

**Colan Parish Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

Those present:, Derek Luscombe, Pat Lamshead, Marc Dummett, Fiona House, Brian Killingback, Maurice O’Gara, Cllr John Fitter

Clerk – Di Willett.

Derek Luscombe was in the Chair.

**1. Police Report:**

This month’s report as follows:

3 x theft

2 x assaults

1 x drugs

1 x drink driving

1 x public order

2 x criminal damage

1 x false imprisonment

A copy is attached to the minutes

**2. Public Speaking:**

None

**3. Vice Chairperson:**

No-one has yet shown an interest in taking on the position of vice chairperson.

**4. Vacancy for Parish Councillor:**

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

**5. Cornwall Councillor’s Report:**

The Community Network Panel met today – Colan is now included with Perranporth and St Agnes. John stated that it is important for Colan to nominate a voting member to represent Colan Parish Council – there is a shared prosperity fund and therefore somebody will be required to vote on the projects that apply. The first meeting will be in June or July – location to be announced.

Aviation Centre – Cornwall Council has declined to let them trade after the end of March so although they now have a benefactor, he is unwilling to invest if they are not trading. A new site has been found – they have an option on 38 acres opposite the Air Ambulance depot. This would make it easier for the aircraft to be relocated.

The result of the survey on the proposed Mayor for Cornwall has been published. Out of all the Parish Councils, 37 were against the proposal and only one supported it. Of the residents who responded, 69% were against and 25% supported it. This will be further discussed by Cornwall Council on 18<sup>th</sup> April.

The gateway signage designs have been amended – this will be discussed under agenda item 14.

The construction at the Trevithick development may not start before the planning application expires.

Pat asked John if he can find out how much power and what funds are generated by the Solar Farm.

**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, Steve Lean and Vicki Smalley.

## **8. Minutes of previous meeting**

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

## **9. Matters Arising:**

The Clerk has written to the Sharks American football team regarding the shipping container and is awaiting a response.

## **10. Planning Applications:**

PA23/01982 – Poppy meadow barn – amendment to position of door and enlargement of window – Approved by all.

PA23/00916 – Reserved matters application – Persimmon Homes – Approved by all.

PA23/01590 – Trevyell Farm – installation of solar array – Approved by all.

PA23/00821- Coswarth Manor Farm amendments: Yet another amendment to the original plans following the application last month. The Parish Council voted unanimously to object to this new application on the same grounds as those stated previously i.e. 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 agreed to object to this application.

## **11. Trevemper Bridge:**

The authorities have now agreed to put the required ducting elsewhere, therefore this is no longer an issue.

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

No further developments this month.

## **13. Accounts**

Clerks Salary – Jan/Feb/Mar 2023 - £921.95 inc expenses – Approved by all.

Fasthosts – annual charge for wordpress hosting - £85.67 – Approved by all.

We have received a quotation from Cormac for grass cutting and hedge cutting on the recreation field and the hedge by the allotments for 2023 - £2454.19 + VAT. The Council approved this quote; however we must ensure that all the work is carried out as per the contract.

## **14. Network Highways Scheme:**

Derek and Di had an on line meeting with Helen Fincham regarding the proposed Gateway signs for Quintrell Downs. It seems that we cannot have logos on the new signs and there will be only three instead of four because the sign on South Road is too large for the verge. Councillors discussed this latest development and it was decided that if there is not going to be any improvement in the signage there did not seem to be any point in taking this further. The Clerk will inform Helen.

## **15. Grantscape Funding:**

The Clerk has submitted two applications for funding this year. One if to resurface the toddler area and replace the cradle swings at a cost of £6744.00 and the other to supply and install new swings for the older children. The cost of the second application is £8500.00.

## **16. Recreation Field/Litter Bin in toddler area**

The litter bin in the toddler area is constantly being pushed over and requires some sort of fixing to

prevent this happening. Derek offered to investigate and fix this bin if possible. All agreed with this suggestion.

Newquay Football Club has asked to be released from their lease agreement on the field behind our Recreation Field. Derek has received a letter from Newquay Hockey Club who would like to take on this lease. They would like to put an Astroturf pitch there and also build a pavilion.

Newquay Hornets Rugby Club has also shown an interest in leasing this land. There is a possibility that these clubs could share this land – Derek and Di will ask if this is possible and suggest the two clubs meet to discuss this option. Once the way forward has been determined, we will have to increase the rent on the land. Any change in the lease would have to be funded by the new lessees and anything built on the land would have to be approved by the Parish Council. At present the ground is under used and the hedges are becoming overgrown which does not enhance the appearance of the field.

We await a response from the two clubs involved.

### **17. Mountjoy Bus shelter**

Unfortunately due to family illness Steve is unable to attend this month, so this will be carried forward to next month

### **18. Quintrell Close Play Area**

We have received a request from a resident of Quintrell Close to refurbish the play area. The builder has now gone bankrupt and the residents do not pay a management fee. John Fitter stated that Cornwall Council will not want to take this on but he will try and find out who actually owns this land. The Parish Council cannot do anything at present as they do not own the land. It also creates a problem for the Parish Council as we cannot provide play equipment for one estate and not for others in the parish. The clerk will respond to the resident that we are trying to find out who owns the land.

### **19. Neighbourhood Plan**

Currently on hold.

### **20. Speeding Issues**

The 20mph speed limit is being introduced through Cornwall – the roll out in our area is due to start in 2024.

### **21. Public Conveniences:**

A further message has been received from Sean Kilker in response to our views on this subject.

After further discussion the Parish Council again reiterated that the cost of providing this service would be extortionate for our Parishioners and we are not prepared to move this forward at this time.

The Clerk will ask Vicki to respond to the facebook message as follows:

Thanks for your second message the contents of which have been duly noted.

The Village Hall is owned by the community and administered by the Trustees.

The cost of installing, cleaning and maintenance of Public toilets would come out of the Parish council's budget, thus falling on every household in Colan parish.

The council felt that the cost to the community was out of proportion to the benefits of the few.

### **22. Website/Facebook page:**

The website is now live with a new look. Marc suggested we could have some photos of the new play equipment and also let residents know what the Parish Council are doing for the Parish. The Clerk will take this forward in due course.

### **23. Letters/Notices:**

None

#### **24. Any Other Business**

Fiona has been asked by some residents if it is possible to have a footpath from Roger Old Autos into Quintrell Downs. This would be the responsibility of Cornwall Council but they do not install footpaths in rural locations. Therefore unfortunately this cannot be taken any further.

Brian asked if the drains can be cleaned out by the post box at Trevemper. Since the boundary change this now the responsibility of Newquay Town Council.

Pat asked for an agenda item next month to discuss water supply and waste disposal by South West Water as there are so many new developments around the area that the sewage disposal is at capacity.

#### **Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 19.30 hrs.

Di Willett

2/4/2023