

Annual General Meeting of Colan Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 28th May 2025

Those present: Derek Luscombe, Marc Dummett, Fiona House, Steve Lean, Kevin Springall, John Griffin, Kerry Martin
Clerk – Di Willett.

The Annual General Meeting of Colan Parish Council was held on 28th May 2025

1. Nominations for Chairman:

The Clerk requested nominations for the Chairman of the Parish Council for 2025/2026. Fiona proposed that Derek Luscombe retains the office for the next year; this was seconded by Steve Lean and approved by all present.

Derek Luscombe was in the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

2. Nominations for Vice Chairman:

Fiona proposed that Marc be offered this position. This was seconded by Kerry and accepted by all present. Marc agreed to continue in this role.

3. Nominations for Committees:

The following Councillors volunteered to serve on the Committees:

Recreation Field Committee: Derek Luscombe, Marc Dummett, Steve Lean, Kevin Springall

Village Hall Committee: Derek Luscombe, Fiona House

Trees, Countryside and footpaths: Marc Dummett, Kerry Martin.

Police Liaison: John Griffin

Cornwall Association of Local Councils: Derek Luscombe

Newquay Airport Committee – John Griffin

Colan Companion – vacant at present.

Saints Coast CAP representative – to be decided in June

4. Vacancy for Parish Councillor:

We have three applications for four vacancies on the Parish Council:

Anna Burford – Proposed by Derek, seconded by Steve and approved by all.

John Fitter – Proposed by John Griffin, seconded by Kevin and approved by all.

Maurice O’Gara – Proposed by Fiona, seconded by Steve and approved by all.

5. Public Speaking:

Sean Kilker stated that he understands that a planning application has been submitted to Cornwall Council for land opposite Hendra Tourist Park. Derek said that the official application has not been received as yet, but a representative from the development company gave a presentation at the last meeting which did not receive any support from the Parish Council. Sean also added that he was hoping to see the new Cornwall Councillor at this meeting but she has tendered her apologies. He also stated the he did not think the new waste collection site had been approved as yet. He commented on the parking on the road leading to Quintdown Business Park which is causing problems with single line traffic. The Parish Council stated that double yellow lines had been requested by our previous County Councillor and we await a response.

Bob Scott, who lives on Park Lane close to the children’s play area on the Village Estate has concerns about the lack of signage warning of children at play and asked of this road is adopted. He will happily put up some signs, but will have to attach them to the lampposts.

Bob Hay said that there is an issue with the footpath on the OS Map from Trethiggey Farm to Manuals Farm which prevents a circular walk around Quintrell Downs. The chairman stated that we will discuss this again during any other business.

Dave Rich stated that the resurfacing work on Trewarne Lane is great and wondered if we should now put up a height restriction bar to prevent unwanted vehicles from entering the recreation ground. Newquay

Sports Centre has on in place which cost about £1200 to £1800. John said that there is legislation in place to remove trespassers from any site – this will be further discussed later in the meeting.

6. Police Report

None this month.

7. Chairman's Report

Derek thanked all the Councillors who served over the past year for their work during this time. Also he thanked Di for all the work she has done throughout the year to support him and the rest of the Council. Derek extended a warm welcome to our new Councillors, John and Kevin, and to Anna who has been co-opted on to the Council. He is hoping that John Fitter and Maurice O'Gara will agree to be co-opted on to the Council in time for the next meeting.

We are currently working on installing a running track and adult exercise equipment at the Recreation Field – all of which will be funded by either Grantscape or our Solar Farm and CIL money. There will be no impact on our residents Council Tax for this work. Derek is keen to keep our precept as low as possible to support our residents.

Finally Derek thanked all the Councillors and the clerk for all their support during his illness.

8. Cornwall Councillor's Report:

No report from our new County Councillor who was unable to attend this month.

9. Declarations of Interest:

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

10. Apologies:

Apologies received from Cllr Christine Parsonage our new County Councillor.

11. Minutes of previous meeting

John stated that there was some discussion last month regarding introducing a 40mph speed limit along the A3058 from Gypsy corner to Nansledan, and also along the A392 from Quintrell Downs to Hendra. The remainder of the minutes were agreed as true and correct and signed by Derek.

12. Matters Arising:

None

13. Approval of Annual Governance Statement:

All Councillors approved the Governance statement for 2024/2025

14. Planning Applications:

Two protocol letters have been received nos PA25/02389 and PA25/02380 regarding the installation of smart hub signage in two places in the Parish. After further discussion the Council agreed to continue their objections to this signage and request that the application is taken to Committee.

15. Green Ridge Resort:

No further news at present. Kerry said that the developers have revisited the site, but there has been nothing official issued.

16. Accounts:

Keiran Bignall – Ace of Spades – Recreation field grass cutting - £234.00 – approved by all
Information Commissioner – Renewal of GDPR certificate - £52.00 – Approved by all
Fasthosts Domain renewal - £23.97 + VAT – Approved by all
DMC IT – Website assistance - £50.00 – Approved by all
T. Julian & Son – tarmac Trewarne Lane – approved by all once grant funding received.

We have received a quote from Kieran Bignall for clearance of the back field of £1860.00. This work cannot be done until autumn so Derek and Marc will try to get two more quotes.

17. Approval of Accounting Statement:

All Councillors were happy with the accounting statement which was sent out prior to the meeting.

18. Recreation Field including back field:

We have received an email from Godolphin Atlantic football club regarding leasing the back field for their club. This is something we have discussed in the past and the Council are keen to utilise this field. The clerk will email them to ensure they realise that it is the back field that could be available to rent and also ask if they have grants that would be available to them if they have a regular home. The Chairman requested three volunteers to meet with the football club to discuss this further. Marc, John, Fiona and Derek offered to join the meeting. The cricket club were asked if they would like to send a representative. The installation of a height bar was discussed. Marc reminded us that travellers have previously installed themselves at the Quintrell Inn and feels that we should do something to prevent trouble in the future. John said he would check the legislation involved to evict intruders from the site. Fiona reminded us of all the mess and damage that was left behind and also feels that prevention is the best way forward.

Fiona agreed to look into alternative ideas, maybe bollards or gates. Dave from the cricket club will get the price from Newquay Sports centre for the height bar that they have installed.

19. Quintrell Downs Cricket Club:

The cricket club have submitted their accounts and constitution to the Parish Council. The Parish Council agreed that they were happy with these and would go ahead and fund up to £1200 to bring the wicket up playing standard..

20. Trewarne Lane :

On further investigation, Derek stated that some of the land which the residents are using for parking actually belongs to Cornwall Council. He asked if the Council wished to suspend standing orders to discuss this now. Councillors decided to delay this until next month while we find out which land belongs to us and which to Cornwall Council.

21. Playground Inspections:

Derek is due to carry out the inspections this month. Marc stated that a large tree has fallen on to the footpath. After agreement by all present, Bob Scott was asked to remove this for us.

22. Grantscape Funding:

We await approval of the two projects that were submitted to Grantscape for funding – one for solar power at the allotments and one for the installation of adult exercise equipment applied for by the Parish Council.

23. Preferred Contractors:

No further additions this month.

24. Open Space Money:

Resurfacing of Trewarne Lane is now complete.

25. Mountjoy Bus shelter

This work is ongoing.

26. Neighbourhood Plan:

Fiona and Kerry have now received a map of the Parish from Cornwall Council and will arrange a meeting to consider the way forward. They have some residents who may be interested in helping to produce the plan.

27. The Goldings – Dog waste bins:

We have received some complaints that there are no dog waste bins at the Goldings. The Clerk was asked to contact our County Councillor to find out if Cornwall Council is able to supply these.

28. Website/Facebook Page :

The reopening of our Facebook page will be considered again next month. In the meantime, Kevin offered to help Di to maintain the website. His help was gratefully accepted by the Clerk.

29. Letters/Notices:

The clerk has received an email from Janet Grundy regarding the state of the cycle path from the station to the haul road at Nansledan. The Parish Council thinks that this is Duchy land and the clerk was asked to write to the Duchy requesting action.

30. Any Other Business:

The play area signs at the Village need urgent attention. The Clerk will include this in the email to our County Councillor.

The footpath in Colan Parish from Trethiggey Farm to Manuels Farm has been blocked by a locked gate. As this is a public right of way this should not be blocked. As Cornwall Council maintains the paths in our Parish, the clerk was asked to write to Christine Parsonage, our County Councillor, to get this sorted out. John Griffin stated that the new signage on the Quintrell Downs roundabout is too high and blocks the lines of sight for vehicles approaching the roundabout. The Clerk was asked to write to Christine on this matter as well.

John stated that the new traffic regulations at Tren creek are causing many problems and should be subject to a road safety audit. Caravans cannot turn out of Lane due to the new bollards, the manhole by the left turn from Tren creek has already been destroyed several times due to large vehicles being unable to turn on to the main road as there is not enough space between the bollards. The roundabout at Morrisons is so overgrown that there is no vision for vehicles in any direction. These items will be put on the agenda for next month.

31. Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on 25th June 2025.

Di Willett
14/5/2025