

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

Those present: Derek Luscombe, Fiona House, Maurice O’Gara, Pat Lambshead, Kerry Martin, John Fitter

Clerk – Di Willett.

Derek Luscombe was in the Chair.

**1. Police Report:**

Report received covering the period 31/12/2024 – 31/01/2025:

During this period there have been the following reported crimes:

1 x Burglary

4 x violence and sexual offences

2 x anti social behaviour

3 x other crimes.

The report is attached to the minutes.

**2. Public Speaking:**

Mike from the Cricket Club has talked with our Grounds Maintenance contractor regarding the wicket. It will take some work to get it up to standard. Although it is achievable the cost could be £600 to £700 – the club are trying to raise some money themselves and they wondered if the Parish Council might consider helping them. Derek stated that they could officially request some help in writing, but this cannot be considered tonight as it is not on the agenda. We will however add to next month’s agenda if an official request is received. The cricket club also asked if they would need their own Public Liability Insurance. The clerk was asked to check this with our insurance company.

**3. Vacancy for Parish Councillor**

This will be discussed further following the local elections in May, once we find out who is elected to the Parish Council.

**4. Cornwall Councillor’s Report:**

The consultation on the double yellow lines on West Road is progressing.

Highways have declined to put a 20mph limit on the four main roads through Quintrell Downs.

Louis Gardner has now been appointed Space Director at the Spaceport and he has therefore resigned as a Cornwall Councillor and will not be contesting his Pentire seat at the local elections. He was appointed by the Chief Executive of the Airport prior to her leaving the post.

The milestone has been repaired and will be reinstated by Whitsun.

The NSR signage is still in planning, but there will double yellow lines at Tretherras once it is open. The opening is still scheduled for end April/beginning of May. Pat asked if the current signage will be altered to reflect the new route. John responded that the signs will be amended to take traffic from Halloon roundabout via the A3059 instead of through Quintrell Downs.

John feels unable to support the proposed holiday lodges at Kernowyon Löwenstein-Jensen planning ref PA24/09686. He has written to Verity Biddick expressing his view that it is against policy 5 and 12 of the Cornwall local plan.

There are two planning application to be submitted by Walker Developments, one off Chapel Road and one opposite Hendra. The holiday park has expressed concern over use of the Hendra name for the new development as it could cause confusion for visitors.

Pat asked when the Trencreek development would start – this will be once the NSR has been opened.

The street lights will not be turned off on the main roads.

Part of the Prow Park footpath diversion falls into Colan Parish, therefore the Parish Council should be consulted on this. The actual Parish boundary is the railway line.

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

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

## **6. Apologies:**

Apologies received from Brian and Hilary. Marc also apologised the following day due to sickness. Hilary has now resigned from the Council due to personal circumstances.

## **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:**

PA25/02026 – Newquay Garden Centre – Storage building: All Councillors present supported this application.

PA25/02380 and PA25/02389 – Installation and consent for integrated digital display screens: Councillors were unsure what exactly these signs were for – are they advertising or information signs? There was concern over the distraction for motorists. The Clerk was asked to request further information before the Parish Council makes their decision.

Kerry declared an interest in the following three applications and left the meeting while they were discussed:

PA25/00668, PA25/00659 and PA25/00658 – various cottages at Hendra Paul – change from holiday use to residential: These properties are all let to local families – all those present approved this amendment.

Kerry rejoined the meeting.

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

This Secretary of State has refused to overturn the approval of this application. John stated that should any member of the public or group feel they would like to challenge the committee decision they are still in time to take the necessary steps to request a Judicial Review of that decision. He has received this information from the local planning officer: The JR period does not start until a formal planning decision is issued by Cornwall Council. Once the planning decision is issued, there will be a 6 week period for a 3<sup>rd</sup> party to enact that process and seek leave to challenge the planning decision in the High Court.

## **11. Accounts:**

Clerks Salary: £1049.60 inc expenses – Approved by all

Corserv: £256.41 + VAT – Approved by all. This will be the final invoice from Corserv as our new grounds maintenance contractor takes over from 1<sup>st</sup> April.

Fasthosts: £80.67 + VAT – Wordpress hosting – approved by all.

Western Flat Roofing -£3752.00 inc VAT – Approved by all following payment from insurance company.

Cornwall ALC – Membership for 2025/2026 : £667.09 + VAT – Pat abstained from voting on this account while all the other Councillors present approved this payment as they feel CALC have helped us considerably throughout the year.

## **12. Recreation Field**

We are still awaiting quotes for the running track – Derek will chase this up.

## **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. We are still awaiting quotes for this work.

**14. Playground Inspections:**

Kerry inspected the playground equipment this month. She discovered a frayed cable on the new play tyres. The clerk will write to Playground Installations as we think this is under guarantee. Derek is due to carry out the inspection next month.

**15. Grantscape Funding:**

Our application for funding has been sent to Grantscape and we await approval in due course.

**16. Preferred Contractors:**

No further additions this month.

**17. Open Space Money:**

The resurfacing of Trewarne Lane should be carried out in April. A letter will be sent to the eight residents once we have a confirmed date.

Derek has chased our solicitor regarding a letter re adverse possession of the land opposite the residences.

**18. Mountjoy Bus shelter:**

This work is ongoing.

**19. Neighbourhood Plan:**

Fi and Kerry are to meet John next week to start things moving. They have some definite candidates from the residents of Colan who would be prepared to take this forward with them.

**20. Website/Facebook Page :**

Kerry is still looking into taking on the administration of the facebook page.

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 further email from Will and Sheila Fisher regarding the playground maintenance at the Village development. The roads in this area have not been adopted as yet which makes it difficult for any further action to be taken. The residents of The Village are paying for something that is used by many other residents of Quintrell Downs. John was wondering if Colan PC would contribute towards the maintenance of this play area. The clerk was asked to find out the name of the management company and see if we can find out how much the residents are charged for the maintenance of this play area. John will check if the roads have been adopted.

**22. Any Other Business:**

None

**23. Next Meeting:**

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

Di Willett

10/03/2025