

Colan Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 30th August 2023

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

Clerk – Di Willett.

Derek Luscombe was in the Chair.

1. Police Report:

This month’s report as follows:

4 x assaults

1 x criminal damage

5 x thefts

4 x driving offences

1 x public order

1x assaulting police

1 x malicious communication

A copy is attached to the minutes

2. Public Speaking:

Bob Scott stated that the roundabout and verges in Quintrell Downs are in terrible condition and asked when they are likely to be cut.

He also asked about signage for the play area on the Village Estate – there are a lot of pedestrians including children using this area now and no signs to warn of children playing..

Bob also mentioned the hedges around the recreation field which are getting very tall and wide. Derek stated that these hedges are cut back annually as per our grass cutting contract – the clerk was asked to remind Cormac that these are due to be cut.

The last thing Bob stated was that the basketball net had been broken again - this will be discussed under agenda item 14 – Recreation Field.

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:

John stated that he would contact Highways about the state of the verges and get them cut as soon as possible. Once the double yellow lines are in place on West Road, highways will then re-instate the verges and keep them cut in line with the rest of Quintrell Downs.

John also agreed to speak to Sharon Bundy from Coastline about the signage for the play area at the Village development.

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

The footpath to Nansledan falls within Newquay Parish – but there have been reports of hooligans hammering nails in front of the gates to keep them open. The Duchy will have to sort this out.

The will be a new sorting area installed at Trevenson HWRC so that the public can be asked to tip out their bags and remove the recyclable rubbish. John asked for the email to be sent out to all Councillors.

The land transfers are now complete for the new HWRC opposite Hendra.

There will be a £4m subsidy for the airport this year.

Fiona pointed out that most of the signs around Quintrell Downs are obscured by overgrown hedges and verges. John agreed to sort this out as well.

Pat stated that there has been a tall fence erected in a front garden on East Road – probably about 10feet high. John agreed to take a look and take action if necessary.

6. Declarations of Interest:

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

7. Apologies:

Apologies received from Vicki Smalley and 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:

PA23/05426 – Siting of 2 caravans for staff use- Treloy Tourist Park – Supported by all.

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

No further developments this month.

12. Accounts

BDO LLP – cost of audit - £315.00 + VAT– approved by all.

Duchy Defibrillators – Annual maintenance cost £190.00+ VAT – approved by all.

Cormac – Grass cutting at Recreation field - £204.52 + Vat – approved by all.

Fasthosts – SSL certificate renewal - £35.00 + VAT – approved by all

NBB _ Memorial bench -£465.00 + VAT – money received from Colan Companion and Quintrell Downs

Village Hall towards the cost of the bench – approved by all.

Abbey Maintenance - £50.00 to install bench – approved by all

13. Grantscape Funding:

Installation of new swing unit and resurfacing of toddler play area is due to start on 11th September.

Derek asked Councillors to start thinking about next year's grants – either a project for the Council to carry out or another local charity which needs funding for a project.

14. Recreation Field

The Councillors met at the recreation field to decide whether the playgroup should be allowed to rent a piece of land for their forest school. The area they would want is about 15-20m long and 7m wide which takes up quite a bit of room on the field. It was decided to further discuss this under item 16 – U16 football query.

The basketball net has been ripped down again – it is proving costly to keep repairing this damage. Marc suggested fixing it to the post with a metal brace – it was agreed to ask Bob Scott to look into it and provide costs to carry out any work required.

Marc also suggested that we get some costs to get the container removed as we have had no reply from the letters and emails that the clerk has sent out. Once we have costs we will advise the American Football Club of the timescale for them to remove any articles inside that they still want otherwise we will remove the whole thing.

15. Recreation Field Lease:

Our solicitor has not yet heard from Cornwall Council regarding the subletting of this lease to Newquay Hockey Club. John agreed to chase them up tomorrow.

Post meeting note: A case officer has now been assigned to carry out the legal work required.

16. U16 Football Club Query:

The U16 football club wish to use the recreation field once a week for training sessions and have requested a price to rent a piece of the land. The clerk and chairman will check our insurance cover. There was some concern about the additional cars that would be parked at the field; however it was decided that we do not want to charge any rent as we cannot portion off the field for their sole use. The football club are also covered by their own insurance which is affiliated to the Football Association.

Post meeting note: The clerk and chairman are happy with the cover in place and have informed the U16 Club that they can use the field for this purpose, as long as they are happy that it cannot be divided off from the rest of the field.

The council then discussed the use of the field by the Playgroup. They are not happy that there are no facilities in place. This is a private business and as such could set a precedence for other businesses to request a lease on part of the field. While the council do not want a formal agreement in place, they are happy for the playgroup to continue using the land as they do at present. The clerk will notify them of our decision.

17. 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.

18. Memorial Bench – Russ Walkey

The bench is now in place and contributions have been received from the Colan Companion and the Village Hall Committee. The plaque will be replaced as soon as possible.

19. Neighbourhood Plan:

Currently on hold.

20. Defibrillator Training

Unfortunately, Vicki is not able to attend tonight, so the Clerk will find out if there has been any interest from residents for this course. Maurice and Ruby O’Gara have also shown an interest.

21. Tree Preservation order:

The Clerk has printed off the form that we need to complete to ask for a TPO on the trees along West Road citing environmental benefits as the main reason for the request. Also they provide an avenue of trees along the road. All agreed that the Clerk should go ahead and apply for this order.

22. Website/Facebook page:

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

23. Letters/Notices:

We have received an email from Highways regarding the Village Gateway signs and the logo required. Following further discussion and looking at photos provided, the Council wanted to have an outline of the church on the signs. The clerk will notify highways.

24. Any Other Business:

There is a planning application on Cornwall Council website regarding S106 allocation. John explained that this does not change the allocation of social housing, but affects the area from which applicants are taken. Colan residents have first refusal for the first 28 days, if there are still properties remaining following this timescale, then the properties can be offered to anyone who currently resides in Cornwall.

25. Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 27th September 2023.

Di Willett
10/9/2023