

Colan Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 25th June 2025

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

Derek Luscombe was in the Chair.

1. Police Report:

The focus of crime over the last month has been Morrisons at Treloggan which has been subject to six incidences of shoplifting and one of outraging public decency. This is not out of the ordinary for such a large supermarket.

In terms of domestic abuse there have been four recorded incidents within the parish.

There has been one incident of theft of a moped which was later recovered having been set on fire. This appears to have been an isolated incident and is not part of a crime series.

An area of concern is one instance of Fraud whereby rogue traders attempted to convince a resident that they needed a new roof on their property. Luckily family members were able to intervene and the situation was resolved. I am aware of similar cases in Newquay and elsewhere in Cornwall whereby significant amounts of cash have been paid for work that isn’t necessarily needed and is often sub-standard.

Reporting any suspicions to police and Trading Standards is of the utmost importance in incidences such as these as sadly it is often elderly and vulnerable people who are targeted.

Incidences of anti-social behaviour are low over the past month, with one reported neighbour dispute and two super-market related issues.

As a team we recently attended a familiarisation session at Newquay airport along with representatives from Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service and South Western Ambulance Service. This will hopefully enable a more effective response to incidents at the airport and surrounding areas going forward.

2. Public Speaking:

None

3. Nominations for CAP representative and Colan Companion:

John Fitter volunteered to take on both these roles and all Councillors present voted to accept his offer.

4. Vacancy for Parish Councillor:

We still have one place to fill on the Parish Council and Councillors were asked if they knew anyone who may be interested.

5. Cornwall Councillor’s Report:

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

Firstly, apologies for missing the Parish Council Meeting – as you may be aware, I am a registered nurse and work full-time hours. Unfortunately, my shift pattern may clash with meetings, given that I work Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays. However, I have taken part in the mandatory training required for Cornwall Council, which will, hopefully, allow me to act more effectively as an elected councillor.

Several queries received from residents regarding the overgrown vegetation at the Morrison’s Roundabout, this was primarily in relation to road safety issues, and the help the aesthetics of the area, with the Newquay in Bloom competition 2025. This has been forward to the relevant department for actioning.

Queries about the dangerous parking on the road towards the Quintdown Business Park. Business owners and residents have expressed their concerns about residents parking on the access road to the business park. I have consulted with the Highways Manager, and he in turn has informed the Communities Link Officer for the area. Parish Council has asked for double yellow lines to be installed in the area. Issue is ongoing.

Query regarding the Planning Application – PA25/02655 – regarding the proposal for dwelling houses adjacent to the Quintdown Business Park. Again, there are concerns that this will add to the current traffic issues accessing this area. I have sent correspondence to the Planning Manager for the area and await his input to this issue.

Contacted with regards to the airport Emergency Plan Documentation for the Parish Council. Have been informed that the Plan is a Restricted document. I have spoken to the Parish Council Committee Member for the airport. In the interests of public safety. This issue will be taken forward by the committee member, who has experience of emergency planning.

I corresponded with Jack Thomas, Highway Manager regarding the road signage, or lack thereof, alerting vehicle drivers to the children's playground on the new Village Estate at Quintrell Downs. Unfortunately, the road is private, and any signage is the responsibility of the developer or management company. I have informed the Clerk, Di Willett, that the Parish Council may wish to write formally to the developers to raise this important safety issue, which I would support wholeheartedly.

Following the reading of this report, John G. stated that Newquay in Bloom have cut the vegetation back on the roundabout at Morrisons. He also said that he has a meeting with Newquay Airport Manager and Fire Officer on 7th July to air his concerns over the Airport Emergency Plan – this plan should be exercised every two years, but it does not seem as though this has been happening. Boardmasters have not been made aware of any Emergency plan which is concerning in that this event takes place so close to the airport.

John F. said that the road to the Quintdown Business Park has not yet been adopted and still belongs to the developer.

6. Declarations of Interest:

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

7. Apologies:

Apologies received from Kerry, Anna and Christine.

8. 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.

9. Matters Arising:

None

10. Planning Applications:

We received some late planning applications on the day of our meeting. As we have had problems in the past with late applications and residents not having time to raise any objections they may have, it was decided that the two applications received would be dealt with next month. The Clerk will write to the Planning Office to defer to response date accordingly.

Derek proposed that in future the Clerk should apply to the planning officer for an extension of time if the applications are not received in time for them to be added to the agenda. He also proposed that in future, the planning application numbers for discussion be included on the agenda. This was approved by all present.

Post Meeting Note: PA25/04436 and PA25/04458 have been deferred to Thursday 31st July 2025 to enable discussion at the next meeting.

11. Green Ridge Resort:

No further news at present.

12. Accounts:

Ace of Spades – Two invoices of £234.00 for cutting recreation field for May and June – Approved by all.
Complete Weed Control - £430.00 +VAT for weed killing in Quintrell Downs – Approved by all.

Clerks Salary and expenses – April/May/June - £1135.60 – Approved by all.

13. Recreation Field including back field:

Following concerns last month about large vehicles accessing the Recreation Field now that Trewarne Lane has been resurfaced there was further discussion about security arrangements. There was a suggestion of a height bar or maybe bollards. There was also a suggestion of moving the gate to the end of the car park and putting bollards in place. Once the back field is cleared we will also have to consider extra security for the field as well. It was suggested that we ask for some advice from Devon and Cornwall Police. All agreed that the clerk should write to the police for their advice.

There was a suggestion that we make the footpaths wider in order to make access easier to the back field. Fiona offered to get these paths cut which was accepted by all. Once the back field is in use as a sports field, dog walkers will no longer be able to use the field and we may have to consider fencing around the field.

Derek will check to make sure the tree trunk has been removed from the recreation field. We have also had a report of Japanese knotweed at the back of the houses on North Way. Derek will also look at this and requested the Council to allow him to get our contractor in to deal with it if it is on our land. All those present agreed that this needs to be done.

We have had no response from the Football club regarding the lease of the back field – the Clerk will chase this.

Derek and Steve are still chasing quotes for the clearance of the back field. Steve stated that he should have a quote next week; Derek will try and get a third quote.

14. Quintrell Downs Cricket Club:

The Cricket club continue the work to bring the wicket up to standard.

15. Trewarne Lane – adverse possession of land:

We need to establish which part of the land beside Trewarne Lane is actually owned by the Cornwall Council. The clerk was asked to try and get this land included in the lease once the land is devolved to us. John F. suggested an email to Jonny Alford.

16. Lane/Trencreek Traffic regulations:

The road to Trencreek is now completely closed at the railway line with traffic now being directed down the new NSR. Large vehicles turning on to the A392 at Lane do not have sufficient space to turn and the verge and slabs over the BT box are consistently being damaged. It appears that there was no consultation with residents or businesses which is causing difficulties with deliveries. There does not appear to have been any police in attendance when the safety audit was carried out. The stables are having difficulty in getting their horses to and from the field to the stables. John G. suggested that:

- A space be opened in the junction which would allow large vehicles to turn right from Lane
- Perhaps an island or raised island could be installed which would allow for a crossing place.

John F. pointed out that it is unlawful to lead horses on the highway and also wondered why the cyclists cannot turn left out of lane and use the crossing further down the road.

Derek then proposed that John G be asked to write to our local Councillor, Christine Parsonage, requesting that she visit site to discuss these issues and also involve Rebecca Riley from transportation and highways.

John G. agreed to do this.

John F. stated that he doesn't recall Colan Parish Council ever being asked about these changes – it seems that Newquay Council were the only ones consulted.

17. Playground Inspections

Marc is due to carry out the inspections in July.

18. Grantscape Funding:

Our application for grant funding from Grantscape has been provisionally approved, we must now send off three quotes for this work before we can gain final approval.

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.

21. Mountjoy Bus shelter

This work is ongoing.

22. Neighbourhood Plan:

The work towards a Neighbourhood priority statement is ongoing. John has agreed to continue to help Fi and Kerry put this together.

23. The Goldings – Dog Waste bins:

This is a problem throughout the Parish – unfortunately the Parish Council cannot afford to fund Dog Waste bins on every estate. It seems that the litter bins were taken away when residents started putting dog waste in them. Kevin was asked to contact the management company to try and resolve this issue.

24. 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.

25. Website/Facebook Page :

No further news

26. Letters/Notices:

None

27. Any Other Business:

Fiona asked if we could reapply for devolution of the land by Gypsy Corner as the new Cornwall Council may make a different decision. The clerk will email Christine and ask her to take this forward.

John F said that there needs to be 2 stewards on duty at the roundabout in Quintrell Downs during the Boardmasters to prevent the traffic blocking the exits as happened last year.

Marc stated that there have been several cameras put up in Quintrell Downs which the Parish Council knows nothing about – the clerk will email Christine and ask her to investigate.

John G. stated that he has a meeting with Newquay airport manager on 7th July and if anyone has any questions please let him know.

John F asked if we can find out why the aircraft museum was told to move so quickly from their premises at Newquay Airport. It was suggested that this be taken up with our local MP – Noah Law. The clerk will write to him and report back.

28. Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on 30th July 2025.

Di Willett

09/06/2025