

Colan Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 29th October 2025

Those present: Derek Luscombe, John Fitter, John Griffin, Maurice O’Gara, Stacey Matthias, Kevin Springall, Kerry Martin,
Clerk – Di Willett.

Derek Luscombe was in the Chair.

1. Police Report:

No report received this month

2. Public Speaking:

Sheila Fisher spoke about her concerns at the speed of the traffic in Quintrell Downs and asked if anything can be done to slow the traffic down. This has been raised previously and will be raised again under Agenda item 26.

James from Atlantic Vineyard explained about the planning application for their business which will be discussed under the appropriate section. They wish to build a cellar, Winery and office on site. They are currently still establishing the vines which were planted in May 2022. They need the above building to enable them to grow their business with the planting of more vines in the future. They are very aware of environmental issues and plan to produce the grapes sustainably going forward. Derek thanked James for his input and stated that the application will be discussed under agenda item 7.

3. Cornwall Councillor’s Report:

No report received this month – there is some confusion as to who is actually our Cornwall Councillor at the present time, as Rowland O’Connor has now resigned from the Reform Party.

4. Apologies:

Apologies received from Steve, Anna, Marc and Fiona

5. 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.

6. Matters Arising:

None

7. Planning Applications:

PA25/07570 – New air handling unit and PV panels and associated works – Approved by all.

PA25/07377 – Outline permission for 330 residential units and public amenities – After discussion

Councillors are concerned about the new road structure and feel that it will create a huge build up of traffic as the roads are too narrow to accommodate more traffic. All agreed to object to these plans due to concerns about the new road structure.

PA25/06134 – Extension and alterations to bungalow – Trethiggey Crescent – Approved by all.

PA25/07610 – Amendment to balcony style- Stacey declared an interest and left the room while this application was discussed. Councillors had no objections to this application.

Stacey rejoined the meeting.

PA25/05669 – Retrospective application for outside seating area and food dispensary units – There were no objections to this application.

PA25/05788 - Atlantic Vineyard – proposed winery, office and storage building – Approved by all.

8. Accounts:

Burnett & Yelland – Mountjoy bus shelter glass - £185.00 + VAT – Approved by all.
Mrs D Willett – Purchase of Poppy Wreath - £24.49 – Approved by all
Abbey Maintenance – New signs - £120.00 – Approved by all
Cornwall Council – Election recharges- £329.24 – Approved by all
Cornwall ALC – Code of Conduct Training - £25.00 + VAT – Approved by all
Cornwall ALC – Code of Conduct Training -£82.50 + VAT – Approved by all.
Zurich Insurance – additional payment for gym equipment - £72.12 – Approved by all.

9. Recreation Fields including height bar restriction:

The work to clear the back field is due to start in the near future.
The Gym equipment is currently being installed around the running track. We are currently awaiting a quote to replace the damaged play equipment in the toddler area. Derek has carried out the playground inspection this month and reported that everything appears to be in order.
Derek mentioned the recreation field committee which has charity status and said that we need 5 representatives from the Parish Council if we wish to continue with this committee. It will be put on the agenda for discussion next month – Councillors will need to decide if we wish to continue with this committee as it hasn't been used for some time.

10. Quintrell Downs Cricket Club/Godolphin Atlantic Football Club:

The football club is still looking into what funding would be available and a meeting will be arranged during November to discuss this further.

11. Lane/Trencreek Traffic regulations:

This is an ongoing matter with various concerns including the lack of consultation with various parties and the continuing damage to the manhole by large vehicles that are unable to turn in the space provided.

12. Playground Inspections

Fiona will be doing November's inspection.

13. Finding Opportunities: Grantscape Funding/Open Space money

The equipment is currently being installed.
There are more funds available from the open space money, if anyone has ideas on any other projects please let the Council know.

14. East Road and Mountjoy Bus shelter

Mountjoy bus shelter is now completed and Bob has been asked to clear the shelter on East Road

15. Neighbourhood Plan:

Kerry stated that there have been lots of changes to the Neighbourhood Plan and she is currently working her way through these. John F. agreed to liaise with Kerry to move this forward.

16. The Village – Playground signs and playground maintenance:

The playground equipment on the Village Estate is being used by residents of Colan Parish who do not actually live in this estate which means that those that do live on the Estate are paying for the maintenance of equipment that everyone is using. The Parish Council already provides a play area on the recreation field and therefore does not feel able to take on this play area as well. , However all agreed that if specific items of equipment are needed, the Parish Council would be prepared to look at any suggestions that were presented to them. This would not be an open ended arrangement but would be considered on an individual basis.

17. West Road – reinstatement of verges:

No further information has been received on these verges and the clerk was asked to chase this up with highways.

18. Trewarne Lane – Clearance of Undergrowth:

It has been suggested in the past that the Parish Council tidies up the area between the railway line and the road. Derek suggested that the good trees are maintained, with the remaining area being cleared and seeded. We could also create a footpath by the side of the road to enable pedestrians to have safer access to the Recreation Field. Councillors were asked to consider this idea and it will be discussed next month.

19. Mountjoy – 20mph speed limit:

As Steve was unable to attend this month, this will be carried over to the next meeting.

20. Cornwall Aviation Heritage Centre:

John F. stated that the matter of the lease on the land which the Aviation Centre was sited has still not been fully resolved. John Fitter has in the past requested information as to how this was decided but has had little response from any of the parties involved. John asked the Parish Council to allow him to liaise with Richard Spencer-Rees to try and find out exactly how the decision to evict the aviation centre was reached. All agreed and asked him to copy the clerk into any correspondence.

21. Neighbourhood Watch:

The Clerk was asked to invite Steph Good to the next meeting to talk about the new Neighbourhood watch scheme. All agreed to ask her to attend at 7pm before the meeting starts.

22. Saints Coast Growth Letter:

All Councillors agreed that Colan Parish Council does not want to get involved with this letter.

23. Bus Passes for Children:

John F was asked to raise this matter by some residents of Colan Parish. They requested that the Parish Council provide bus passes to enable their children to attend evening clubs in Newquay and St Colum Major. These would be valid from 5pm to 10.30pm. The Councillors discussed this matter and decided that the practicalities were too great. We do not have enough funding available and it would not be feasible to provide these passes. Councillors voted unanimously to reject this proposal.

24. Website/Facebook Page :

No further issues this month.

25. Letters/Notices:

None

26. Any Other Business:

Stacey reported on the new Speedwatch scheme after joining an online meeting on the subject. It would need at least 4 volunteers and has the full support of the police. Stacey would look into where the volunteers would be best placed to carry out this watch. They cannot actually prosecute drivers, but can get letters sent out to offenders which will hopefully help to reduce speeding. To be discussed next month if we wish to take this forward.

Kevin raised the problem of the road at Treloggan which will be closed for four months while the gas mains are updated. Unfortunately we cannot change this closure as utilities services will always get priority. Kevin stated that there does not seem to be any alternate bus services in place to cater for those residents who want to shop at Morrisons. The clerk was asked to investigate this. The bus services affected are numbers 86 and 87.

John G stated that he had tried to ring Cornwall Planning department regarding the illuminated road signs, but fail to get an answer. The clerk will chase this up with Planning.

27. Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on 26th November 2025.

Di Willett

11/11/2025