

Colan Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 30th July 2025

Those present: Derek Luscombe, Marc Dummett, Fiona House, Maurice O’Gara, John Griffin, Kevin Springall, Steve Lean, John Fitter
Clerk – Di Willett.

Derek Luscombe was in the Chair.

1. Police Report:

From 1st July – 27th July 2025 there have been 30 reported crimes in the Colan parish. This may appear high however please note these statistics include domestic incidents and thefts from businesses such as Morrisons and Lidl. There are no identified crime series in the parish at this time.

The month of July has seen huge pressure on police resources and neighbourhood officers have been abstracted to assist other departments in attempt to manage demand. Officers are preparing for the influx of visitors over the holiday period and of course Boardmasters festival.

Acting Police Sergeant Chesterfield leaves the team on 18th August, his replacement will be announced imminently. Going forward the team are looking forward to welcoming two new police community support officers who start their training at headquarters shortly and are expected to be on the beat by October 2025.

2. Public Speaking:

Bob Hay from Garden Way stated that the one of the litter bins at the bus stop on South Way in missing and the other one is broken. He asked if this is the responsibility of the Parish Council. Derek replied that these two bins are provided by the Parish Council and we will discuss this matter later in the meeting.

3. Vacancy for Parish Councillor:

Stacey Matthias, a resident of Quintrell Downs has applied to become a member of the Parish Council. Her letter was read out to the Councillors following which John F. proposed that she be invited to join the Council. This was seconded by Maurice and approved by all present. The Clerk will invite her to join the Council and get the appropriate forms completed.

4. Cornwall Councillor’s Report:

Christine was unable to attend the meeting but sent the following report:

Firstly, apologies to the Chair and all members of Colan Parish Council, as I will be unable to attend the July meeting due to a family issue.

On Cornwall Council matters, the past month has been particularly busy with Committee meetings, on-going training, and applying myself to case work, as much as I am able to with the time restraints from the ‘day job.’

- The dangerous parking on the road towards the Quintdowns Business Park continues to be a matter of concern with residents and I have received more emails on this subject. I have discussed this again with Highways, and indeed, the Saints Coast Communities Link Officer, so that this issue stays highlighted as an area of concern.
- I have consulted with Highways with regards to a query, about the recent erection of cameras at the Quintrell Downs roundabout. I have been told that the cameras were part of a ‘traffic survey’ which raised more questions. I have since had an email to say that the cameras are part of a Newquay Strategic Route post-opening survey of the major roads and junctions in Newquay. The data from this survey will be used as part of the transport baseline for the new Cornwall Local Plan. A document showing the scope of the surveys is attached to this document for the Colan Parish Council to peruse.
- I have consulted with Cornwall Council Officers about the devolution of the grassed areas of land on Gypsy Corners at Quintrell Downs, on the A3058, William Hosking Road, to Colan Parish Council. An

application form has been sent to the Clerk. I am happy to support the request to have this land devolved from Cornwall Council to Colan Parish Council.

- Over the last 10 days, I have received at least 327 emails about the Boardmasters Festival 2025 and the concerns about the musical duo Bob Vylan being on the line-up, following their controversial appearance at this year's Glastonbury Festival. While the musical duo have not been charged with any offence, and reflecting on the ECHR Article 10 – Freedom of Expression, it would not be appropriate for Cornwall Council or Councillors to cancel their appearance; I have written expressing my concern, given the depth of feelings communicated by the many individuals who took the time to email me. I believe that Boardmasters organisers should take cognisance of that depth of feeling. I have copied the email to Helen Fincham, Communities Link Officer, for the Saints Coast CAP, to keep her informed. Thus far, I have not received any reply from the organisers of Boardmasters.

Update 29/7/25 – I have received an email from Florrie Duke at Vision Nine in reply to my email about the 2025 festival line up. While I understand that Boardmasters is a diverse and inclusive festival that highlights a wide range of artists, genres, and voices, I emphasised that artistic expression can sometimes provoke strong reactions. Vision Nine have noted that they do not take lightly the concerns of the hundreds of people who have written to me. To quote a paragraph in the email from Vision Nine, 'our decision to proceed with the performance [of Bob Vylan], reflects a balance of factors, including the festival's careful consideration of recent concerns, our ongoing dialogue with stakeholders and the band's agreement to the terms of their participation. We have been clear with the band and their representatives about our expectations particularly the importance of maintaining a respectful and safe environment for everyone attending, working at or involved in the festival.'

Vision Nine wish to reassure Councillors that they have robust procedures in place to manage safety and wellbeing of their audience, artists, crew, and wider community. They stress that the event is delivered in close consultation with Cornwall Council, the police, other blue light services, and local stakeholders, with comprehensive risk assessments and operational plans in place. Vision Nine will be happy to share feedback with the CAP, following a wash-up of this year's festival.

- I have been in contact with Adult Social Care to bring to their attention the needs of elderly residents of the area who require aid from their staff to help them stay in their homes, despite their frailty. I know from professional experience how important it is to ensure that people can stay in their own homes as long as humanly possible, and the benefits include:
 1. Maintaining independence and dignity
 2. Emotional and mental health wellbeing
 3. Improved health outcomes, comfort, and familiarity
 4. Continued family involvement and peace of mind.

Cornwall Council General Report

At the Full Council meeting on 22nd July, a motion calling on the Government to formally recognise Cornwall as the fifth nation of the United Kingdom. The full motion, which was raised by Councillor Dick Cole, following an impassioned speech by the Leader of the Council, Leigh Frost. While I support a form of devolution, this will depend on how this matter evolves and whether it will help ALL citizens of Cornwall. I am quite sure that this issue will continue to be discussed at length going forward.

Infrastructure Projects

Cornwall's electric vehicle (EV) charging network will be given a boost with up to 2,000 charge points will be installed from next year. Cornwall Council bid for £5.5 million from the Department for Transport's Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) Fund to bring charge points to more areas. Cornwall Council currently ranks in the top 20% of local authority regions for the number of public EV charge points. Cornwall Council are seeking ideas of where the new EV charge points should be installed.

Social and Environmental

- The results of a study, supported by the Council, has found that 55% of people moving to Cornwall prioritise lifestyle over job opportunities, which I have found particularly interesting.

- The Full Council unanimously supported a voluntary ban on the sale of flying rings throughout the Duchy, to protect seals and other marine life. Councillor Rosie Moore brought the voluntary ban motion, as the flying rings can be potentially deadly to seals if they get trapped around their necks when they are feeding. Representatives from the Gweek Seal Sanctuary and the British Divers Marine Life Rescue were in the gallery to hear the debate.
- The Community Chest Fund is now open for requests from community projects for funding aid for projects. Organisations should contact Sally Sanders or Helen Fincham if they wish to apply for funding. Requests to be sent prior to February 2026.

Education and Health

Funding has been secured to continue the successful Yep! Project which has supported hundreds of young people with added needs. The project received £800,000 from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, distributed through the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Good Growth Programme. The scheme helps 16 to 24-year-olds who are not working, in school, or training to access education and employment opportunities. It also supports those who might soon find themselves in this situation. The funding will help the Yep! Project to continue for another year.

5. Declarations of Interest:

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

6. Apologies:

Apologies received from Kerry, Anna and Christine.

7. Minutes of previous meeting

John F stated that during the last meeting he said that you cannot legally lead or ride horses on the highway and not just lead them as stated in the minutes. Apart from this amendment 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:

John G stated that the BHS (Alan Hiscox) is now looking into the safety of the new junction at Lane.

9. Planning Applications:

Steve declared an interest in the first planning application and left the meeting while it was discussed. PA25/04458 – Outline permission for self build property, Dunleys, Mountjoy: - Councillors agreed that this property would not be out of place in the area and all agreed that they had no objections to this application.

Steve rejoined the meeting.

PA25/04651 – Outline application for new dwelling behind 18 West Road: - This is in line with other properties along West Road who have constructed properties in their rear gardens and therefore all Councillors approved this application.

PA25/04752 – Bld for recreational purposes, Hendra Touring Park: - No objections to this application.

PA25/04436 – Rear single storey extension, Stret Avelennek, Lane: - All agreed that they had no objections to this application.

Protocol Letter – PA25/02380 – Electronic signage at Hendra and Treffry Tavern: Councillors are very concerned with the way this has been handled. The clerk was asked to contact Christine in the hope that she can find out what consultation actually took place. No-one has responded from Highways department and there are grave concerns around the safety aspect of this signage. The clerk is to ask that Christine requests a stay of approval until we have an explanation on the handling of this application.

10. Green Ridge Resort:

No further news at present.

11. Accounts:

Ace of Spades – £234.00 for the July cutting of the recreation field– Approved by all.
Abbey Maintenance - £380.00 for various repairs at the Recreation Field – Approved by all
Quintrell Downs Village Hall – Broadband charges £461.07 – Approved by all
Quintrell Downs Village Hall – Hire of hall £84.00 – approved by all
Cornwall Council - Rent for back field £150.00 – approved by all
NMS – 6 cuts of toddler area £180.00 – approved by all
Fasthosts – SSL certificate renewal £42.00 – approved by all

12. Recreation Field including back field:

We have now received a map from Cornwall Council showing the ownership of the land on Trewarne Lane. The Clerk was requested to ask Christine to chase the devolution of the Recreation field to the Parish Council, we can then progress with steps to prevent the adverse possession of the land on Trewarne Lane. The Clerk has now received three quotes for the proposed running track. All Councillors agreed to request some of our open space money to carry out this work – the Clerk will take this forward.

Our Grounds Maintenance contractor has provided a quote for treating the Japanese knotweed which has been found on the recreation field - Six treatments will be required at a total cost of £480.00. All agreed to accept this quote. He has also submitted a quote for the clearance of fallen trees and foliage at a cost of £110.00. All Councillors agreed to accept this quote.

Derek, Marc and John G. met with Stewart Sanders from Godolphin Atlantic football club who would like to lease the back field from the Parish Council. They are a Sunday League team and are keen to have their own pitch. However on discussing this with Stewart, the councillors felt that he would need a lot of support to take this forward. Stewart stated that there are funds available to local football teams and they would be looking to apply to these for help with setting up the club. Although the Parish Council will clear the back field, we would like to know how they intend to move this forward. It was stated that there would be no light for evening training. The clerk was asked to invite Stewart to a meeting at the recreation field with Derek, so that he can discuss this further. We would need to see their business plan before anything can be agreed.

13. Quintrell Downs Cricket Club:

The cricket club has rolled and prepared the ground, and significant funds have been invested to bring the wicket up to scratch. They asked if the Parish Council could help out with funding for the first year. They stated it will cost £2448.00 to maintain the pitch. The Parish Council would be able to use some of their CIL money to fund this, but it would be a one off contribution to get the club started and they would not be able to fund it year after year. Fi proposed that the club be given a donation of £2448.00, this was seconded by Marc and agreed by all, this was on the proviso that the club supply a copy of their accounts to the Parish Council.

They were a bit concerned that the proposed running track would encroach on their pitch; however the track will be on the edge of the field. The track would not be able to be used while a cricket match is in progress, but Councillors did not feel that it would disrupt things too much.

14. Trewarne Lane – adverse possession of land:

We are still waiting for the devolution of this land to the Parish Council; nothing can be done until this is complete.

15. Devoluton of Land at Gypsy Corner:

The Parish Council received assurance that this land cannot be purchased by the proposed Green Ridge Development, but Cornwall Council has stated that this piece of land is not suitable for devolution at this time. No further action can be taken at present.

16. Lane/Trencreek Traffic regulations:

John G has written to the Chief Constable regarding this junction, the Police do not seem to have been involved in the decision to alter the junction. An external safety review has not taken place even though this is intended to be a permanent solution. Since the last meeting, the BT duct cover has been destroyed again. John stated that he will do a local survey to obtain the feelings of those affected by the junction.

17. Playground Inspections

Marc reported no problems with the playground equipment this month. Maurice is due to carry out the inspection in August.

18. Grantscape Funding:

Our quotes have now been sent to Grantscape for the adult gym equipment and we await approval to carry out this work. Di will take this forward once approval has been agreed.

19. Preferred Contractors:

No further additions this month.

20. Open Space Money:

We are hoping to get some of our open space money to help fund the proposed running track. The application has been sent to Cornwall Council.

21. Mountjoy Bus shelter

This work is ongoing.

22. Airport Emergency Plan:

John G stated that the plan was last written in August 2024 and should be updated when it expires in Nov 2025. The forum for the establishment of the Airport Emergency Plan will be reinstated – John G has agreed to represent Colan Parish Council. In the past local businesses have not been involved in the plan, but moving forward they are keen to be more co-operative with the Parish Councils and local businesses. John G. also stated that the Airport have now been in contact with the company running Boardmasters.

23. 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

24. Boardmasters:

John G has drafted a collective letter to be sent from all Parish Councils to the Chief Executive, Chief of Police and Boardmasters Vision Nine. All Councillors were asked to read it through so that it can be discussed at the next meeting in August, as it is too late to do anything before the festival this year. There has been no local input or external consultation on the Traffic Management plan, Temporary Traffic Regulation order and Anti Terrorist Traffic Regulation order for this year's Boardmasters festival. Going forward there are 6 Parish Councils and Newquay Town Council who should be included in the forum, as they are all affected by the proposed road closures.

25. The Village – Playground signs:

The roads in the Village estate have not been adopted and therefore we need to contact the management company. It is a duty of care for them to provide these safety signs. The clerk is trying to find out an email address for the reporting of problems on The Village development.

26. Website/Facebook Page :

Kevin asked if we would like to have a page on the website explaining the jurisdiction of Cornwall Council and Colan Parish Council so that residents know who to contact if they have a problem. This was agreed to be beneficial to all and Kevin was asked to take this forward with help from Derek and Di.

27. Letters/Notices:

We have received an email from Janet Grundy with various issues including the footpath from Trethiggey to Manuels Farm, a query regarding the back recreation field and cyclists on the path to Nansledan. The clerk was asked to write to her in response.

28. Any Other Business:

Derek raised the issue of the bins by South Way Bus shelters – the clerk was asked to get some prices for new bins.

We had a letter from CALC regarding a leaving present for Sarah Mason. The Council did not feel able to support this as we cannot spend Parishioners money in this way.

Kevin is liaising with Persimmon regarding the dog waste bins at the Goldings which were removed by First Port.

John F. stated that Coastline should be re-instating the grass verges now that the double yellow lines are in place.

Marc said that we should try and get double yellow lines installed on Figgy Road on the Village estate. Cars are speeding around the estate and with children playing in the area this could cause accidents – perhaps we should contact the management company with our concerns.

Steve asked for the specification for the clearance of the back field – Di will send this to him.

Maurice stated that now that Trewarne Lane has been resurfaced, vehicles seem to be speeding up to and away from the recreation field. Could we have some signage put up to warn drivers? 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

11/8/2025