

**Colan Parish Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

Those present: Derek Luscombe, Pat Lamshead, Fiona House, Maurice O’Gara, Steve Lean, Kerry Martin, Hilary Rossborough Cllr John Fitter

Clerk – Di Willett.

Derek Luscombe was in the Chair.

**1. Police Report:**

This month’s report as follows:

4x Thefts

3 x Assaults

3 x Harassment/stalking

1 x Making off without payment

A copy is attached to the minutes

**2. Public Speaking:**

None

**3. Vacancy for Parish Councillor**

Hilary and Kerry have signed their acceptance of office forms and were welcomed to the Parish Council by Derek.

After discussion of his application, Craig Allen will be offered the remaining position on the Parish Council – the Clerk will send out the forms and invite him to the next meeting.

**4. Cornwall Councillor’s Report:**

John apologised for being a bit late to the meeting. He stated that the date for discussion of the Green Ridge Development has been extended by Cornwall Council until August. Currently it will be taken to Committee on 15<sup>th</sup> August which John does not think is a good time – hopefully they will move it to the next slot in October.

The park and ride will be in place again this year, but the traffic will not be directed toward Quintrell Downs from Nansleddan – there will be signage in place on East Road and South Road as it was last year. The fare will be the same as public service buses.

There have been lots of complaints about the traffic lights at Trevemper Road and the long traffic queues that have built up – they should be removed by Easter.

The planning officer wants to approve the application from Boardmasters to increase the size of the festival. John suggests that the Parish Council refuses to agree with their recommendations. If they are allowed to increase the numbers this year they will apply for a further increase in years to come. John feels that the festival is already big enough. The planning department wants to give a lifetime approval so that they don’t have to apply every time the festival is due to be held. Newquay Town Council did not object to this.

The paperwork is being completed on the land acquisition for the new recycling centre – once the NSR is open in 2025 construction work will begin on the project – probably August 2025.

When Walkers and Treveth have completed their groundwork for their new developments on Trevemper Road, the bottom of Trevemper Road will be closed with traffic being directed to the new roundabout on Gannel Road.

John is currently trying to establish who is responsible for the grassed area in the Village development, householders pay a maintenance charge, but maintenance does not seem to be ongoing. Currently the

roads are not adopted and John feels that perhaps they never will be as the site is being developed by two separate developers, neither of which appears to be maintaining the area.

Mr Eustice now wishes to develop the field next to the Village Development. This was originally started by Kier when Restormel Council was in control. Mr Eustice claims it is part of the call to land exercise which gathers data of land that could be available for development. Pat stated that he does not think that this should be included, the planning officer has requested an extension of time from the developer and this has been granted. They now hope to have a report on this by 15<sup>th</sup> August.

Fiona has heard that Cornwall Council is abandoning the Strategic Planning Committee from 2025 – John replied that he has heard nothing about this and will make some enquires. He feels that this would be a very dangerous step to take.

## **5. Declarations of Interest:**

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

## **6. Apologies:**

Apologies received from Marc, Ben and Brian.

## **7. Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as true and correct by all present apart from Steve, Hilary and Kerry who were not able to attend the last meeting. They were signed as such by Derek.

## **8. Matters Arising:**

None

## **9. Planning Applications:**

None

## **10. Accounts**

Clerks Salary –Jan/Feb/Mar - £933.30 – Approved by all

Cornwall ALC – Code of Conduct training – £24.00 – Approved by all

## **11. Recreation Field:**

### **a) Lease of field for dog walking:**

The Parish Council has intended for this field to be used as a sports facility and leased to an organisation that would be able to develop it further. This field should be devolved to the Parish Council next year and the long term aspiration is for a sports organisation to develop it for the use of their members and residents alike. Councillors felt that it would be difficult to monitor the use of this field for dog walking. There is already a dog walking field within the Parish and the SANG is available a short distance away. All Councillors agreed that they were happy for the dog walkers to use this field free of charge until such time as it is leased to a sports facility.

Ben House will cut the field once the weather improves.

### **b) CCTV Cameras in Car Park:**

We have received a request from a Parishioner regarding the state of the car park, with broken bottles and litter in the area. It was suggested that maybe we could put up a CCTV camera to put people off throwing rubbish in the area. After discussing this fully, the Councillors decided that we do not have the money to install a camera at present, however we will arrange for the area to be tidied up and cleaned in the hope that it will encourage people to keep the area tidy.

### **c) Funding for Petrol Lawnmower:**

We have had a request from Clive Bunt representing U16 football training to supply a petrol lawnmower to cut the grass in preparation for their training. The Councillors were very concerned that with the field being so wet at present, any training would churn the grass up making it

unusable for other residents. The Councillors felt that the grass should not be cut any further as it is the correct length for public use. There is no storage available at present. Councillors voted unanimously that they were not prepared to spend rate payer's money on machinery which would only be used by the football club. It was agreed that the clerk would explain this to Mr Bunt and mention the field behind the recreation field which we are hoping will be leased to a sporting organisation.

We have received the latest contract from Cormac for grass cutting and hedge trimming – approx 25% increase on last year. At present we have no-one else to do this work therefore Councillors voted to accept this contract.

We have received an email from a local contractor who may be prepared to quote on this work for next year – the Clerk will write to him in time for next year.

#### **12. Fly Tipping at Atlantic Vineyard:**

There has been some fly tipping on land around the vineyard. The owner has offered to store a skip on his land if the Parish Council will finance it. He will then remove any rubbish and place it in the skip. This appears to be on Cornwall Council land and as such is their responsibility to clear it. The Clerk to advise them that they should contact Cornwall Council helpline to get this removed.

#### **13. Grantscape Funding 2024:**

The clerk has applied for funding for the inclusive roundabout from this year's grant.

#### **14. Mountjoy Bus shelter:**

Bob has quoted £750.00 for carrying out this work. The Council felt that this was too much, so Derek will try and obtain further quotes.

#### **15. Neighbourhood Plan:**

We need to decide whether we are going ahead with the Neighbourhood plan. The Clerk is trying to find a company who will help us put this plan together – to be discussed more fully next month.

#### **16. Tree Preservation order:**

Cornwall Planning department have asked for annotated photographs of the trees involved. Marc has agreed to take these photos on his return from his holiday.

#### **17. Website/Facebook page:**

It has now been decided to withdraw the facebook page until further notice, as we need a Parish Councillor to monitor it. Di will continue to run the website as best she can.

#### **18. Letters/Notices:**

We have received a letter regarding open space money which we have been granted for our recreation field. This could be used to tidy up the lane leading up to the field, and also for any other upgrades to the recreation field – this will be put on the agenda for next month.

#### **19. Any Other Business:**

None

#### **20. Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

Di Willett  
8/4/2024