

Colan Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 27th August 2025

Those present: Derek Luscombe, Marc Dummett, Maurice O’Gara, Kevin Springall, Steve Lean, John Fitter, Kerry Martin, Anna Burfoot, Stacey Matthias
Clerk – Di Willett.

Derek Luscombe was in the Chair.

1. Police Report:

No report received this month

2. Public Speaking:

None

3. Cornwall Councillor’s Report:

Cllr Rowland O’Connor (who represents St Mawgan parish) attended the meeting and apologised for the absence of Christine who is on holiday at present. He stated that all the local Councillors want to support Colan and surrounding Parishes. He presented the clerk with a list of email addresses which can be used should Cllr Parsonage be unavailable. John F. asked if these addresses can be shared and put on our website – Cllr O’Connor agreed that this is acceptable.

The report from Christine is as follows:

Some key points over the past few weeks include:

- I have been contacted by several residents regarding concerns about speeding traffic on all the approaches to and from Quintrell Downs. Following correspondence with the Highways Manager, I have been advised that a speed assessment based on data collected over the preceding six-month period has been conducted. The outcome of the assessment shows that the collective 85th percentile speed, which refers to the speed at or below which 85 percent of vehicles are travelling, was recorded at **30.31** mph. This is well below the intervention threshold established by the Council. All available data suggests good levels of compliance with the existing speed limit. The enforcement of speed limits falls under the authority of Devon and Cornwall Police, who hold the necessary powers to address such matters under the Road Traffic Act. If any residents are interested, it may be possible to establish a Community Speed Watch initiative in the area. Further information regarding this initiative can be found via the link below:

<https://roadsafety.devon-cornwall.police.uk/community-speed-watch-csw>.

- Complaints about Road safety on A3059 at Railton Heights has been referred to Case Assist several times. This issue has been passed from the Highways Manger to the Principal Safety Officer, for consultation on the issue. At present we are unsure whether this will go to the CAP or Cornwall Council for discussion.
- I have been very please to support Colan Parish Council’s application for funding to build an outdoor running track. A community running track can bring numerous benefits, not just for fitness enthusiasts but or the whole of the community.

As a registered nurse, the main advantages from a running track are:

Health & Wellbeing – encouraging people of all ages to stay active through walking, jogging, or running on a safe, low-impact surface compared to road running. Helps reduce obesity, diabetes, and heart disease.
Accessibility & Inclusivity – Can be used by schools, local clubs, and community groups, and provides a safe, traffic-free space for wheelchair users and people with mobility issues.
Socia & Community Benefits – Creates a hub for people to meet, exercise, and socialise. Encourages intergenerational activity (families can use it together) and strengthens community pride and cohesion.

Economic & Wider Impact – Attracts local and regional events (e.g. fun runs, athletic meets). May enhance the area’s reputation as a healthy, active community. May help to reduce the long-term healthcare costs through disease prevention.

- I am pleased to have agreed to provide a Community Chest Grant to the Newquay HM Armed Forces Veterans CIC, together with some of my fellow Cornwall Councillors, who have divisions in and around Newquay. The Veterans Outdoor Hub provides a blend of formally structured course, as well as a drop in facility offering workshops and training. The Hub also serves as a sanctuary where participants can reconnect with nature, promoting mental and emotional well-being. I had the pleasure of discussing the work of the Newquay HMAF Veterans CIC with the Chair of the Royal British Legion in Cornwall, Mark Bardsley, at a RBL social day in St Austell, recently.

Cornwall Council General Report

Social and Environmental

A social prescribing pilot supports 2,000 people in Cornwall to switch to healthier transport. Councillor Thalia Marrington, Cabinet member for community safety and public health noted that, ‘Switch to an active form of travel in day-to-day life not only helps the environment, but it also has huge health and wellbeing benefits...’ The pilot encouraged people to embrace the benefits of walking, wheeling, and cycling when they are commuting to work daily, particularly on shorter distances.

Help to make Cornwall’s footpaths and bridleways better for everyone. The Cornwall Rights of Way Improvement Plan will set out how Cornwall Council intends to preserve and improve the network over the next 10 years. To help shape the plan, the Council is asking people to share their views by completing a brief survey on the Let’s Talk Cornwall website. The survey asks people about the journeys they take using Public Rights of Way, which includes footpaths, bridleways and byways, and about potential barriers that may prevent people from accessing them. By balancing the needs of everyone including walkers, horse riders, cyclists, and people with sensory or mobility impairments, it is hoped that The Rights of Way Improvement Plan will help to improve the public rights of way of all the residents of Cornwall.

Christine Parsonage, Cllr. St Columb Minor & Colan
Cllr O’Connor then left the meeting.

4. Meeting Times:

John F. stated that with the length of the meeting in July, perhaps the Council should consider starting half an hour earlier at 7pm. Derek stated that our Standing Orders state that the meeting should be conducted within 2 hours. Marc stated that if the meetings consistently start to run over 2 hours then we should consider revisiting the start time. It was felt that last month was an exception. Kerry and John both requested an earlier start time of 7pm. It was decided that a formal proposal will be made at the next meeting so that Councillors had time to consider this option. Derek stated that the 7.30pm start time has been in place for 54 years. All agreed to discuss further at the next meeting.

5. Declarations of Interest:

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

6. Apologies:

Apologies received from Fiona and Christine.

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.

Post Meeting note: John Griffin sent his apologies due to unforeseen circumstances.

8. Matters Arising:

None

9. Planning Applications:

Stacey declared an interest in the first two applications and left the meeting while these were discussed.
PA25/05161 – Erection of a balcony behind the lounge – West Road: John F. proposed no objection to this application – all remaining Councillors agreed.

PA25/0555 – Additional floor to provide annex accommodation, West Road – John F had concerns that the proposed annexe could eventually become a separate property and suggested that we approve the application with the proviso that the annexe remains under the same ownership as the current property and cannot be sold separately. All present agreed with this recommendation.

Stacey rejoined the meeting.

Pa25/05803 – Trevithick Farm development amendment – Councillors unanimously agreed that there were no objections to this amendment.

PA25/04739 – Trewassick Mill – All present approved this application and suggested that the planning committee take on board the comments made by the neighbour which have already been submitted.

PA25/05352 – Mellancoose Mill – Creation of Wellness Space and PA25/05353 – Listed building consent for the wellness space – As there is no exterior changes to the property, all Councillors present agreed that they had no objections to these two applications.

PA25/05367 – The Old Stables – ground floor alterations and side extension: Councillors unanimously voted to approve this application.

10. Green Ridge Resort:

No further news at present.

11. Accounts:

Ace of Spades – £824.00 – for maintenance, knotweed control and path clearance – Approved by all.

Abbey Maintenance - £595.00 – to create window in Mountjoy Bus shelter – Approved by all. The glass will be installed once the obscure glass is replaced by clear.

Duchy Defibrillators – £ 205.00+VAT -Annual Maintenance fee – Approved by all

The clerk showed pictures of the possible replacement bins by the two bus shelters on South Way. All voted to buy two the same as those previously in place at a cost of £194.25 + VAT each. The clerk will order these.

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.

We have received two quotes for the back field: John Kingdon - £1700.00 and Ace of Spades - £1860.00.

We have struggled to get another quote for this work. Derek will try to contact Rundle Whelden again.

However, should we fail to get another quote Derek proposed that we suspend our standing orders which state that three quotes must be obtained and go with the lowest quote received. Marc seconded this and it was approved by all.

The work will be starting on the running track and outdoor Gym equipment on Tuesday 2nd September – the Clerk was asked to put a notice on the website.

13. Quintrell Downs Cricket Club:

No further news this month.

14. Lane/Trencreek Traffic regulations:

As John G is unable to be here tonight, this will be further discussed next month.

15. Playground Inspections

Maurice reported that there was a chain broken on the play equipment and loose timber on the gate. He also stated that the bark is getting low under the swings. Derek has repaired the chain and the timber and he suggested we ask Bob to renew the bark. Councillors voted unanimously to request that Bob be asked to renew the bark.

16. Grantscape Funding:

Our request from Grantscape applying for funding for the Gym equipment has now been approved and this work will run consecutively with the new running track.

17. Preferred Contractors:

No further additions this month.

18. Open Space Money:

The application for this funding for the running track has now been approved and this project will run alongside the new outdoor Gym equipment.

19. Mountjoy Bus shelter

The window space has now been cut out and we await the fitting of the clear glass.

20. Neighbourhood Plan:

Kerry has tried to register out interest in making the Neighbourhood Priority Statement, but has been informed that they are no longer accepting registrations. The Plan is now on hold until September, there is currently no money available to subsidise this plan. Kerry will continue to check when the new registrations are being accepted.

21. Boardmasters:

The Council agreed that there had not been any traffic problems through Quintrell Downs this year. However, the Parish Council still needs to be consulted in future years. There are concerns that although Newquay Town Council is always consulted, the surrounding Parishes are not. John G letter includes these concerns and will be discussed further when John attends the next meeting.

22. The Village – Playground signs:

This is not the Parish responsibility and we are not aware that these roads have been adopted by Cornwall Council. The clerk will chase this up and report back at the next meeting

23. Quintdown Business Park:

We have been informed by the developer that the roads in this estate have now been adopted. The Parish Council wants to see double yellow lines installed on the entrance road to the industrial estate. The cars that are parking along the road seem to belong to residents of the "Village" estate. Our Cornwall Councillor, Christine Parsonage, has stated that there is no money for this work, however as this is a H&S issue the Parish Council feels that the work should be carried out as soon as possible. The Clerk will write again to Christine again on this matter.

24. Needs Budget for Cornwall:

Having read the letter from the TUC regarding a "Needs budget for Cornwall, Councillors did not feel that they wanted to take any further action on this subject.

25. Trewarne Lane – Speeding Issues:

Now that the road has been resurfaced, it seems that some vehicles are driving too fast along this road. The clerk was asked to look into the cost of providing warning signs to remind motorists that there is a children's play area in the vicinity.

26. Website/Facebook Page :

No further issues this month.

27. Letters/Notices:

Ruby O'Gara has asked if the Parish Council can provide new litter picking tools as the current ones are worn out. The Clerk will liaise with Ruby on this issue.

28. Any Other Business:

Marc stated that one of the mature trees by the South Way slip road has died. The Clerk was asked to report this to Cornwall Council.

John F. said that we need to keep checking that Cornwall Council is going to reinstate the verges on West Road as the money has been received from Coastline for this work. This will be put on the agenda for next month.

29. Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on 24th September 2025.

Di Willett

08/09/2025