

Colan Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 28th August 2024

Those present: Derek Luscombe, Maurice O’Gara, Pat Lamshead, Fiona House, Kerry Martin

Clerk – Di Willett.

Derek Luscombe was in the Chair.

1. Police Report:

No police report this month.

2. James Snelgrove – Atlantic Vineyard-PA24/050604

James introduced himself as the owner of Atlantic Vineyard near Porth Reservoir. They wish to replace two static caravans with a family bungalow. He stated that the family are currently living in Weston Super Mare and now wish to build a permanent bungalow so that they can live on site to look after the vines and the animals they hope to purchase. They are keen to make this their permanent home. It will have its own sewage treatment plant and a bore hole for water.

The vineyard is labour intensive and the 6000 vines need to be regularly checked for disease. There is also a lot of expensive specialist machinery on site. They still intend to invest more money in the business – they will be starting wine tours and tasting sessions next year.

Derek thanked James for his time to bring us up to date with their progress.

This application will be discussed by the Parish Council at agenda item 11.

3. Public Speaking:

None

4. Vacancy for Parish Councillor

There has been no further response to the vacancy for a Parish Councillor. The post will continue to be advertised.

5. Cornwall Councillor’s Report:

No report this month as John has sent his apologies to the meeting.

6. Declarations of Interest:

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

7. Apologies:

Apologies received from Brian, Steve, Marc, Hilary, Ben and John Fitter

8. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as true and correct by all present. They were signed as such by Derek.

9. Matters Arising:

None

10. Saints Coast CAP Representative:

It was decided to discuss this at the next meeting when hopefully there will be more Councillors present.

11. Planning Applications:

PA24/05064 – Atlantic Vineyard – replace static caravans with bungalow: Pat proposed approval of this application as set out. This was unanimously supported by the Parish Council.

PA23/09752 – Green Ridge Amendment to submitted plans: Pat proposed that we approve this application as set out.

An amendment to this proposal was presented by Derek who suggested that we retain our objection to this development as the traffic plan has not changed and there is still a huge visual impact to the surrounding area. Fiona also added that the ecological impact still remains as well as the light pollution to the night sky.

Councillors then voted on the amendment, which was supported by all but one of those present.

The clerk will therefore reiterate the Parish Councils' objection to this proposed development drawing the Planning Department's attention to our original comments.

12. Green Ridge Resort:

Fiona stated that the applicants were granted more time to get more information. They have now amended the plans which are now being uploaded on to the planning portal, therefore more comments can now be submitted via the planning portal.

The technical meeting will be held on 4th September when the Planning Officer will meet with the developers. Fiona is not sure if this is a public meeting. **Post meeting note:** The technical briefing will be online via Teams. Anyone is allowed to join this meeting.

The strategic Planning Meeting will be on October 16th when one resident, one representative from Colan Parish Council and John Fitter will be allowed a three minute slot each to air their views.

The Committee will then make their decision.

Pat then stated that he did not hear Fiona's information, therefore she had to repeat it all again.

13. Accounts

Duchy Defibrillators – annual maintenance - £190.00 + VAT – Approved by all.

BDO LLP – external audit of account - £315.00 + VAT – Approved by all

NMS – maintenance of toddler area - £120.00 – Approved by all.

Conserve Solutions – Grass cutting at recreation field - 256.41 + VAT - Approved by all.

14. Recreation Field:

Derek stated that the triangle of land inside the gate, the edge of the car park and the heather bed need tidying up. The Council agreed to ask Abbey Maintenance to do this work.

There are two vehicles which appear to have been dumped in the recreation field car park:

VW van reg RV56VDL

BMW reg no LNWDC.

The clerk was asked to contact the Police to find the way forward with getting these removed. Should we need to get rid of them ourselves, Kerry has a contact who will take them away.

Trewarne Lane is in a terrible condition with many potholes along the road. It was agreed that Derek would get some quotes to fill the potholes, Kerry said that she would also be able to get a quote for this work.

Derek asked the clerk to find out when the hedges will be flailed so that he can make sure that they are doing the correct area.

15. Maintenance of Back Field:

We have received confirmation from CALC that we are able to advertise the lease of the back field as long as it is for a sports organisation. Derek and Di will liaise on the wording required and take this forward.

At the last meeting Marc stated that we need to ensure that the field is maintained regularly and should get some quotes for this work. It will probably need cutting two or three times a year. This will be discussed further when Marc is able to attend.

16. Overgrown Seats:

It seems that the growth around some of the seats has now been trimmed back and only one now needs trimming – The clerk will contact Bob to let him know.

17. Open Space Money:

We have received notice that we have been granted £169,644.25 in open space money from The Village development. Marc wondered if we should set up a committee to take this forward to discuss any ideas – it was agreed to discuss this further at the next meeting.

18. Grantscape:

The clerk asked for another person to be available to attend the Grantscape meeting once a year when the funding is discussed. Fiona agreed to be an additional representative – the Clerk will inform Grantscape. Marc has also suggested that we use some of next year’s Grantscape money to provide some equipment for adults – perhaps a running track or some adult exercise equipment. As we have time to get some quotes for this we will discuss it at a later date.

19. Mountjoy Bus shelter:

This work is ongoing.

20. Neighbourhood Plan:

As John was unable to attend the meeting this month, we will discuss this further next time.

21. Tree Preservation order:

Cornwall Council has now issued the following number for our application for a TPO:
PA24/00987/PREAPP

22. Website:

The clerk will speak to our Computer lady to discuss this further.

23. Letters/Notices:

None

24. Any Other Business:

Maurice stated that the bin by the car park at the recreation field is overflowing with dog waste. The clerk will check when it is emptied and confirm that it has not been missed.

Derek stated that Marc has suggested we put together a list of preferred contractors to carry out any work required. This will be put on the agenda for next month.

25. Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, 25th September 2024

Di Willett
07/09/2024