

**Colan Parish Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

Those present: Marc Dummett, Maurice O’Gara, Steve Lean, Hilary Rossborough Cllr John Fitter

Clerk – Di Willett.

Marc Dummett was in the Chair.

**1. Police Report:**

Our local Community Police Officer, PC Rob Hardwick, was able to attend this meeting and was welcomed by all those present. He presented this month’s report as follows:

6x Thefts

6 x Assaults

1 x Harassment/stalking

1 x Drugs offence

1 x Criminal Damage

A copy is attached to the minutes.

Rob was asked if there were any particular hot spots in the Parish, but Rob replied that the offences occurred in various areas and no particular area appeared to be worse than others.

Rob hopes to be able to attend another meeting in the future; in the meantime he stated that if we have any police related problems, then we should contact him and he will try to help.

Marc thanked him for his time.

**2. Public Speaking:**

None

**3. Vacancy for Parish Councillor**

Since the last meeting, Craig has decided not to accept the vacant position on the Parish Council due to personal commitments. We will therefore continue to advertise for a new Councillor.

**4. Cornwall Councillor’s Report:**

John welcomed PC Hardwick to the meeting and stated that normally there were more Councillors present. He stated that the Councillors do a lot of work in the background and it is all voluntary.

With effect from Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> there will be three way traffic lights at Lane while the road to Tren creek is altered to prevent a right turn when traffic approaches the A392 from Tren creek. There will be an 18 month trial of this scheme, so traffic will have to turn left and go to the roundabout outside Hendra before returning down the A392 towards Newquay.

Highways have expressed some concern over the cycle entrance/exit at Gypsy corner for the proposed Green Ridge resort. John stated that he will get some feedback and send this on to the Clerk.

There have been some problems with cutting the verges on East Road as they cannot use their strimmer in this area.

The money has now been transferred from Coastline for the painting of double yellow lines on West Road. John is currently chasing this with Cornwall Council. Once this work is complete, the verges can be reinstated as vehicles will no longer be able to park on these verges.

John reminded Councillors that anyone voting in local elections now has to produce photo i/d before they are allowed to vote.

There are problems on the Village estate as Kier were maintaining the roads and play area, but now Coastline have taken over the remaining development and the roads etc were not passed over to Coastline. These roads have not yet been adopted, and residents of The Village are currently paying for maintenance of the play area while those living in the Coastline development are not contributing, thus

causing problems between the residents. The problem has been passed to Stephen Kirby in planning for a solution.

Hillary asked if the Green Ridge development would be going to the Strategic Planning Committee – John replied that no decision has been made as to how this will be progressed. If any members of the Public still wish to respond on line, then they are still able to do so.

Cornwall Airport has been tasked to ensure that they are comfortable with aircraft doing circuits in the area. They have not raised any objections to this, therefore we must assume that all aviation regulations are being adhered to.

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

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

#### **6. Apologies:**

Apologies received from Derek, Pat, Brian, Fiona, Ben and Kerry.

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

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as true and correct by all present apart from Marc who was not able to attend the last meeting. They were signed as such by Marc.

#### **8. Matters Arising:**

None

#### **9. Planning Applications:**

PA24/01895 – Erection of Substation opposite Morrisons – Approved by all present.

PA24/02229 – Change of use from workshop to self contained annexe – All approved this application with the proviso that the annexe remains within the red line of the property and it cannot be subdivided in the future. It should be for the benefit of the main dwelling only.

#### **10. Accounts**

NMW – Strimming the fenced area and tidying the heather border - £260.00 – Approved by all.

BIFFA – Annual contract for bus shelter bins - £520.00 + VAT – Approved by all

BIFFA – 6 months invoice for recreation field bins - £343.15 + VAT – Approved by all.

Cornwall ALC – Annual membership - £616.99 + VAT – Approved by all

#### **11. Recreation Field:**

Lease of field for dog walking: The clerk read out two emails received supporting this project. The Council is concerned about letting the field for this activity as it would appear to discriminate against those who already walk their dogs there free of charge – some may not be able to afford to pay for this privilege. Marc stated that we should check our lease before making any further decisions. All Councillors agreed with this proposal and the Clerk will advise Carla of the current situation.

Abbey Maintenance have quoted a price of £145.00 to ground clearance the recreation field car park. This was accepted by all present.

#### **12. Open Space Money:**

We have received notice that we have been granted £169,644.25 in open space money from The Village development. This can be spent on anything associated with open spaces – including play areas. Marc suggested that we need a strategic plan to decide how we are going to spend this money. We have until January 2029 to use it.

Marc will chase Tony Philp regarding the trees on the road to the recreation field.

**13. Grantscape Funding 2024:**

Following a meeting on Monday, both parties applying for grants from this money should be able to receive their entitlement, but this has to be approved by the Grantscape board before the funds are made available. The two parties applying for grants are Lane Theatre for new doors; and the Parish Council for an inclusive roundabout at the recreation field.

**14. Mountjoy Bus shelter:**

Bob has requested for this work, the price is now £595.00. Maurice proposed accepting this quote and this was seconded by Steve. The remaining Councillors agreed and the Clerk will notify Bob.

**15. Neighbourhood Plan:**

We need to decide whether we are going ahead with the Neighbourhood plan. The Clerk is trying to find a consultant but has struggled to find anyone who can take on this work. John agreed to provide some contact details. We may have to increase our precept payment if we decide to go ahead with the Neighbourhood plan.

**16. Tree Preservation order:**

Marc will obtain the required photos as soon as possible.

**17. Website/Facebook page:**

Marc suggested that maybe we could find out the cost of having a professional to run the website. To be discussed further at the next meeting.

**18. Letters/Notices:**

None

**19. Any Other Business:**

None

**20. Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> May 2024 which will be our AGM.

Di Willett  
29/4/2024