

**Colan Parish Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

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

Clerk – Di Willett.

Derek Luscombe was in the Chair.

**1. Police Report:**

This month’s report as follows:

- 1 x assault
  - 3 x sex offences
  - 2 x thefts from motor vehicle
  - 1 x fraud
  - 2 x criminal damage
  - 1 x robbery
  - 1 x theft
  - 1 x stalking
  - 1 x harassment
  - 2 x driving offences
- A copy is attached to the minutes

**2. Public Speaking:**

Bob Scott asked about the trees on South Way outside the new block of flats. Some residents are concerned that they will be removed to allow light into the flats.

He also asked if the 20 mph speed limit is still going to happen.

John replied that the trees are the responsibility of the Highways department; however he will contact the department to ensure that the Parish Council is made aware prior to any work taking place. Pat asked if we could get a preservation order on these trees and wondered how long it will take to do this. John stated that normally TPO’s are issued for trees on private land; in this case Highways would have an input. He will find out how we can go about this should we need to take further action to preserve these trees. An item will be added to the next agenda to discuss this further.

John confirmed that the 20mph speed limit through Quintrell Downs is still in the system – we await the results of the current areas.

**3. Vice Chairperson:**

No-one has yet shown an interest in taking on the position of vice chairperson. Marc has suggested that maybe we could offer this position as a three month option so that different Councillors could see what is involved. Derek asked the Councillors to consider this idea and we will discuss again at the next meeting.

**4. Vacancy for Parish Councillor:**

We are still advertising this vacancy. The clerk would ask the Colan Companion if the advert can be displayed more prominently.

**5. Cornwall Councillor’s Report:**

The road works outside Bishops school have now commenced with three way traffic lights in place. This work could not be done while the school was open, but it will be finished by 11<sup>th</sup> August.

The road outside Tretherras School is also closed from the school down to the tip. This diversion will be via Quintrell Downs and will be in place for 6 weeks. The works involve a new entrance for the school and also

work to the South link road of the Newquay Strategic Route. These works are excluded from the summer embargo as they have to be done when the schools are closed.

There has been a suggestion that there should be no right turn on to the A392 from Tren creek Road. Traffic should be direct up to the roundabout at Hendra and back down the A392.

There have been a number of complaints from residents of “The Village” development about youngsters from the new builds causing a nuisance. The Management will have to try and sort this out, but the situation needs to be resolved. So far there has been no response from Coastline.

Boardmasters construction traffic should not be driving through Quintrell Downs – John asked that if anyone notices that they are still doing so, to report it to him and he will take it forward.

There have been a couple of complaints regarding noise from the new gym at Quintdown Business Park – John has requested that this be investigated.

Cubert Parish Council objected to the installation of cables under the Packhorse Bridge – this will now go to Committee for a final decision.

The Hockey Club have requested a reduction in the proposed rent for the recreation field and John stated that he hopes that the Parish Council will fully consider this when it is discussed later in the meeting.

John thanked Suzanne for attending the first meeting of the new Community Network Area. Liz McKenzie and Ken Yeo will be chairperson and vice chairperson of the new area. The Network Area will be renamed and any suggestions should be sent to Helen Fincham.

Pat asked if there was any information on the CERC – John replied that he had received nothing as yet.

John is still pursuing the painting of yellow lines on West Road.

## **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

## **8. 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.

## **9. Matters Arising:**

None

## **10. Planning Applications:**

PA23/04765 – Proposed new dwelling at 39 East Road – Fiona objected to this application due to the access and egress on to A392 which is close to the entrance to the access to Sunnyside Park. John suggested that as it is within the 30mph limit area that Highways would probably not object.

Pat proposed approval as set out. The application was approved by 6 councillors with the proviso that the entrance is splayed to provide more visibility.

PA23/04485 – Retrospective approval for siting of lodge, Whitecross – Pat proposed support as set out. He was supported by one other Councillor. One Councillor objected and the remainder abstained as they did not know the area sufficiently well. Therefore this application was approved by 2 to 1.

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

No further developments this month.

## **12. Accounts**

Abbey Maintenance - £50.00 – Approved by all

Quintrell Downs Village Hall - Rental for 7 sessions - £84.00 – Approved by all

Cormac July grass cutting - £245.42 – approved by all

The memorial bench for Russ Walkey will cost £465.00 and this is to be split three ways between the Parish Council, Colan Companion and Village Hall Committee. This will be a cost of £155.00 each. All agreed that the Clerk will request payment from the remaining parties and pay the invoice when received. Bob stated that the Village Hall Committee is delighted to contribute to this bench for all the work Russ did for our Community.

### **13. Grantscape Funding:**

The quote from Playground Installations has been accepted by the clerk a deposit of £7930 for both projects has been requested and the Councillors agreed to make this payment. Installation will hopefully be mid September.

### **14. Recreation Field including contact details and land for Playgroup :**

The playgroup wishes to rent some land just inside the gateway of the recreation field on the right. They wish to introduce a forest school into their curriculum. It was agreed that should we agree to this there would have to be a legal lease put in place to ensure the Parish Council are not liable for any accidents or damage caused and to include any safeguarding issues. Fiona was concerned about the erection of a shed and how it would affect our insurance. It was noted that there are no toilets or running water available and the group would need to cross the road to access the site. Marc suggested a site visit to stake out the area and see how it would affect the field. It was agreed that Councillors would meet on Tuesday evening at 6pm in the car park to assess this further.

Contact details for any damage within the play area – at present any details are being put on our facebook page and Vicky sends anything required through to the Clerk. The clerk has also received emails from residents in the past detailing any problems that occur. It was agreed that this is sufficient for the time being.

There have been reports of electric scooters being used on the tennis court – Derek will check that the notice at the entrance states that NO motor vehicles are allowed through the gate and on to the recreation field.

### **15. Recreation Field Lease:**

We have received the following email from Lora representing the hockey club:

*As you know, we have been meeting with a variety of personnel over the last few weeks in order to gain information, knowledge and feed from the experience of these people, something neither Sarah nor I have masses of when it comes to this sort of project. It is and will continue to be a very large learning curve for us. We have had some very exciting and encouraging conversations however and are still ridiculously keen to get this project up and running.*

*Through discussions with a couple of personnel, namely Cornwall Councillors, we have been advised that we should perhaps ask the Parish Council if they could re-assess the amount of rent you are asking us to pay annually for the lease of the field, and also the frequency of when this annual figure will be reviewed.*

*Firstly, we have been advised that Colan P.C. lease the recreation field from Cornwall Council for a considerable amount less than you are asking us to pay you. Along with pretty much zero outgoings from yourselves towards the upkeep of the field if/when we take over, reducing the lease cost to something more reflective of your outgoings would massively help us out especially at this crucial stage where every penny for us will count.*

*Secondly Louis Gardener as a lead in funding application decision making, has advised us that to give us a stronger case when applying for grants and funding from various sources (Cornwall Council and elsewhere), if we cannot provide a definitive figure of what our lease costs would be over a set amount of time, then it will lose us points towards eligibility and sustainability of the project and therefore give us a reduced chance of being offered much of this money, especially if competing against other projects who can provide solid figures.*

*Therefore, by us agreeing to the lease being reviewed annually in line with CPI, we are potentially jeopardising our chances of receiving funding successfully.*

*We have been advised to suggest that the review goes back to being carried out 5 yearly, which is what was agreed with Pete Butterly on the old lease. This would give us a better shot at success in being awarded funding from all these pots that we will be trying to access.*

*By coupling together a reduced annual rent fee, which is a more reflective amount considering your costs, with a 5-year rent review date, and it would both add 'value for money' to our project and enable us to write a more accurate business plan, which we will require to demonstrate that we are able to sustain the project ourselves once it's built.*

*We are asking if the above points could be discussed between yourselves at the Parish Council and perhaps some amendments made to the lease?*

*As you will be fully aware, this is a huge project and could be an amazing opportunity for Colan and its community. We are hoping you want to make our job of finding funding (because we need a lot) as easy as possible in order to be able to make this happen.*

*We hope you understand this late request. As I said, we are very inexperienced in all this and are learning as we go, but what we have been told by those 'in the know' who want this to happen as much as we hope you do, have advised us to raise this as a concern before the lease is finalised and we sign.*

*We also wanted to advise while I am in touch, that Louis did confirm that we would be unable to apply for any of the 'Shared Prosperity Funding' until the lease is completed and signed. So the sooner this is done the better. John Fitter said he can try and help move things forward within Cornwall Council if it is that, that is holding things up?*

The email was forwarded to the Councillors prior to the meeting to enable further discussion at this meeting. We currently pay £150.00 to Cornwall Council for the lease of this land and have asked the hockey club for £1500 pa with annual rises in line with the CPI. Upon further discussion it was decided that we should request less rent – an amount of £1000.00 pa was suggested.

John Fitter stated that Colan Parish needs to be seen to be helping out with this new project as Newquay will likely attempt to change the boundaries again in the future and if we can show that we can work with Newquay Town Council on this it will show the Parish Council in a good light. The hockey club are struggling to get sufficient funding and if the Parish Council can help we should do this.

Vicki asked if the residents of Trewarne Lane were aware of the plans for the back field – Derek stated that any future plans would have to be submitted to the planning Department and as such the residents would be consulted on any future development.

There was concern over what would happen to the Astro turf should the Hockey Club leave the site. We would hope that once all this work has been done it will be well used by several clubs.

All Councillors agreed to offer a reduced rent of £1000.00 per year and to fix this rent for five years. The rent will be reviewed after five years. The clerk will inform the hockey club of our decision and should they agree will then inform our solicitor of the amended lease.

#### **16. Mountjoy Bus shelter:**

Steve stated that he is struggling to find a contractor to carry out this work – Derek and Steve will continue to try and find someone.

#### **17. Memorial Bench – Russ Walkey**

The village hall committee and the Colan Companion have both agreed to contribute towards the cost of the bench. The clerk has now ordered this bench and will contact the VH Committee and Colan Companion for a contribution of £155.00 each.

#### **18. Neighbourhood Plan:**

Currently on hold.

**19. Defibrillator Training**

The cost of this training is £90.00 for a 90 minute info session on CPR and defib use. It was agreed that Vicki would put the idea on our facebook page to see if there is any interest in attending this training.

**20. Website/Facebook page:**

The Clerk is trying to keep up to date with the information on the website. Vicki is monitoring the facebook page.

**21. Letters/Notices:**

None

**22. Any Other Business:**

There was a message on facebook about cutting the hedges on the road towards Sunnyside. This is the responsibility of the land owner and not the Parish Council or Highways.

Brian asked about the ducting at Trevemper Bridge – this is now going to committee, so no further news at present.

**23. Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

Di Willett  
29/7/2023