

**Colan Parish Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

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

Clerk – Di Willett.

Derek Luscombe was in the Chair.

**1. Council Prayer:**

Derek asked the Councillors present if they wanted to continue saying the Council Prayer at the start of the meeting. Pat proposed that we continue with the prayer, this was seconded by Maurice. This was approved by a majority decision.

**2. Police Report:**

The following crimes have been reported during 24/9/24 to 29/10/24

12 x thefts

2 x criminal damage

5 x assault

3x drugs

1 x assault on Emergency Worker

1 x affray

Thanks to Ian Weager for supplying this report.

**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. The Chairman asked if any Councillors knew of someone who would take on this role.

**5. Cornwall Councillor’s Report:**

John apologised for his absence from the last couple of meetings.

He stated that a group of Cornwall Councillors are currently looking at the savings proposals put forward by various officers. So far they have managed to come up with savings of £49m but there is still a large gap to fill. These proposals will go to the Cabinet for consideration. The budget for 2025/2026 will be decided in February at the earliest. The COO of the Council, Tracey Langley, will be leaving before the budget is concluded.

The milestone on North Way is currently being examined by a stonemason. No-one has accepted responsibility for the damage caused and the hedge has been cut again since the damage was done. John will continue to pursue this matter in the hope of getting a proper solution to the ongoing problem.

The road signs around Quintrell Downs are going to be replaced and the verge on the right hand side from Morrisons to Tren creek road will also be cut. The improvement at the Tren creek junction have been completed, however some adjustments need to be made to the verge on the corner as larger vehicles are unable to turn without going over the kerb. The kerb will be set back and resurfaced. John feels that this has been a good improvement which helps considerably with the traffic flow.

New signage is to be put on the NSR which will hopefully take traffic heading towards the A30 away from Quintrell Downs.

There have been no more developments on the plans for the Aero hub, this will form part of the deal with the new owners of the Airport; however that has been no further information issued on this matter. John

thinks that if the fee was re-introduced for tourists this would help to decrease the subsidy paid by Cornwall Council.

Green Ridge Development- Highways have now responded to the request for further information and this has been placed on the portal today. The hearing is due to take place on 21<sup>st</sup> November. The Parish Council must have a representative to talk for 3 mins, there are also two further 3 minute slots for other residents to speak. Kerry confirmed that there is an expert witness from the action group who will attend, so there is one further place available. John suggested that all the representatives, including himself, should meet up to ensure that each person submits a different objection. John will pick up on any points that need emphasising. The applicants have two spots to state their case.

A new ecology report has been placed on the planning portal; however this does not cover all the points that were raised and John will be objecting to the new report. Stephen Kirby will have to address the omissions.

Pat questioned the design of the NSR – there are developments on both sides of the road including shops on all corners of the roundabout at Nansledan, so the main roads have to be crossed to reach these businesses as there are no parking slots close to them. John said that the NSR was developed before the Nansledan estate and the Duchy are less keen for this to be used as a main road. The Duchy has a LDO for this development so are able to change the plans as it suits them. The master plan has been changed so that housing is being brought to the south quarter which is in Colan Parish, originally these were going to be business units.

There is another application pending for the field where the car boot sales are held. The Duchy will have an interest in the design of these houses which will probably be similar to the Duchy Estate.

#### **6. Declarations of Interest:**

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

#### **7. Apologies:**

Apologies received from Steve and Hilary.

#### **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:**

The meetings for the Saints Coast CAP are held every 4 months. John stated that it is important for Colan to have a representative. Although their power is limited, but it can be helpful if any funding is required. Meeting are held between 6pm and 8pm. Should anyone wish to volunteer for this committee, please contact the Clerk.

#### **11. Planning Applications:**

PA24/05993 – Conversion of garage to four bedroom dwelling – Pat proposed that we approve this as set out, but suggest that solar panels are included on the roof as well as the arrays. All Councillors supported this proposal.

#### **12. Green Ridge Resort:**

The committee meeting for this application is on 21<sup>st</sup> November – Marc agreed to consider representing the Parish Council at this meeting. John and the three representatives will get together prior to the meeting to ensure all the different aspects of the objection are covered.

#### **13. Accounts**

Corserv Solutions –two invoices September and October at a total of £246.41 + VAT each. Approved by all.

Mrs D Willett – poppy wreath for Remembrance Sunday - £24.49 – Approved by all.

Complete Weed Control - £420.00 + VAT – weed killing around Quintrell Downs – Approved by all.

#### **14. Recreation Field:**

Derek stated that there are currently a lot of molehills appearing on the field and the debris is covering the safety surface. The clerk was asked to investigate solutions to this problem and report back to the Council. Marc has some plants that can be planted in the heather bed – Kerry volunteered to plant them and will liaise with Marc.

The clerk was asked to contact Playground installations and Taylor Made to get some ideas about design and equipment available.

Someone has filled in the potholes in Trewarne Lane, however if we want to lease the field we need to keep this road well maintained.

Julians have quoted £14750.00 to tarmac the road to the recreation field – 3.5 m wide with no kerbs. It was suggested that we ask the residents for a contribution. Colan Council owns the first part of the road, while Cornwall Council owns the top part. John doesn't think that Cornwall Council will help and as the land is to be devolved to Colan Parish Council it was decided not to pursue any contribution from them. It was agreed that Derek would get some more quotes for this work as we have some funds available at the moment. There is a sycamore overhanging the footpath in the recreation field – Derek agreed to get a quote from Mark Williams to do this.

#### **15. Maintenance of Back Field:**

It was felt that we need to be more proactive in the maintenance of this field. Derek and Marc agreed to get some quotes for clearing the blackthorn and brambles, and also for flailing the hedgerows.

#### **16. Preferred Contractors:**

If we require any work done on a larger scale, we need to find a minimum of three quotes to carry this forward. It was suggested that we should compile a list of preferred contractors that we can use. These would be trusted contractors that have done work for us in the past. Derek proposed that we start to put together a list and this was agreed by all councillors.

First ideas as follows:

T.Julian & Son – Asphalt, skip hire, plant hire

P R Whelden – plant hire/flailing

Tony Philp – tree surgeon

Abbey Maintenance – Bob Scott – general maintenance

Cowling plant hire and groundwork – various groundwork, tree work, fencing, plant hire

#### **17. Open Space Money:**

We have received notice that we have been granted £169,644.25 in open space money from The Village development. This was discussed and the clerk was asked to find out details on how this money can be spent and send out to Councillors.

#### **18. Mountjoy Bus shelter:**

This work is ongoing.

#### **19. Neighbourhood Plan:**

John said that we really need to start work on this plan – there is a new simpler version available with the same level of input, but the plan can be completed quicker. He stated that we will need a leader to run it. John is happy to attend meetings and there is an officer at Cornwall Council who will help. We need to form a group to start this process to include external contributors.

The planning laws are changing soon and we should have something in place so that we can control what happens in our area. Councillors agreed to consider whether they could get involved, or could think of someone who may agree to join the council and take on this project.

**20. Tree Preservation order:**

Cornwall Council planning order - PA24/00987/PREAPP. We have received a response from Cornwall Council on than above TPO and they have refused to consider it. Councillors felt their response was very abrupt and were not happy that we would be charged if we wish to pursue this order.

**21. Website:**

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

**22. Letters/Notices:**

We have received a response from CALC regarding our enquiry into adverse possession of land on Trewarne Lane – the clerk will email the details to councillors for them to consider any further action. We have received notification from the solicitors regarding the bus stop on East road – it has now been registered with the land registry and Colan Parish Council now owns this land.

**23. Any Other Business:**

Marc asked about the double yellow lines on West Road. John explained that highways have started to draw the money down to get this work done; this will also include repairs to the grass verges. Pat said that he thinks the residents will still park on the verges and wondered if we could plant some trees there or have some bollards put in place. It was agreed to put this decision on hold until the agreed work has been completed.

**24. Next Meeting:**

The clerk stated that she would be unable to attend on the due date of November 27<sup>th</sup> and asked if anyone would be prepared to take the minutes for this meeting. If not then she suggested that we postpone the meeting until Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December, as the bowling club have agreed to swap dates with us. All Councillors agreed to postpone the meeting, so our next meeting will be on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> December at 19.30 hours.

Di Willett  
05/11/2024