

**Colan Parish Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

Those present: Marc Dummett, Maurice O’Gara, Steve Lean, Pat Lambshead, Kerry Martin, John Fitter

Clerk – Di Willett.

Marc Dummett was in the Chair.

**1. Police Report:**

Report received covering the period\_01/10/24 – 31/12/24:

During this period there have been the following reported crimes:

2 x theft

6 x violence and sexual offences

2 x drugs offences

2 x anti social behaviour

1 x public order offence.

The report is attached to the minutes.

**2. Public Speaking:**

Sheila Fisher spoke regarding her concerns over the children’s playground on The Village development.

While several residents have to pay a maintenance charge for the upkeep of this area, this is actually used by many families from outside the Village Estate. It has therefore become a Community resource which the residents feel should be funded by Cornwall Council or Colan Parish Council. Marc stated that we have discussed this area in the past and are aware of the problems. The estate roads however have not yet been adopted and as such neither the Parish Council nor Cornwall Council can have any involvement in the area. Marc stated that we will go back to John Fitter to see if anything further can be achieved and he also suggested that the residents contact John directly and make their views known. There is also a problem with emptying the litter bin – Biffa have asked for £500.00 a year to empty this bin which the residents feel is extortionate. Marc suggested that they include this in their email to John.

**3. Vacancy for Parish Councillor**

John Griffin attended the meeting and was introduced to the Council. Due to the fact the local elections are due shortly; John agreed to complete an election pack once they are available and in the meantime he would attend the meetings as a visitor.

**4. Cornwall Councillor’s Report:**

John confirmed that the NSR is due to be opened either the last week in April or the first week in May.

There is a £2.1m shortfall in the cost of the new bridge over the railway line.

The consultation for the double yellow lines on West Road is about to start, the lines will be marked on both sides of the road.

Following the full Cornwall Council meeting, the budget for next year will rise by 4.99%. The Parish precept rate will fall from £13.13 to £12.92 per year due to additional housing now available in the area. Newquay precept will be £398.00 per year. Services will be cut to try and balance the books. The Spaceport has been inherited by Cornwall Council and John feels that they should stop spending money for something that doesn’t give any return. John has received a request to have double yellow lines on Garden Way and this will now go to consultation.

There has been no further news on the Green Ridge Development from the Planning Inspectorate. It is unusual for them to take so long to respond.

Plans have been submitted for a 125 bedroom Marriott Hotel close to the Airport, there will be CIL money available to Colan Parish from this development.

There is also talk of an infinity pool, but this is speculation only at this time. Test bores have been done but there is concern that this would affect the water supply to Trewince.

The current Chief Executive of Newquay Airport is leaving and a new one will be appointed in due course.

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

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

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

Apologies received from Derek, Fiona, Hilary 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 Marc.

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

None

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

PA25/00633 – Higher Trewince- conversion of garage to 3 bedroom dwelling: approved by all.

PA24/09391 – Treviglos Farm, East Road – retrospective consent for conversion of 1 no dwelling into 2 no dwellings – As this adds no footprint to the property it was approved by all.

PA24/09686 – Outline application for 9 holiday lodges, Kernowyon, Quintrell Downs – There was much concern about the access to this site from the A392 which is a very busy road all year round. The access is also very close to the bridge which restricts vision. Councillors did not object to the siting of these lodges but wanted to see a full safety report from the highways officer.

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

As previously advised by John in his report, there is no further progress on this application.

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

Zurich Insurance: we have been offered a three year cost for our insurance of £1926.46 (inc IPT) or a one year cost for £2052.58 (inc IPT). As we have no time to look into this further before the policy is due for renewal, Councillors voted to accept the one year quote, then start looking into different companies in November in time for 2025/2026

Corserv Solutons – for cutting the recreation field in February £256.41 + VAT – Approved by all.

Abbey Maintenance – Clearance of Lane Bus shelter - £185.00 Approved by all.

Fasthosts Website hosting - £80.67 + VAT – approved by all.

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

We have now received permission to use some open space money to resurface Trewarne Lane. A letter will have to be sent to residents informing them that they will not be able to use the road while works are in progress.

Some residents are starting to reclaim the land opposite their properties by putting down hard core and chaining an area off – as this belongs to Colan Parish Council they are not allowed to do this. The Clerk was asked to consult with our solicitors to compose a letter stating that while we do not object to them parking there, they cannot take over the land which could lead to adverse possession in the future.

#### **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. There are some concerns about the safety of the pine trees behind the tennis court. – Marc agreed to contact Tony Philp once he has checked them over. There has also been an old tyre left on the field, Marc will check this when he looks at the pine trees.

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

We can apply for up to £8700.00 of funding this year, 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. 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. Nansledan Arts Festival:**

We have received a letter from the organisers of Nansledan Arts Festival requesting £200.00 towards the cost of signage for the festival. Councillors felt that it is not appropriate for us to use Parish Council money in this way – the Clerk will reply to the letter received.

#### **21. Redruth Town Council:**

A letter has been received from Redruth Town Council regarding council tax on second homes. After further discussion Councillors agreed that this is not something in which we need to get involved.

#### **22. Website/Facebook Page :**

Kerry may be prepared to take responsibility for the Face book page. She will liaise with other Parish Council administrators and consider if this is something she can take on. We need to consider whether to pay for .uk domains for email addresses and the website. Di will look into this further.

#### **23. Letters/Notices:**

The Saints Coast CAP has requested that anyone who can provide potential sites for planting trees should contact Helen Fincham. It was decided that we could provide a space for trees within the Parish and the Clerk will respond as such to Helen. Marc stated that we would need to be careful of the species of trees planted, but that we should certainly show an interest in this idea. The Clerk will respond to Helen.

**24. Any Other Business:**

Marc said that he was concerned about the switching off of streetlights overnight on the main roads. John responded that he has a map of the areas to be tuned off and will send this to the Clerk for distribution to Councillors. John agreed to make representations to the Cornwall Council on our behalf.

**25. Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

Di Willett

10/03/2025