

Colan Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 30th April 2025

Those present: Derek Luscombe, Marc Dummett, Fiona House, Maurice O’Gara, Pat Lambshead, Steve Lean, John Fitter

Clerk – Di Willett.

Derek Luscombe was in the Chair.

1. Police Report:

No report this month.

2. Public Speaking:

None

3. Cornwall Councillor’s Report:

John stated that this is the last report before the local elections tomorrow.

The yellow lines on West Road have been installed and painted. Enforcement will now have to ensure that there is no parking on or inside the verges. Cormac will also have to reinstate and reseed the verges along West Road.

The milestone on North Way will be reinstalled when the road is closed for work to the railway line.

The junction of the road at Lane from Tren creek where a left turn only is in place will have to be repaired and widened so that large vehicles can turn left towards the roundabout at Hendra. John Griffin, a prospective new Councillor stated that there has been a lot of local opposition to the changes at this junction.

Green Ridge will have to come back to the Parish Council for consideration once the plans are resubmitted. If the outline design is amended then they will have to go back to committee for approval. John cannot see how the new footpath can be created as they are not supposed to fell any trees on the area, and trees would have to be felled if they are to create the footpath.

Marc asked if he, Fiona and Steve would be able to offer their opinions on the full application as they were prevented from doing so on the outline application. John said that this would be a completely new application and as such they would now be able to join in the discussion and vote on the application. The developers cannot change the number of lodges from the outline permission.

Cornwall Council are looking to improve the junction on the A3059 to St Columb Minor.

No further news on the Aerohub. Apparently the £200k from Cornwall Council is no longer available for the Aerohub. Louis Gardner is the new Spaceport lead.

Derek stated that the speed lights on West Road are not working correctly – it seems to be constantly flashing whatever speed vehicles are travelling. John will report this.

Derek thanked John for all his work over the last four years; as usual he has worked tirelessly for our Parish. He wished John all the best in the elections tomorrow.

4. Declarations of Interest:

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

5. Apologies:

Apologies received from Kerry.

6. 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.

7. Matters Arising:

None

8. Planning Applications:

PA25/01675 – extension and alterations to Colan Barton and PA25/02369 – listed building consent for alterations: This is the third time that we have received alterations to this listed building and Marc stated that he was concerned that all the amendments are going to affect the fabric of the building. After further discussion all Councillors agreed to ask for further information to assist us with clarification of the affect on the listed building.

PA/02745 – Reserved matters application for one dwelling at Brea Coath, Mountjoy. – All approved this application as set out.

PA25/02655 – PiP for 8 or 9 dwellings close to the industrial estate at Quintrell Downs – Marc stated that he had concerns over the approach road to this site – it is a very narrow road and vehicles park along one side of the approach road leaving only single file traffic to pass these vehicles. He suggested that if they are going to develop this site then double yellow lines should be installed on both sides the approach road. All Councillors present agreed with this proposal and the Clerk was asked to respond accordingly.

9. Green Ridge Resort:

No further news at present. Fiona told the Council that she has all the documentation for the previous application should anyone wish to view it.

10. Accounts:

We have received a quote for Alun Jones for this year's weedkilling in Quintrell Downs. The price for 2025/2026 is £860.00 + VAT. All Councillors approved acceptance of this quote.

BIFFA invoice for the recreation field litter bin emptying for 6mths - £390.00 + VAT – Approved by all.

NMS – 5mths grass cutting in toddler area and weed killing in the heather bed - £150.00 – Approved by all.

11. Recreation Field

Works to Trewarne Lane are to start this week, with tarmac being done on 8th May. Residents have been notified of this work.

Marc stated that there is grass growing through the rubber surface under the play equipment. The clerk was asked to email our grass contractor.

Derek has spoken to our solicitor regarding adverse possession of parts of Trewarne Lane. He has now thought that it may be prudent to offer the residents a lease with a peppercorn rent (eg £1.00 per year) which we could terminate with three months notice. There was some discussion regarding this proposal as it seems only a few residents are actually using our land to park their vehicles.

Post Meeting note: Having looked at the area, Derek has found out that some of this land is owned by Cornwall Council and not the Parish Council - therefore this will be out on the agenda for next month for further discussion.

We have had a quote from Sovereign for the replacement rope on the tyres. This seems quite high so it was decided to ask Playground Installations for an additional quote. The Clerk will contact them.

12. Maintenance of Back Field:

Marc and Derek will get some quotes for clearing the back field and trimming the hedges. It was suggested we ask for a quote from our new Grounds Maintenance contractor – Derek agreed to meet him and discuss this further. We are still awaiting quotes for this work.

13. Quintrell Downs Cricket Club:

The cricket club have received a quote for cutting the wicket at the outfield of £3,000.00 per year. This would maintain the wicket at the correct length for playing. The club were asked to provide a copy of their accounts which would be circulated to all Councillors. There were two costs provided to bring the strip and field to a playable standard and the club requested help from the Parish Council with these costs. The

figures quoted are: Scarification - £560.00 and bringing the pitch to match standard £628.00. this totals £1188.00.

Pat proposed funding of the two quotes above not exceeding £1200.00 subject to sight of the accounts. All agreed with this proposal. The cricket club will forward the account to the Clerk who will circulate them to the Councillors.

14. Playground Inspections:

Derek is due to carry out the inspections this month.

15. Grantscape Funding:

There is a meeting on 12th May to discuss the applications for funding this year.

16. Preferred Contractors:

No further additions this month.

17. Open Space Money:

The resurfacing of Trewarne Lane has been postponed until May. A letter will be sent to the eight residents once we have a confirmed date.

18. :North Way Bus stop hardstanding:

A resident has asked for the new bus stop hardstanding to be tidied up as there are weeds growing through the surface already. The Clerk was asked to email the department concerned.

19. West Road:

A Resident has reported tree roots and overgrown foliage on West Road pavement. John agreed to take this forward with Cornwall Council in the hope that Cormac will issue a statutory notice to residents to get these issues resolved.

20. Mountjoy Bus shelter

This work is ongoing.

21. Litter Picking hoops:

Ruby O’Gara has requested that the Parish Council provide litter picking hoops to make life easier for those that turn up to rid the village of litter every month. Councillor agreed to do this and the Clerk will contact Ruby to order these and we will reimburse her.

22. Neighbourhood Plan:

Kerry and Fi have contacted Cornwall Council who are going to forward the information required to submit a Neighbourhood plan. They are meeting with John again next week to take this forward.

23. Website/Facebook Page :

No further news

24. Letters/Notices:

None

25. Any Other Business:

Fiona mentioned that on the cycle path by the allotments there are some metal bolts protruding. John Griffin said that he would look into this and make them safe.

Marc stated that the roundabout at Morrisons is extremely overgrown and is becoming dangerous as there is no line of sight for vehicles approaching the roundabout. John agreed to contact Cornwall Council to get it cut back – the reason is that the roundabout is too small now that the Goldings has been developed. He

will ask them to do a strategic evaluation to try and resolve this problem. It seems that all the contribution from the developers of the Goldings estate has been put into the NSR, so there was nothing left to do any work elsewhere.

Pat said that the signs for the NSR are still taking traffic for Bodmin and St Austell via Quintrell Downs and not on the new NSR, when the object was to take traffic away from Quintrell Downs. John will investigate.

John was thanked for all his hard work over the last four years in helping the Parish Council to sort out problems that have arisen within the Parish.

26. Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on 28th May 2025 – this will be the AGM.

Di Willett

12/5/2025