

**Colan Parish Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday 29<sup>TH</sup> January 2025**

Those present: Derek Luscombe, Fiona House, Maurice O’Gara, Steve Lean, Hilary Rossborough, John Fitter

Clerk – Di Willett.

Derek Luscombe was in the Chair.

**1. Police Report:**

Report received covering the period 01/09/24 to 01/12/24:

During this period there have been 15 reported crimes, these include:

In September, there was one instance of violence and sexual offences on (or near to) the A392, three instances of burglary two instances of violence and one instance of drugs.

In October, in Quintrell Downs, there were three instances of violence, two instances of drugs and one instance of ASB.

In November, there was one instance of violence and sexual offences on (or near to) the A392, in Quintrell Downs, one instance of anti social behaviour one public order and one instance of violence.

PS Ian Weager has stated that we will be getting a new Neighbourhood beat manager in due course once he has a full complement of operational staff. He will notify us when he knows anything further and the new beat manager will be in contact as soon as possible.

**2. Public Speaking:**

Dave representing Quintrell Cricket Club stated that they play friendly games on a Wednesday evening. At present they have to play all their matches away from home. They would like to hold a fun day based around cricket, maybe one or two events to see if there is any interest in the local community. They currently have about 25 members and would like to get all ages involved.

Derek said that there is enough space for a wicket and the Council would discuss this proposition under agenda item12.

**3. Vacancy for Parish Councillor**

We have received an application from John Griffin expressing an interest in becoming a Councillor. The Clerk was asked to confirm that he is on the electoral role and request that he attend the next meeting so that the Councillors can meet him.

**4. Cornwall Councillor’s Report:**

John has asked Cornwall Council to provide a skip for the disposal of debris left by the tornado which swept through Quintrell Downs, but unfortunately they will not help out.

The strategic route should be opened in April or May, but he is not sure if someone will be asked to do this officially.

There is no further information regarding the Green Ridge development as yet.

Boardmasters have requested that they be allowed to start setting up two days earlier than usual. This will be an amendment to the current planning permission and we should receive notification of the final decision. At present we are still awaiting the health and Safety report from last year’s festival – the press are also chasing sight of this document.

The consultation for the yellow lines on West Road is still ongoing – would we want double yellow lines on both sides of the road or just the one as originally discussed. It was decided that we only need them on one side to prevent vehicles parking on the verges.

**Post meeting note:** Highways have suggested that we have them on both sides as vehicles may start parking on the other side of the road. Derek has said that he can see no reason why we should not have the lines on both sides of West Road.

The milestone has now been repaired and is being stored at the depot. They will need traffic lights in place to reinstall it and as the railways have asked for a road closure in May to do work on the line, so the milestone will be reinstated then.

Cornwall Council has requested the closure of the footpath from Trencreek over the railway line to the Parish boundary with Newquay. This is land that Cornwall Council wish to dispose of to Prow Park. This was refused by the Planning department and will now go to appeal. They have always claimed that this was wholly in Newquay, but there is a section by Trencreek crossing which falls into Colan Parish – the railway actually forms the Parish boundary. The original notes on the consultation have been lost, but the Parish should have the chance to have this land devolved to them.

Ocean Housing is currently building more houses on Rialton Hill.

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

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

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

Apologies received from Marc, Kerry and Brian.

#### **7. 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.

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

None

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

Two applications have been received from Bosoughan – PA25/00117 – Listed Building Consent for installation of Solar PV & ASHP and PA25/00116 – Installation of Solar PV and ASHP on grade two listed building: both were supported on the proviso that they are supported by the Conservation Officer. PA24/09002 – renovation and extension of existing building following fire damage – Golden Palms, Taylors Lane: Supported by all.

#### **10. Green Ridge Resort:**

There has been no deadline set for the decision from the Secretary of state on this application. Our local MP Noah Law has been very helpful during this consultation - John will keep us informed of any news.

#### **11. Accounts:**

Bleed Control (UK) – Maintenance of bleed pack - £40.00 + VAT – approved by all.

Village Hall Hire - £108.00 for 9 months hire – Approved by all.

Abbey Maintenance £145.00 – replacement of “Welcome” sign at the entrance to the Recreation field – approved by all

Abbey Maintenance £215.00 – replacement of tennis court sign and basket ball hoop – approved by all.

Abbey Maintenance £145.00 – cleaning of car park and entrance area – approved by all

Abbey Maintenance £175.00 - Tennis court cleaning – approved by all

BIFFA - £290.00 + VAT – Litter bins in recreation field-6 monthly charge - £390.00 + VAT – approved by all

BIFFA - £520.00 + VAT – bus shelter bins annual charge – approved by all

Cormac - £256.41 + VAT - recreation field grass cutting – approved by all.

#### **12. Recreation Field**

We have had a competitive quote from Ace of Spades grounds maintenance for the grass cutting and hedge trimming at the recreation field. These are a local firm based in Fraddon. They have quoted £2808.00 pa for the work which is less than last year’s quote from Cormac. After further discussion Pat proposed that we accept this quote, which was seconded by Hillary. All remaining Councillors supported

this proposal. The clerk was asked to give Cormac notice of our decision and formally accept the quote from Ace of Spades.

Following the request from representatives of the cricket club to hold open days on the recreation field to see if there is any local interest in playing cricket, Derek stated that in the past Quintrell Downs has had a cricket team and although the wicket is currently lost, it could easily be reinstated. Another sport could only be good for the village. Maurice wondered if the mixture of cricket and youngsters playing on the equipment would work out. The cricket team could put marshals in place while the match is on and they could also put signs up to ensure everyone is aware that there is a cricket match in progress. Fiona reminded the Council that to start with the cricket team only wanted to hold family events. Pat proposed that we give this a year's trial and all remaining Councillors agreed.

We have received permission to use some of our open space money on resurfacing Trewarne Lane and all Councillors agreed to go ahead with this.

There are some residents who are parking opposite their properties on Trewarne Lane and we need to ensure that they don't try and claim adverse possession of this land. Derek suggested we plant some trees along here which would ensure that we still have access. Derek has met with our tree surgeon who is going to supply a quote for tidying the area up. We await the quote.

We have received one quote for a running track to support the addition of adult gym equipment to the recreation field. We have CIL money available which could be used towards this - it was agreed that Derek and Marc would continue to investigate this.

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

Marc and Derek will get some quotes for clearing the back field and trimming the hedges. It was suggested we ask for a quote from our new Grounds Maintenance contractor – Derek agreed to meet him and discuss this further.

### **14. Playground Inspections:**

The clerk stated that she had not received any visual playground inspection reports recently and asked if the Councillors could resume their inspections. Maurice is due to carry out the February one and he agreed to do this. The clerk will send out the latest rota to all those involved.

### **15. Grantscape Funding:**

The deadline for this year's funding applications is 2/4/2025 – it was agreed that Derek, Marc and Di would get together and make the application.

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

No further additions this month.

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 now approval to use some of this money for the resurfacing – Derek and DI will take this forward.

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

This work is ongoing.

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

Fi and Kerry have started work on this and hope to have something started by next month's meeting. Fi requested information on the number of houses in the Parish and nearby and the number of proposed

developments already approved. Di will try to find this out. John agreed to meet with Fi and Kerry to help in any way he can. It should include what we want and don't want to happen in our Parish to protect it in the future.

**20. Website:**

We need to consider whether to pay for .uk domains for email addresses and the website. Di will look into this further.

**21. Letters/Notices:**

We have received a letter regarding the management of footpaths in our Parish – it was decided not to take over this as there are too many throughout the Parish.

We have also received notification that the election packs will be available at the beginning of March.

**22. Any Other Business:**

None

**23. Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2025. Derek sends his apologies for this meeting as he will be away.

Di Willett

10/02/2025