Colan Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 24th September 2025

Those present: Derek Luscombe, Marc Dummett, Fiona House, Steve Lean, John Fitter, John Griffin, Anna Burfoot, Stacey Matthias
Clerk – Di Willett.

Derek Luscombe was in the Chair.

1. Police Report:
No report received this month

2. Public Speaking:
Sue and Chris Liley spoke of their concerns regarding speeding traffic on Rialton Road. It seems to be getting worse and there have been several incidents recently. They asked for the Parish to get involved t o help stress the dangers in this area. John F stated that this matter has been raised at CAP level. Derek stated that we will discuss this matter at agenda item 29.

3. Cornwall Councillor's Report:
Cllr Rowland O'Connor (who represents St Mawgan parish) was unable to attend the meeting this month and sent his apologies. Christine Parsonage is now on special leave until December 2025. The Parish Council feels that they are not been properly represented by the local councillor, however at this time there is nothing further we can do.
Rowland sent through the following report:

1) Introduction

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this month's update. The focus remains on transport improvements linked to the Mid Cornwall Metro, local highways maintenance, waste & recycling performance, and parish-specific matters raised by residents.

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2) Headlines this month

- **Mid Cornwall Metro – Newquay station upgrades signed off:** ORR approval for reintroducing the second platform at Newquay supports plans for more frequent services and future coast to coast trains.
- **A3059 / Newquay Strategic Route now fully open:** The NSR (now designated **A3059**) is open, improving links between Hendra, Nansledan and the wider network.
- **Recycling performance markedly up:** Following the countywide rollout of weekly food waste and revised collections, Cornwall's household recycling rate has risen from 31% to 52%.
- **Parking charges – proposed uplift & challenge:** A 6% rise in Council car park tariffs has been proposed; there's an active call from members to reverse or mitigate it. I'll monitor implications locally (Newquay/Quintrell Downs catchments) and feed back.

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3) Transport & Highways

Mid Cornwall Metro

- Works completed earlier this year (Goss Moor passing loop, track renewals, signalling) enable a more resilient Newquay–Par service.

- Official timelines continue to point to an **hourly Newquay–Par service from 2026**, with potential through services to Falmouth thereafter.
- ORR approval for the second platform at Newquay is a key milestone. I'll share delivery sequencing as Network Rail publishes it.

A3059 / Newquay Strategic Route (NSR)

- With the NSR open and resigned as **A3059**, connectivity around Nansledan/Hendra has improved. I'm pressing for safe tie-ins and signage at parish interfaces and will report any programmed minor works once scheduled.

Local junctions & lining (from recent parish items)

- Yellow lines installed on **West Road**; enforcement and verge reinstatement noted.
- Historic milestone on **North Way** to be reinstalled alongside upcoming railway works.
- **Left turn only** junction at Lane/Trencreek flagged for surface repair; awaiting programme confirmation.

Planned maintenance & notices

- The countywide planned maintenance map (surfacing, lining, drainage) remains the live reference. I'm logging Colan priorities (run off and edge deterioration on parish lanes) into that programme and will share job numbers once confirmed.

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4) Planning & Economy

Aerohub / Enterprise Zone

- The Aerohub Local Development Order (LDO) remains in place, providing simplified planning for employment uses.
- The Enterprise Zone Growth Fund is **temporarily on hold** pending review of applications/funding. I'm seeking clarity on timings for the next window given the parish's proximity to the airport sites.

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5) Environment, Waste & Streetscene

- **Recycling performance:** As noted, Cornwall's new collection regime has driven a significant improvement (+20 percentage points). Please continue to feed through any hotspots on missed collections/containers so I can escalate.
- **Water quality/sewage incidents:** There remains countywide public concern following event cancellations linked to storm overflows. While not in parish, reputational and visitor impacts are relevant; I'm supporting scrutiny of South West Water performance.

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6) Council finance & policy

- **2025/26 Budget:** Approved in February; final package withdrew proposed cuts to Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) opening hours. Multi year savings still required to balance the medium term gap.
- **Parking charges:** A **6%** countywide uplift has been proposed; there is active debate about reversing/mitigating the rise. I will flag specific effects on parish users (e.g., Newquay area car parks used by Colan residents) and explore any local discretion.

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7) Health & Community Wellbeing

- No specific service changes notified to me this month. Signposting: Cornwall & Isles of Scilly Integrated Care Board (ICB) for vaccination clinics, access, and primary care updates.

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8) Parish-specific issues I'm progressing

1. **Digital signage (PA25/02389)**. Status: Decided. Awaiting Officer commentary & dialogue on options to pause implementation pending further consultation.
2. PiP 8 or 9 dwellings (PA25/02655). Land south east of Belving Walk & Parking concerns. Awaiting guidance on most effective method of raising objection / creating discussion with appropriate department (Highways?). Will liase with Helen Fincham in first instance.
3. Village Estate - request for speed signage regarding Children's playground. Will investigate and advise.
4. **Active travel tie ins to NSR/A3059:** Seeking confirmation on signage and minor crossings near parish boundaries to connect safely into Nansledan/Hendra links.

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9) Opportunities to get involved

- **Newquay station public realm and access improvements** linked to the Metro programme – engagement materials remain live and will inform walking/cycling links used by parish residents travelling via Newquay.
- **Traffic orders & closures:** Monitoring the public notices feed and one.network for any works impacting Colan. Please forward resident intel on emerging pinch-points.

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10) Upcoming diary (next 28 days)

- At time of writing, no specific parish area consultations/events requiring decisions have been notified to me. I will circulate any time critical notices via the Clerk.

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11) Helpful how-tos (FAQ)

- **Report a highways issue (potholes, drainage, lining):** Use Cornwall Council's "Report a problem" portal (Highways). Include photos and precise locations (What3Words where possible).
- **Missed waste/recycling:** Report via Cornwall Council waste services with your address and collection date.
- **Planning applications:** View and comment via the Cornwall Planning Portal (search by postcode or map).

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12) Closing note & feedback invitation

Please keep reporting any issues with potholes, requests for verge and drain maintenance to Cornwall Council via the "ReportIt" feature. Feedback on waste/recycling and early observations on rail/bus connections are also welcome.

Thank you for your continued engagement. If the Parish would like me to attend a site visit on any of the items above, please let me know.

4. Meeting Times:
John F. proposed that the starting time of the monthly Council meeting be brought forward to 7pm wef from November 2025 in line with other Councils. This was seconded by Fi. The Council voted on this proposal – 3 in favour and 5 against – the motion was not carried and meeting times remain at 7.30pm

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

6. Apologies:
Apologies received from Maurice, Kevin, Kerry and Cllr Rowland O'Connor.

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:
PA25/06096 – Landscaping at Old Trihorn (Olds Garage): Councillors all agreed that they had no objection to this amendment.

10. Green Ridge Resort:
No further news at present.

11. Accounts:
Glasdon – Litter bins - £333.28+VAT – approved by all
Cornwall ALC – Code of Conduct training - £25.00 + VAT – approved by all
Ace of Spades – Recreation field maintenance - £234.00 + VAT – approved by all.
Abbey Maintenance –bark chippings - £335.00 – approved by all
NMS – cutting toddler area, July and Aug - £120.00 – approved by all
Alun Jones Weedkilling – Parish Roads - £430.00 + VAT – approved by all
BDO LLP – Audit charges - £315.00 + VAT – approved by all
Quintrell Cricket Club - £3636.00 as previously agreed, funded from our solar farm money – Approved by all
Clerks Salary - £1085.10 + £7.50 expenses – approved by all
Ruby O'Gara – litter picking equipment – approved bay all.
The audit report noted that we should be moving to a .gov.uk domain for our emails and website – the Clerk will look into this.
The play boat in the toddler area is not repairable – all agreed that Derek should ask PISW for a quote for new equipment. The boat has been made safe temporarily.

12. Recreation Field including back field:
The Clerk has requested advice from the Police regarding security at the recreation field, the person who deals with this is currently away and will contact us as soon as possible.

13. Quintrell Downs Cricket Club:
No further news this month

14. Godolphin Football Club:
The Councillors discussed the ongoing use of the back field. Once it has been cleared of the overgrown hedges and brambles it will be available for development by a sports club. Marc suggested that they

would probably need to have it for at least three years so that grant would be available to help with the development. All were in favour of supporting Godolphin Atlantic to develop this further. Currently there is no drainage or electricity there, but there is a possible water connection by the main recreation field. It was suggested that the Cricket Club may wish to become involved as a joint project.
The Clerk was asked to write to both the Football Club and the Cricket Club to get their views on this.

15. Lane/Trencreek Traffic regulations:
John G has written to D&C police, it seems that they only received one email and have had no further involvement in these regulations. There is a safety assessor attending site on Tuesday, none of the local residents were ever consulted on this issue. It is hoped that the regulations can now be withdrawn as Trencreek Road is now closed off to traffic at the railway line.

16. Playground Inspections
Fiona will be doing this month's inspection.

17. Grantscape Funding:
We are currently awaiting the start of this installation.

18. Open Space Money:
There are more funds available from this funding, if anyone has ideas on any other projects please let the Council know.

19. East Road and Mountjoy Bus shelter
The clear toughened glass will be installed at Mountjoy as soon as possible. The bus shelter on East road is covered in ivy again – Derek asked if the Council would agree to ask Abbey Maintenance to clear this for us. All agreed and the Clerk will take this forward.

20. Neighbourhood Plan:
We continue to await feedback on the process going forward.

21. Boardmasters:
John G read put the letter which he proposed we send to the 6 local Parishes. The Councillors discussed this and it was proposed that we send the letter to the three other Parishes which are mainly affected by the festival. All agreed to send the letter to St Wenn, St Columb Major, St Mawgan-in-Pydar.

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22. The Village – Playground signs and playground maintenance:
We have now been informed that the roads on The Village Estate have now been adopted by Cornwall Council. They have stated that there is currently no money available to fund these signs. However it has been suggested that we apply for some CAP highways budget if there is any available.

23. Quintdown Business Park – Double yellow lines:
Our County Councillor is still investigating this matter as stated in his report. At the very least the Parish Council would like this included in the budget for next year, as highways have stated that there is no funding available this year. It may be another project for the CAP highways budget.

24. West Road – reinstatement of verges:
The money for this work has been available for some time yet no work has yet been carried out. The clerk was asked to write to Jack Thomas of Cornwall Highways to request an update.

25. Trewarne Lane – Speeding Issues:
There are two warning signs already in place on the access to Trewarne Lane. It was suggested that we monitor this for a couple of months and include it on the agenda next month.

26. Litter Bin at Park and Ride
After discussion it was decide that we do not have the funds available to provide a litter bin at Newquay Park and Ride. The Clerk was asked to respond stating that this is actually on Duchy land and providing contact details for the Duchy.

27. Remembrance Wreath:
All agreed that the Clerk should go ahead and order the wreath in time for Remembrance Sunday.

28. Website/Facebook Page :
No further issues this month.

29. Letters/Notices:
We have received a letter from residents living beside the A3059, Rialton Road expressing concerns about the speed of traffic along this road. This is currently 60mph and residents would like to see this reduced to 30mph. There have been several incidents along this stretch of road resulting in a recent fatal accident. The Parish council agreed to support the residents in trying to get this limit reduced and will write to Cornwall Highways regarding this issue and suggesting possible improvements to help make the road safer. John G agreed to compose a letter, the Clerk will send it on behalf of Colan Parish Council.

30. Any Other Business:
Steve asked about the possible 20mph limit at Mountjoy
John F asked for an agenda item next month regarding the Cornwall Aircraft Heritage Centre.
Kevin asked the Clerk to mention the dog waste bins at The Goldings Estate and asked if the Parish Council would supply the bins if he could persuade Persimmon to empty them. Unfortunately the Parish Council is unable to provide bins for the estates in the Parish as it would be too expensive. The Clerk will pass this on to Kevin.

31. Next Meeting:
The next meeting will be held on 29th October 2025.

Di Willett
11/10/2025