrays, Higher Trevilley: Approved by all.

PA23/00808: modification of 106 agreement Land at Trevithick Manor Farm = As this is a change in the mix of housing on the proposed estate and the numbers have been reduced the Parish Council approved this amendment.

PA23/0082- Coswarth Manor Farm amendments: This is the third time that amendments to the original plans for the site have been submitted. Marc proposed objection to this application on the grounds that the site is becoming overdeveloped, there is an overuse of unnecessary alterations and there are too many modifications and excess demolition of the original building. All those present agreed with this view and proposed objection to this application.

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

Following last month's observations that a drone survey had been carried out on the proposed site, two weeks ago Spalding Associates carried out a bird survey in the same area as the proposed footpath. As yet no planning application has been submitted, but we need to remain aware that this appears to be moving forward.

13. Accounts/Newquay Football Club:

The Clerk was asked to write to Newquay Football Club as we have still not received their payment which was due on 31st December.

Post meeting note: Payment was received on 20th February 2023

Cormac Solutions – two month's grass cutting £471.96 – approved by all.

Abbey Maintenance: Toddler Area fencing - £4686.00 as per quote – approved by all.

Abbey Maintenance – Remedial works to playground equipment - £940.00 as per quote – approved by all.

14. Network Highways Scheme:

No further news this month.

15. Public Conveniences:

A facebook request was received from Sean Kilker asking about the possibility of providing public conveniences by the Village Hall.

This was discussed thoroughly by the Council, the final result of which was that the Parish Council does not consider that this scheme is viable at this time. The reasons for this are as follows:

The Village Hall is not owned by the Parish Council

The expense of construction is not warranted at this time

Parking spaces at the Village hall would be lost

Cornwall Council does not carry out maintenance and management of public toilets and therefore the Parish Council would be responsible for this. We do not have funding available to cover this.

16. Grantscape Funding:

Applications need to be in by 22nd March. Derek has advised the clerk that he would be prepared to meet up with a contractor on site to get a quote for upgrading the toddler area and providing swings for older children. The Clerk will also attend and complete the application form once the quote is received. All Councillors agreed to this proposal.

17. Recreation Field:

The fencing around the Toddler Area is now complete, as are the requested remedials to the equipment.

18. Playground Equipment:

There are a lot of residents using the new equipment and the picnic benches. The bin in the toddler area is being moved around – and it was suggested maybe this could be fixed in one place. To be put on the agenda for next month.

19. Mountjoy Bus shelter

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

20. Neighbourhood Plan

Currently on hold.

21. Speeding Issues

No further news.

22. Website/Facebook page:

Dinah is currently working on the website and it should be complete shortly.

23. Letters/Notices:

None

24. Any Other Business

Marc stated that the shipping container at the recreation field is now becoming a serious health and safety hazard.

The Clerk was requested to contact Newquay Sharks again and request removal. Also we need to find a postal address so that we can serve notice on them to remove this container.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 29th at 19.30 hrs.

Di Willett

9/03/2023