

**Annual General Meeting of Colan Parish Council**  
**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

Those present: Derek Luscombe, Suzanne Featherstone, Maurice O’Gara, Pat Lambshead, Fiona House, Brian Killingback, Ben Dumpleton

Clerk – Di Willett.

The Annual General Meeting of Colan Parish Council was held on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023

**1. Nominations for Chairman:**

The Clerk asked for nominations for Chairman for the next year.

Pat Lambshead proposed that Derek Luscombe continue in this role – seconded by Fiona House. This was unanimously approved by all members present.

Derek Luscombe accepted the position and was now in the chair for the AGM.

**2. Nominations for Vice Chairman:**

As yet we have no volunteers for this role. The Chairman asked that as soon as anyone feels comfortable to take this on, please notify either himself or the Clerk.

**3. Nominations for Committees:**

The following Councillors agreed to be members of the sub Committees as listed:

Planning Sub Committee: It was decided that we no longer need this committee as all planning applications are now emailed out to all Councillors. Should there be any controversial applications which cannot wait until our next meeting an extraordinary meeting will be arranged.

Recreation Field Committee: Derek Luscombe, Brian Killingback, Marc Dummett, Fiona House and Maurice O’Gara.

Village Hall Committee: Derek Luscombe and Maurice O’Gara.

Trees, Countryside and Footpaths: Marc Dummett

Police Liaison: Fiona House

Cornwall Association of Local Councils: Derek Luscombe

Newquay Airport Committee: John Fitter

Colan Companion Report: Suzanne Featherstone

**4. Vacancy for Parish Councillor:**

We are still advertising this vacancy.

**5. Public Speaking Time:**

David Parsons a resident of Newquay stated that he is trying to get support and permission to develop an area of the recreation field in to dirt tracks for cyclists of all ages. There would be jumps and tracks and would encourage children and adults to get on their bikes and get moving around. The tracks would not be tarmaced so they could easily be put back to grass.

The size of the area would depend on what was on offer from the Parish Council and there would be no need to move any trees. It would not require a lot of money to be spent and there would not be much maintenance. Suzanne stated that a track is planned for Nansledan, but it has not yet been started.

It was agreed to put this on the agenda for the next meeting so that the Councillors could discuss the idea properly.

Danielle also spoke to the Council. She is a resident of Willow Close. She supported David’s idea of dirt tracks at the recreation field. She also stated that the play park in Willow close is derelict and she wondered if the Parish Council would be able to get this up and running again. She stated that it is really needed so that the children can have somewhere to play without having to cross the main road. She said

that they would not allow ball games, but perhaps they could have swings or other play equipment. Again the Parish Council agreed to put this on the agenda for next month.

#### **6. Police Report:**

During the period from 26/04/2023 to 23/05/2023 the following crimes have been reported:

1 x theft

7 x assaults

1x sexual assault

2 x harassment

The report is attached to these minutes

#### **7. Chairman's Report**

The Chairman thanked all Councillors for the time and energy that they have put into achieving our goals for that last year. The new playground equipment is now in place and hopefully there will be additional equipment in the near future.

Derek also thanked Cllr John Fitter for all his help – it is enormously appreciated.

The Clerk was also thanked for her work throughout the year.

The Chairman was disappointed that the football club have had to give up their ambitions without it ever taking off. He hopes that the Ladies Hockey Club will be able to take things further once their lease is agreed. Our solicitor has now been contacted to start the ball rolling.

We look forward to many more activities taking place on the recreation field and appreciated Mr Parsons suggestion of a cycle trail which will be discussed further next month.

#### **8. Cornwall Councillor's Report:**

John offered his congratulations to Derek in being re-elected as Chairman of the Parish Council. He also thanked the Parish Council for their support throughout the year.

Trevithick Farm: Mr Rogers has a certificate of lawfulness for caravans on his property and now wants to gain planning permission to build houses in their place. This is currently stalled with the authority as it adjoins the Persimmon site and there is no pavement link.

John has had a meeting with Persimmons – all their planning applications have now been submitted. The link road has been signed off – the number of houses has been reduced. The public have been involved in various presentations and Persimmon are trying hard to accommodate everyone. Newquay Town Council had objections, however this is not within their boundary and therefore they cannot have a say in this development. Persimmons have formed a charity and would appreciate any suggestions from the Parish Council as to any local organisations that could benefit from this fund. John will email the details to the Clerk. There has been quite a lot of unhappiness at the application as this has been the “circus field” for many years.

Treveth are looking for names for six roads in their development should the Parish Council have any suggestions.

Colan PC has been omitted from the invitation to Armed Forces Day Parade – John stated that all are invited, but must advise Helen before close of business tomorrow evening. Clerk requested that anyone interested should let her know.

The lease for the Recreation Field will have to be approved by Cornwall Council but there should not be any problems going forward. John will email the Clerk with any details.

Cornwall Council AGM was held yesterday with no change in the current roles.

There has been no further progress on the new holiday lodges at Mountjoy – and it seems as if no further action will be taken.

Hedge and kerb cutting – only essential work was carried out in May by Cornwall Council.

The bus shelter at Morrisons is no longer in Colan Parish, but is now the responsibility of Newquay Town Council.

## **9. Declaration of Interest**

The Councillors were asked if anyone had a conflict of interest in our new external auditors – BDO LLP. No Councillors declared any interest.

Any further declarations of interest will be declared prior to discussion of any agenda item involved.

## **10. Apologies**

Apologies received from:

Vicki Smalley, Steve Lean and Marc Dummett

## **11. Minutes of previous meeting**

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

## **12. Matters Arising:**

None

## **13. Approval of Annual Governance Statement:**

All Councillors approved the Governance statement which was emailed to them prior to the meeting for consideration. This was signed by the Chairman and the Clerk.

## **14. Planning Applications:**

PA23/00289 – Change of use of Chapel of rest to living accommodation – Morrisons Roundabout:

No Councillors expressed any problems with this application and therefore it was unanimously approved.

PA23/00289 – Kings Apartments - Variation of Condition 2 – roof appearance.

All Councillors approved this variation.

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

No further news at present. Although this application does not appear to be moving forward – it will remain on the agenda for the foreseeable future.

## **16. Accounts:**

Data Protection fee - £40.00 – approved by all

Mrs D Willett - Fasthosts domain renewal - £23.98 +VAT – approved by all.

## **17. Approval of Accounting Statement :**

All Councillors approved the Accounting statement which was emailed to them prior to the meeting for consideration. This was signed by the Chairman.

## **18. Grantscape:**

We have received approval for the requested funding – we now need to get three quotes for these works – Derek and Di will take this forward.

## **19. Recreation Field/Shipping Container:**

A quote has been received from Abbey Maintenance for ground clearance around the car park and heather bed and also to clear the footpath to the toddler's area. The quote received was £225.00 – all Councillors agreed that we accept this quote.

Shipping Container – still no response to letters and emails. It was decided to leave this for the time being and if we get no response it will be removed and we will be looking for payment for this work.

Maurice stated that some of the bins are not being emptied – we actually only pay for three bins to be emptied. Either we pay for more bins to be emptied or we relocate the bins so that there are only three available to use. The Council agreed to relocate the bins and Derek agreed to do this. The Clerk will then let Biffa know where the bins to be emptied are located.

It has been noted that some families are taking their dogs on to the recreation field – this is not allowed because it is a children’s play area. We will start by putting a reminder on the website and facebook page that dogs are banned from the recreation field.

## **20. Clearing Footpath and car park/weeding flower bed**

Previously discussed under agenda item 19 - Recreation Field

## **21. Recreation Field Lease:**

Derek and Di met with our Solicitor and it was decided to arrange a meeting to include the representatives for the Hockey Club so that any questions can be resolved prior to completing the new lease.

## **22. Mountjoy Bus Shelter:**

To be discussed when Steve is able to attend a meeting.

## **23. Website:**

Di is continuing to try and keep this up to date.

## **24. Letters/Notices:**

Letters have been received from Cornwall Council and South West Water following our correspondence with them. Copies of replies below:

### **Cornwall Council:**

*Dear Di*

*Thank you for your message of 4 May 2023 from Colan Parish Council concerning the Cornwall Aviation Heritage Centre.*

*Firstly, when CAHC became tenants at Cornwall Airport Newquay in 2015 they signed a declaration acknowledging that there was no right to an automatic extension to the lease. CAHC did not find a new site within the original timescale of the lease. However, in order to assist CAHC to find a new site the Council extended the lease by a further 12 months to the end of March 2023.*

*Cornwall Council has not changed its position and in January 2023 the Council further clarified the criteria and timescales for extending the lease for the purposes of storage whilst a new site was found. The CAHC has not met this criteria or timescale. However, despite this, the Council and Cornwall Airport Newquay (CAN) are in negotiations with CAHC about storing their large and non-moveable items (aircraft) whilst they finalise plans to move to a new site. In addition, the Council has provided support, guidance and input on Planning, business plan development and applications for future funding.*

*Cornwall Council has also made it clear that we will consider assisting CAHC to move to a new location if and when a credible, costed and deliverable proposal has been developed. This offer remains in place.*

*Cornwall Airport Newquay is an operational airport which is vital to the region’s connectivity to the UK. However, the airport is currently subsidised by the Cornish taxpayer and Cornwall Council is committed to develop the airport in a way which minimises this subsidy and continues to develop the site as a key part of Cornwall’s transport and business infrastructure by bringing high value, aerospace businesses to the region. Specifically, businesses which require airside access.*

*We will continue to liaise with CAHC in order to try and help resolve their situation.*

*Kind regards*

*Linda*

*Cllr Linda Taylor*

*Leader Cornwall Council*

### **South West Water:**

*Dear Di*

*Thank you for your email received on 4 May 2023 regarding the Parish Council’s concerns with new developments in your area.*

*I can confirm that there has been some investment in the Newquay Sewage Treatment Works (STW) catchment already to manage growth in the community, and there will be some further works undertaken in the future.*

*A new 24inch main water pipe has been installed from Cosworth Service Reservoir to supply the growth in Nansledan and to ensure expected service levels for existing customers.*

*Our Engineering Team are currently making modifications to the Yellowsands Sewer Pumping Station Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO). This will provide more storage within the tunnel and will reduce the spills from the Yellowsands CSO.*

*We are also in the process of undertaking a catchment-wide assessment of the predicted impacts of current growth projections, including Nansledan and Trevemper, and climate change within the sewerage catchment, which will help steer potential investment/network reinforcement in future.*

*The Drainage and Wastewater Management Plan (DWMP) highlights the wastewater strategy for the Newquay STW catchment. A Level 2 document for the Newquay and St Columb area can be found on our website.*

*If there is anything further I can assist with, please do not hesitate to contact me on my direct line 01392 442804. I'm available 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.*

*Yours sincerely*

***Mrs Sue Richards***

*Complaints Customer Manager*

*South West Water*

We also received a letter from Trevor Walkey regarding the damage to Russ Walkey's memorial bench. There was a suggestion that we could replace this with a recycled bench – The clerk will check when this bench was installed. To be put on the agenda for next month.

Cornwall Council has sent a letter stating that we have been overpaid our CIL in April by £847.42. It was agreed to ask them to deduct this from the next payment due in October.

## **25. Any Other Business**

Fiona mentioned the email from Peter Griffin regarding the installation of a new cycle path – the route would go over the railway line on Quintrell Gardens and also over private land belonging to Bejowan Farm. Following further discussion it was decided to reply to Peter that this route does not seem to be viable. Brian mentioned the Morrisons Roundabout which is very untidy. John stated that he has been in touch with Cornwall Council and they will get to it "in time".

### **Next Meeting:**

Next meeting will be held on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 19.30 hours.

Di Willett 8/6/2023