

Colan Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 25th October 2023

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

Clerk – Di Willett.

Derek Luscombe was in the Chair.

1. Police Report:

This month’s report as follows:

1 x theft

8 x assaults

2 x assaulting an emergency worker

3 x Sexual assaults

1 x harassment

1x drug offence

1 x public order

A copy is attached to the minutes

2. Public Speaking:

Bob Hay attended the meeting as he has an issue with a footpath in the Parish. This runs from Trethiggey Way to Trethiggey Farm on to Manuels Farm to West Road. At present it does not feel like a footpath and Bob felt as if he was trespassing on private land. The path is blocked and therefore the whole distance cannot be completed. John stated that this path has been examined in the past but does not remember any conclusion to Cornwall Council enquiries. John asked Bob to email the details, including the number of the path, to him and will ask the Countryside Officer to come up with a solution. Derek explained that the Parish cannot take on the responsibility for footpaths as we do not have the contractors to carry out this work.

3. Vice Chairperson:

No-one has yet shown an interest in taking on the position of vice chairperson. Derek asked that Councillors consider this and contact either Di or himself if they feel able to take up this position.

4. Vacancy for Parish Councillor:

There are now two vacancies as unfortunately Vicki has handed in her notice due to personal commitments. The advert has been put on the website, on the facebook page, in the Colan Companion and in the Parish notice board.

5. Cornwall Councillor’s Report:

John stated that following a meeting of the Central Planning Committee, it has been agreed to allow ducting to be put under Trevemper Bridge. Apparently when the new bridge was built, the ducting pipes did not go completely under the bridge, instead they are blocked by concrete columns. The integrity of the new bridge could be affected if they were allowed to drill through the columns. The environment agency will not allow these ducts to go under the water. They will not be allowed to use mechanical diggers, but will have to dig completely by hand. The Architectural officer will oversee the digging and the bridge will be monitored for any movement.

The installation of double yellow lines on West Road is now being processed by Cormac.

All the verges have now been cut – however the post box at Trevemper is still overgrown – John will take this forward.

At a recent meeting of the Coastal Inland Access group it was revealed that they are renewing their campaign to encourage Parishes to take on the LMP. Colan Parish Council has already stated that we do not have the contractors to take on this work.

Marc queried the fact that even though there is so much development taking place in the area, there has been no increase in Doctor's surgeries, fire service provision or ambulance provision. John stated that South West Ambulance trust is operated by a national authority and as such Cornwall Council has no say in the running of this service. He also stated that any new developments are subject to additional payments to cover the running of the Police and fire service. All new buildings have fire suppressant systems installed when they are built.

Pat stated that Devon and Cornwall Police have more officers now than they have had in the past. Pat also said that several of the Doctors at both surgeries only work part time and when the new super surgery is opened at Nansleddan, perhaps more should be asked to work full time.

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 and Steve Lean

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:

PA23/06789: Change of use of holiday lets to residential accommodation – Bejowan Barns: Fiona declared an interest and left the meeting. Many of the remaining councillors felt that the access road to these properties is not suitable for permanent accommodation – the egress on to the main road is also dangerous as it joins at Gypsy Corner. There would be traffic using this road all year round and not just in the summer months possible with two cars at each household. There was also the fear that mud and gravel from the access road would end up on the main road. Following further discussion the Parish Councillors voted to object to this application on the grounds that the access road is unsuitable. The clerk was also asked to state that if the access road were to be metalled then we would reconsider our objection.

Fiona rejoined the meeting.

PA23/04014 – Demolition of stores and chalet and siting of 4 holiday caravans and wardens caravan – Tregustick Farm, Newquay: The Councillors raised no objections to this application.

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

We have had information that the architects are planning a presentation on Wednesday November 8th in the Village Hall with their latest proposals for this holiday park now called Green Ridge Resort.

12. Accounts

Cormac monthly grass cutting - £204.52 – Approved by all

Abbey Maintenance – Repair of basketball Hoops - £195.00 – approved by all

Alun Jones- CWC – weedkilling contract - £480.00 – approved by all

Mrs D Willet – Remembrance Wreath - £23.98 – approved by all.

Derek has also asked NMS to quote for keeping the new resin surface, bark and heather bed weed free and also for brush cutting behind the footpath from the heather bed to the play area. He has quoted £40.00 per application for the weedkilling and £50.00 per cut for brushcutting. It is estimated that both these tasks will be done twice a year costing a total of £180.00. This will be discussed further next month.

13. Recreation Field

Derek has done the first visual inspection of the play areas. The following Councillors agreed to be part of the rota to carry out these inspections: Fiona, Ben, Brian, Marc, Maurice and Derek. The clerk will draw up a rota and send the inspection sheet out to the Councillors. Fiona agreed to do the November inspection.

14. Recreation Field Lease:

The Hockey Club has had to pull out of the lease on the recreation field. We will arrange for our solicitor's invoice to be sent to them once received.

The Clerk was asked to write to Pete Butterley to find out how we remove the designation that this field will be used for football.

15. Mountjoy Bus shelter:

Still chasing quotes for this work.

16. Neighbourhood Plan:

Currently on hold.

17. Defibrillator Training

This has now been arranged for Monday 20th November at 7.pm in the Curgenvan Room behind the Village Hall. Notices will be put on the website, facebook page and in the notice board.

18. Tree Preservation order:

The application has now been made and we await the results.

19. Website/Facebook page:

As Vicki has resigned we now need someone to take over the running of the facebook page. There were no volunteers at this time, so the Clerk will ask Vicki to continue monitoring it for us.

20. Letters/Notices:

Invitation received for the Chairman and guest to attend the Remembrance service at St Columb Major – Derek has a prior appointment so will not be able to attend.
St Newlyn East Parish Council has requested funding from the Saints Coast CAP to build a new Village Hall. Colan Parish has no objection to this scheme

21. Any Other Business:

None

22. Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 29th November 2023.

Di Willett
27/10/2023