

Colan Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 26th November 2025

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

Derek Luscombe was in the Chair.

1. Police Report:

No report received this month

2. Walker Developments – PA25/07377:

Damien Busley representing Walker Developments clarified their proposed amendments to the planning application submitted. He stated that there would be no changes to Trevemper roundabout, just an amendment to the junction and updated signage. He hoped that the Parish Councillors would now feel able to support this amendment. The Chairman stated that it would be discussed further at agenda item 8.

3. Public Speaking:

Sean Kilker stated that he has replied to Noah Law regarding the proposed Park and Rail at Quintrell Downs. He has suggested that St Columb Road would be more suitable as there is more space available. The chairman stated that there has been no further mention of this other than the letter from Noah Law. Quintrell Cricket Club thanked the Parish Council for proposing to move the gym equipment away from the wicket.

Sean Kilker also mentioned the state of the A392, West Road. The agricultural traffic from the fields has left the road slippery and dangerous from the mud that has been dragged on to it from the surrounding land. He asked if the Parish Council could express their displeasure to the contractors. This will be further discussed in Any Other Business.

John Curnow from Smithfield Court complained about a burning incident which took place at Hendra on 5th November 2025. He stated that there was smoke in the air for 48 hours following this incident. The Chairman stated that this issue of licences for this type of work is not within the Parish Council’s remit. However this will be discussed further later in the meeting.

The Parish Council was also asked what their intention is for the back field. This is also due to be discussed later in the meeting.

4. Cornwall Councillor’s Report:

Rowland O’Connor has produced a report for the Parish Council this month – this is as follows:

Councillor Report – November 2025

Cllr Rowland O’Connor

Cornwall Council

Division: St. Columb Minor and Colan

Introduction

Hello everyone, and welcome to the November update for St. Columb Minor & Colan. This month’s report includes updates from Cornwall Council, local transport and planning matters, community news, and a roundup of events happening in and around the parish in the next 28 days.

1. Local Council Updates

Highways & Transport

- Cornwall Council published updated figures on pothole repair response times following seasonal weather impacts. St. Columb Minor & Colan remains within the county average for repairs completed within 28 days.
- Winter gritting priorities have been reaffirmed, with no changes to the gritting routes serving St. Columb Minor.

Planning

- There are no major new applications of strategic significance this month; minor household and commercial applications continue to progress through the standard process.
- Updated guidance on biodiversity net gain measures applying from 2026 has been issued by Cornwall Council Planning Service.

Council Meetings & Decisions

- Key Full Council items included the mid-year budget position, financial risk reporting, and transformation programmes.
- Scrutiny panels confirmed their forward plans for early 2026, focusing on transport resilience and adult social care pressures.

2. Community News

Schools

- Newquay Tretherras launched a winter wellbeing initiative focusing on attendance, pastoral support, and exam preparation.
- St. Columb Minor Academy PTA is organising seasonal fundraising activities.

Healthcare

- Royal Cornwall Hospitals Trust issued an operational update citing continued winter pressures and OPEL 3 conditions.

Local Groups & Community

- Local organisations have begun seasonal events and volunteer projects, including support for vulnerable residents and neighbourhood clean-up days.

3. Events & Activities (Next 28 Days)

Local Events

- **St. Columb Minor – Christmas Tree Lighting:** 1 December 2025
- **Colan Parish – Winter Coffee Morning:** 6 December 2025

Cornwall-Wide Events

- **Cornwall Council – Budget Consultation Drop-in (Truro):** 4 December 2025
- **Visit Cornwall – Winter Market (Truro):** 7–12 December 2025

4. Future Priorities

Next month's focus areas include:

- Monitoring highways and drainage issues during winter.
- Following up on planning concerns raised by residents.
- Preparing input for Cornwall Council's budget consultation.
- Supporting community groups through seasonal events.

5. Contact Details

If you'd like to get in touch, please contact me at cllr.rowland.oconnor@cornwall.gov.uk or by phone on **+44 7732 079611**.

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5. Apologies:

Apologies received from Marc and Rowland

6. 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.

7. Matters Arising:

None

8. Planning Applications:

PA25/08235– Treloy Tourist Park – Various alterations – Approved by all.

PA25/07377 – Outline permission for 330 residential units and public amenities – As this matter was discussed at the last meeting, we will have to suspend standing orders to allow further discussion on this application. Maurice proposed that standing orders are suspended for this action – this was agreed by all present. Following the explanation from Walker developments, the Council voted to rescind their previous comments and offer no further objection to this amendment.

9. Accounts including Precept and Clerks Salary:

Kieran Bignall - Ace of Spades – two invoices at £234.00 + VAT for October and November grounds maintenance – Approved by all.

Village Hall Broadband package - £266.85 for 5 months – Approved by all.

Village Hall Hire - ££48.00 for 4 months – Approved by all.

Precept for 2026/2027 – The clerk explained that due to various increases and additional expenditure required next year – for example provision of new domains for the website and email address we will need a significant increase in our precept payment. Fi proposed an increase of 20% which was seconded by John G. An amendment to this was proposed by Derek – an increase of 15% which was seconded by Maurice. These proposals were put to the vote – 7 councillors supported the original motion, while 2 supported the amendment. The motion was carried and the clerk will apply for a 20% increase.

The Clerks salary will be further discussed at the meeting in January. The Clerk was also asked to price up laptops and a mobile phone for her Parish Council work.

10. Local Management Plan

We have received a request to take over the management of the footpaths within our parish. It was decided that as we have so many footpaths in the Parish, it would cost the Parish Council too much to maintain them all and therefore we request that Cornwall Council continues to maintain them.

11. Recreation Fields including height bar restriction:

The work to clear the back field is has started, but some residents have reported seeing badgers and bats in this area. At present the work is on hold while we consider having an ecological survey undertaken. It was decided that while the survey is being undertaken on the back field, we will get Trewarne Lane surveyed as well so that we can undertake the clearance work there. The Clerk was asked to find a contractor and cost up this work.

Fi is still chasing our contact at the police regarding the security of the recreation field.

The positioning of the adult gym equipment was decided prior to the cricket club setting up their wicket and since this will now interfere with their playing area it was agreed to move the equipment. The clerk will find out how much we can save if we have the additional track and the equipment moved at the same time. In future the Cricket club will be consulted before further work is carried out.

12. Recreation Field Committee:

Derek stated that this committee is not in operation at the present time. It required 5 members of the Parish Council to re-instate it. It was originally set up to apply for grants that the Parish Council cannot access. The current balance on the current account is £282.00 and the instant access account contains £525.00. Derek proposed that we leave this account dormant for the time being in case we require it in the future. All approved this suggestion.

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

The football club and the cricket club have agreed to work together to establish the way forward. The football club is still looking into what funding would be available and we still need to arrange a meeting with them to discuss the lease further.

14. 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.

15. Playground Inspections

Kerry will be doing December's inspection.

16. Finding Opportunities: Grantscape Funding/Open Space money

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

The clerk was asked to apply for funding from the CAP Highways budget for the speed warning signs on The Village Estate.

17. East Road and Mountjoy Bus shelter

East Road Bus shelter – the clerk was asked to chase Bob to complete this work.

18. Neighbourhood Plan:

This matter is ongoing.

19. 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.

20. Trewarne Lane – Clearance of Undergrowth:

There is no plan to prevent residents from parking along Trewarne Lane, however we do need to consider tidying this area up to create a safer access to the Recreation Field.

21. Mountjoy – 20mph speed limit:

The Clerk was asked to look into applying for this speed limit to be introduced.

22. Neighbourhood Watch:

Unfortunately, Steph Good was unable to attend this meeting, but the Clerk has asked her if she can attend our meeting in January to explain this process – we await a response.

23. Smoke Pollution:

This does not fall within the jurisdiction of the Parish Council, however the Clerk was asked to write to Cornwall Council expressing our concerns over the incident on 5th November at Hendra. She was asked to request notification of any licences issued.

24. Speedwatch:

Stacey stated that there would need to be 4 to 6 residents willing to take part in the Speedwatch scheme. The areas where it can be carried out would have to be defined and any results would be fed back to highways. Stacey agreed to take the lead on this project and all agreed to support her.

25. Beryl Bikes:

These bikes are currently available at Hendra, but nowhere closer to Quintrell Downs. All agreed that Stacey would look into the provision of these bikes.

26. Vyvyan Drive Play area:

There have been some unofficial swings put up in this area in the past. The developer has now written to us asking if the Parish Council would like to take over the running of this area. After further discussion the

Parish Council did not feel able to spend any money on reinstating this play area and therefore the developer would now sell it on.

27. Park and Rail:

All residents of Quintrell Downs have received a letter from Noah Law stating that there are plans for a “Park and Rail” at Quintrell Downs Station. The Parish Council has received no official notification of this and there is currently no land available to form a car park in this area and therefore this would not be a viable project. There were suggestions that this would be better provided for at Nansledan or St Coulmb Road.

28. Website/Facebook Page

Kevin is currently helping Di to establish the way forward with our .gov.co.uk domain.

29. Letters/Notices:

None

30. Any Other Business:

Derek mentioned all the mud on the road between Hendra and Quintrell Downs – the Clerk was asked to write to the contactor expressing our concerns.

31. Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on 28th January 2026

Di Willett

12/12/2025