

Annual General Meeting of Colan Parish Council
Wednesday 29th May 2024

Those present: Marc Dummett, Maurice O’Gara, Pat Lambshead, Kerry Martin,
Clerk – Di Willett.

The Annual General Meeting of Colan Parish Council was held on 29th May 2024

Marc stated that Derek is currently unavailable to attend these meetings as he is currently undergoing treatment for cancer. The prognosis is good, so hopefully he will return once he has recovered. He has agreed to continue as Chairman, should there be no-one else willing to take on this position, but will need someone to take the meetings until he has recovered.

1. Nominations for Chairman:

Marc proposed that Derek should continue in this role for the next year.

Pat Lambshead seconded this. This was unanimously approved by all members present.

2. Nominations for Vice Chairman:

Pat proposed that Marc be appointed as acting vice chairman and Maurice seconded this. Marc accepted the position and was in the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

3. Nominations for Committees:

Marc stated that the committees should remain as they are, providing those Councillors agreed to continue. However, we will need a new Councillor to take over reporting to the Colan Companion.

Recreation Field Committee: Derek Luscombe, Brian Killingback, Marc Dummett, Fiona House and Maurice O’Gara.

Village Hall Committee: Derek Luscombe and Maurice O’Gara.

Trees, Countryside and Footpaths: Marc Dummett, Kerry Martin

Police Liaison: Fiona House

Cornwall Association of Local Councils: Derek Luscombe

Newquay Airport Committee: John Fitter

Colan Companion Report: Vacant

4. Vacancy for Parish Councillor:

We are still advertising this vacancy.

5. Public Speaking Time:

None

6. Police Report:

None

7. Chairman’s Report

Not available at this time due to ill health

8. Cornwall Councillor’s Report:

John sent his apologies to the meeting and advised us of the following by email:

I am still attempting to sort out the consultation for the West Road double yellow lines.

The no right turn from the Lane crossroad has been delayed yet again, now July.

Park and ride will start as planned.

Tenants are being given viewings for the over fifties flats at the Coastline site as that development is almost completed.

Still no news on when the committee will hear the Green Ridge application.

Linda Taylor has been re-elected as leader of Cornwall Council for this the last year of the current administration.

He also re-iterated that he happy to help with the Neighbourhood Plan.

9. Declaration of Interest

The Councillors were asked if anyone had a conflict of interest in our external auditors – BDO LLP. No Councillors declared any interest.

Any further declarations of interest will be declared prior to discussion of any agenda item involved.

10. Apologies

Apologies received from:

Derek Luscombe, Steve Lean, Fiona House, Brian Killingback, Hillary Rossborough, and John Fitter

11. 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 Marc.

12. Matters Arising:

None

13. Approval of Annual Governance Statement:

All Councillors approved the Governance statement which was emailed to them prior to the meeting for consideration. This was signed by the Acting Chairman and the Clerk.

14. Planning Applications:

PA24/02583 – Proposed Installation of Staff Caravans, Hendra Holiday Park: All those present supported this application.

15. Accounts:

Data Protection fee - £40.00 – approved by all

Cormac Solutions – Recreation Field Grass cutting - £512.78 – approved by all

Newquay Mowing Service – Cutting the fenced area - £120.00 – approved by all

16. Approval of Accounting Statement:

All Councillors approved the Accounting statement which was emailed to them prior to the meeting for consideration. This was signed by the Acting Chairman.

17. Grantscape:

We have received confirmation of the funding for the inclusive roundabout. The deposit invoice will be received shortly and all agreed to go ahead with this. The colour scheme of the roundabout was selected as purple metalwork and yellow seats. Di will liaise with Playground Solutions South West to take this forward.

18. Open Space Money:

This money has to be used for improvements to the recreation field. We have until January 2029 to spend it- Marc is chasing Tony Philp for a quote to clear the lane leading up to the field. Maybe we could put some adult fitness equipment in the field and clean and tidy up the back field. Kerry suggested that we ask our Parishioners how they would like to see this money spent – the Clerk will ask the editor to include something in the Colan Companion and also put it on the website and notice board – all agreed to this.

19. Recreation Field :

Derek and Marc have studied the lease of the recreation field. In the lease it is stated that the field should be kept maintained and that it should be used for two football pitches, but not by a club. We need to keep

this field weed free and mowed regularly – an agenda item will be included next meeting to discuss the way forward.

According to the wording of our lease, we cannot allow the field to be restricted in its use for Parishioners. Therefore we are unable to agree to charge dog walkers for exercising their dogs in this field. The Clerk will write to Carla and inform her of our decision.

Kerry suggested that Cowlings may be able to assist in tidying up the field – she agreed to look into this for the next meeting.

Maurice stated that there are lots of dogs being taken on to the recreation area where children are playing. This cannot be allowed to continue. The current signs are only in black and white – we should consider upgrading these signs. Marc will take a look at the signs in place at present and we will discuss this at the next meeting.

Di mentioned that the playground inspections need to be completed – Kerry agreed to take over Brian's dates. The clerk will amend the rota and send it out.

20. Mountjoy Bus Shelter:

This work is currently ongoing.

21. Tree Preservation Order:

Marc will take some photographs and match them to the plan he supplied.

22. Website:

Di is continuing to try and keep this up to date. Marc suggested we try and get some professional help to maintain this website to ease the situation for the clerk. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

23. Letters/Notices:

None

24. Any Other Business:

In May we received an amendment to a footpath order at Fir Hill which does not seem to be confirmed by Cornwall Council. The clerk was asked to send this to John Fitter to gain his opinion.

We have also been sent a varying order for the footpath at the Goldings estate. No-one had any objections to this.

Neighbourhood Plan – Councillors asked if there was a clear benefit to have a Neighbourhood Plan. There will be a newer Neighbourhood Policy Statement which could probably be more beneficial to us. John Fitter has agreed to help to take this forward and find Parishioners who would be prepared to help put it together, but we will need at least two Councillors to take this forward. Councillors would like to know more about this – it will be put on the agenda for the next meeting. Kerry felt that it would be better to have something than nothing at all.

Pat suggested we contact SWW asking them to investigate the use of solar panels on their reservoirs – it was agreed to put this on the agenda for the next meeting.

Kerry offered to brighten up the Parish Council noticeboard to make it more noticeable. Di will work with her on this.

Maurice stated that the new Village gateway sign at Gypsy Corner is already overgrown and the speed limit signs are barely legible due to fading. The clerk will ask John Fitter if he can chase this up for us.

Next Meeting:

Next meeting will be held on 31st July 24 at 19.30 hours.

Di Willett 4/6/24