

Colan Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 26th April 2023

Those present:, Derek Luscombe, Pat Lamshead, Marc Dummett, Maurice O’Gara, Suzanne Featherstone, Vicki Smalley, Cllr John Fitter

Clerk – Di Willett.

Derek Luscombe was in the Chair.

1. Police Report:

This month’s report as follows:

4 x thefts

1 x assault

1 x criminal damage

1 x dog attack

1 x burglary

1 x malicious communication

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:

Shaun Avery has applied for the position of Parish Councillor – he is attending the meeting tonight and the Councillors will discuss further at the end of the meeting once he has left the room.

5. Parish Councillor to represent Colan on Community Network Panel:

John stated that we need to have a nominated Councillor to represent Colan on the new Community Network Panel. There will one vote per representative and all Cornwall Councillors who are involved with these Parishes will have one vote each. The first meeting will be in July at Perranzabuloe and following meetings will be every 2 months – possibly by Teams meetings. Suzanne agreed to represent Colan Parish; with Derek as reserve should she be unavailable for any meeting.

6. Cornwall Councillor’s Report:

John has received notification that there has been a delay in completion of the over 50’s block at the Village development.

The Aircraft Museum has now closed and will not reopen. John feels that Cornwall Council have not been very helpful during this process.

The Trevemper application is ongoing – the developers are planning to dig trenches to keep the planning application alive – there are still ongoing queries about the log drying facility. We await the results from the Environmental Agency on the fumes from this facility.

The link road is progressing although there is currently a hold up due to more problems with the bridge.

The recycling centre cannot relocate until this road is in place.

Cllr Dick Cole has raised a motion to give Cornwall Council the same powers as Scotland and Wales. John does not feel able to support this and feels that the people of Cornwall should be consulted to establish the overall opinion. There is only 18 months to a General Election.

Marc asked if Colan Parish Council could write to Cornwall Council expressing our disappointment that the Aircraft Museum has been forced to close with the loss of income and jobs to the area. All Councillors agreed and the Clerk will take this forward.

7. Declarations of Interest:

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

8. Apologies:

Apologies received from:

Ben Dumbleton, Fiona House and Brian Killingback.

9. Minutes of previous meeting

Pat requested that Item 5 on the minutes of the last meeting stated: *Pat asked John if he can find out how much power and what funds are generated by the Solar Farm.* This should be amended to read the Cornwall Energy Recycling centre and NOT the Solar Farm. Apart from this amendment the minutes of the last meeting were agreed by all who attended as true and correct. They were signed as such by Derek.

10. Matters Arising:

None

11. Planning Applications:

PA23/02565 – Non material amendment to land North of 28 West Road – flat roof replaced with pitch roof and enclosed refuse area – Approved by all.

PA23/03093- Hendra Holiday Park – construction of building for recreational purposes with two stories – Approved by all.

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

No further developments this month.

13. Accounts

CALC – annual subscription - £598.28 + VAT – approved by all.

NMS – Toddlers Area grass cutting – 4 cuts at £30.00 each - £120.00 – approved by all.

Suzanne left the meeting at this stage with apologies for doing so.

14. Network Highways Scheme:

Following our notification to the Network Highways Scheme that we did not want to go ahead with the new signs a Teams meeting was held between Derek, Di, Helen Fincham and John Fitter. Helen revealed that the design could be revised to provide some proper gateway signs. Derek and Di requested that they look into this further.

15. Grantscape Funding:

Following the meeting held with Grantscape on Monday evening, we await the Trustees approval of our applications. We will have to find an additional £3075.00 to complete the projects. All Councillors agreed that this would be acceptable should the Trustees accept our applications.

16. Recreation Field/Shipping Container

The Clerk has had no response as yet from Newquay Sharks American Football Team. On looking into this further it seems that their name has changed to Cornwall Sharks – the clerk has emailed the contact name on their website, but as yet no response.

We have had reports of broken glass at the bottom of the slide – Derek has been up and cleared this away. The bin in the toddler area is not emptied regularly. The clerk will check how many bins we actually pay to be emptied – should the toddler area bin be an extra one, Derek will take that one away and move one of the other bins close to the toddler area. All Councillors agreed to this.

Post meeting note: We pay for three bins to be emptied so the one in the toddler area is an additional bin. Derek has moved one of the other bins close to the entrance of the toddler area as agreed.

17. Recreation Field Lease:

We have two local clubs interested in taking over the lease from Newquay Football Club. One is the Hockey Club and the other is the Rugby Club. The Hockey Club chairperson has been in touch – they would require at least a 25year lease and want to install changing rooms, a function room and an Astro turf surface. The rugby club would also want a licensed area - this is not something that the Parish Council would want as it would take away from the current businesses and may cause too much disturbance to the local residences.

The hockey club would manage the site and allow other sports clubs to use it when not in use for themselves. The Parish Council would need to have a say in any planning applications before they are submitted to Cornwall Council.

Currently this land is not being utilised and the Parish Council has a responsibility to their Parishioners to raise funds toward the upkeep of the Parish, so we really need to try and get the land used. The Parish is hoping to get this land devolved to them from Cornwall Council therefore we need to show that the land will be properly used. There were concerns raised over issues with power, water etc and also the necessity for floodlighting which may affect those living in the area. The Parish Council would need to have the final say over any proposed buildings and infrastructure. The road approaching the recreation field is not yet adopted – but residents would have known this when they brought their properties. In the future perhaps they will create a road which is fit for purpose. Currently the field is underused – the football club allow dog walking on the area. Unfortunately the lease with the football club did not work out, so we need to someone to take this on and make full use of the field.

Councillors would like to see a presentation on the proposed use of the site.

It was suggested that a rent of £1500.00 per annum should be charged which would be linked to the CPI. This was discussed by the Council and Pat proposed this option which was seconded by Maurice. Marc had some concerns about the figure quoted.

After further discussion the following was agreed by all Councillors present:

The Hockey club would be offered this lease.

Lease would be offered at £1500.00 per annum rising annually with the CPI.

All legal costs would be met by the Hockey Club.

Any structures, surfaces and facilities must have Parish Council approval prior to any planning applications. Planning applications would need to be submitted for any works before they are started.

18. Rubbish and Glass in the Toddler Area:

This has already been discussed under agenda item 16.

19. Mountjoy Bus shelter:

Unfortunately Steve is unable to attend this month, so this will be carried forward to next month.

20. Quintrell Close Play Area

John has managed to find out the position with the play area in Quintrell Close. If it can be proved the land has been abandoned then it would revert to the Duchy of Cornwall. The Parish Council could clear the site

if necessary, but are unable to take on the area as this would set a precedent for the remaining play areas within the Parish. The Clerk will respond to the resident's query and suggest if there is no response the come back to us and we will try to help further.

21. Morrisons Roundabout:

This roundabout is currently in a very bad state – the roots of the shrubs planted are breaking up the block paving. This roundabout is the responsibility of Cornwall Council and they need to decide what they are going to do with it – John contacts them every year to get something done about it. There have also been complaints from the residents of the Goldings. John will contact Cornwall Council again and request that they sort it out.

Pat suggested maybe Morrisons could be contacted to take it on as a Community Project.

22. Neighbourhood Plan:

Currently on hold.

23. Water Supply and Disposal:

Pat proposed that we contact South West Water expressing our concerns about the amount of development taking place e.g. Nansledan, Goldings, Trevithick Manor and The Village without any additional infrastructure to cope with water supply and waste disposal. Request that they explain their future plans to alleviate the concerns of the Parish Council the Clerk will action this.

24. 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.

25. Letters/Notices:

None

26. Any Other Business

None

Shaun Avery was now asked to leave the meeting so that we can discuss his application to be a Parish Councillor. We are not sure if he is on the Electoral Register – John will check this for us. If he is not then he will be unable to take up the vacant position.

Post Meeting Note: Shaun is not currently registered to vote, the Clerk has written to him to let him know the outcome.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be our AGM. Unfortunately Derek is unable to attend on May 31st. The clerk will contact Bob to see if we can have the Village hall on May 24th – a week earlier as the AGM has to be held before the end of May. All Councillors agreed with this.

Post Meeting Note: The Village Hall is available on Wednesday, May 24th, so our AGM will be held on this date.

Di Willett
8/5/2023