

Colan Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 28th January 2026

Those present: Derek Luscombe, Marc Dummett, John Fitter, John Griffin, Maurice O’Gara, Kevin Springall, Anna Burford,
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:

None received this month

4. Apologies:

Apologies received from Steve, Kerry, Stacey, Fiona and Cllr Heinz Glanville

As Cllr John Griffin has to leave the meeting early, item 13 was discussed as the next agenda item:

13: Lane/Trencreek Traffic Regulations:

John has been informed that the traffic survey is now complete and the trial has been completed and welcomed. However we have received no plan of the future layout of this junction. The British Horse society are very concerned with the safety of this junction for the horses and Open Reach have concerns over the security of their junction box which is constantly being destroyed by large vehicles which cannot avoid driving over it. The only communication with Devon and Cornwall police appears to be a question if they have any concerns. John requested that we write to Cornwall Council to request a safety report and the plan of how the road will look once the final work is complete.

All agreed to do this and John said he would draft a letter for the clerk to send out.

At this point John G. left the meeting with his apologies for the remainder of the time.

5. 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.

6. Matters Arising:

None

7. Website/Email addresses:

Kevin stated that we have received four quotes to establish our new email addresses and domain – these were sent out to Councillors prior to the meeting for their information. Quotes received as follows:

Supplier	Fifth Year				TOTAL OVER 5 YEARS
	Website Hosting	Domain Registration	Email	TOTAL	
Western Webs	£80	£55	£150	£285	£1,915
Aubergine	£199	£100	£60	£359	£1,995
Parish Online	£400	£0	£0	£400	£1,900
Parish Council Websites	£300	£30	£0	£330	£1,670

Although WesternWeb are more expensive initially, they work out cheaper over five years. They will also build us a new website and set up the email addresses for us. It will take approximately 6 weeks to set the website up, email addresses should be ready sooner. All agreed to go with WesternWebs – Kevin will liaise with Di to get this up and running. Di will also let Dinah, our current provider, know of our decision.

8. Planning Applications:

PA25/09382 – Upgrade parking areas – Hendra: No objections to this application.

PA25/08398 – Class Q replacement with permanent dwellings-Rialton Vean: No objections to this application.

PA25/08564 – Conversion of redundant mill-Rialton: The letter from the applicant was read out and discussed by the Council. The clerk was asked to respond to the Planning Officer to request the opinion of the Heritage Officer before any further decision was taken.

9. Accounts including Precept and Clerks Salary:

Ace of Spades: Taking down dangerous trees following the storm - £340.00+VAT – Approved by all.

Ace of Spades: Monthly grounds maintenance invoice- £234.00 + VAT – Approved by all.

Zurich Insurance – renewal of annual policy £ 2314.46 – the Clerk has received no response from her enquiries from other insurance companies and requested that unless any further prices are received that we continue with Zurich. All agreed with this option. It was suggested that next year we ask Aviva for a quote.

10. Recreation Fields including height bar restriction:

There has been some damage to the wooden play wall during the recent storm. Derek suggested a site meeting when the weather improves to discuss the future use of the wall – perhaps there is some way of making it more usable.

We are waiting for the quote for PISW to replace the play boat – it has been made safe in the meantime. Fi is still chasing our contact at the police regarding the security of the recreation field.

A meeting between the cricket club and the Parish Council to discuss the positioning of the adult gym equipment has taken place and the new positions for the gym equipment agreed by both parties. This will now be taken forward by Playground Installations.

Maurice carried out the inspections for last month - the tennis court wire is loose around the top and the court is slippery. One of the tyres has become detached from the wires. We will ask Kieran Bignall to look at the tennis court for us and requested that Playground installations repair the tyre when they are up there.

There are several molehills appearing on the field – Marc will let the clerk have a contact number for a contractor to deal with this.

11. Recreation Field Committee:

Decision taken last month to leave this dormant for the time being.

12. Quintrell Downs Cricket Club/Godolphin Atlantic Football Club:

The cricket club are currently preparing the wicket for the new season. The two clubs are hoping to work together in the future once the back field has been cleared.

13. Lane/Trencreek Traffic regulations:

Already discussed after agenda item 4.

14. Playground Inspections

Kerry is due to do February's inspection.

15. Funding Opportunities: Grantscape Funding/Open Space money

There are more funds available from the open space money, if anyone has ideas on any other projects please let the Council know.

The clerk has applied for funding from the CAP Highways budget for the speed warning signs on The Village Estate.

The clerk was asked to get a quote from Ace of Spades for clearing the area at Trewarne Lane., Derek will then get two more quotes so that we can apply to grantscape for funding.

There was also a suggestion that we get quotes for new signage at the entrance to the recreation field. The clerk will look into this.

16. East Road Bus shelter

East Road Bus shelter – the clerk has asked Bob when this work will be undertaken, but has had no response. Derek agreed to chase this up.

17. Neighbourhood Plan:

This matter is ongoing.

18. West Road – reinstatement of verges:

The following response was received from Highways:

Although discussions have continued, progress has been slow. The main challenge is that the details regarding the original purpose of the funds are very limited. While the payment was made, Coastline did not enter into a formal Section 278 agreement, which would normally specify the requirements we would expect, such as the reinstatement of the verges. The absence of these details is likely why this matter has become so complex.

Fortunately, this is not the time of year for verge reinstatement, and I am hopeful that once we have approval to access the funds, I will be able to prioritise the necessary actions.

We will continue to monitor the situation.

19. Trewarne Lane – Clearance of Undergrowth:

It has been decided to apply for some Grantscape money to clear this area to make a safer access to the recreation field. Please see agenda item 15 for the agreed way forward.

20. Neighbourhood Watch:

As there were several Councillors unable to attend tonight, it was decided to ask Steph Good to attend our March meeting – we will discuss this further next month.

21. Park and Rail, Quintrell Downs:

Derek, John F and Di met with Noah Law to discuss this. It was pointed out to him that there is no available land to facilitate this scheme and Noah accepted this. It was suggested that he look at St Columb Road where there is more land available.

Noah is however keen to get Quintrell Downs station upgraded with a covered area and seating. We await further progress on this issue.

22. Letters/Notices:

A letter has been received from Peter Griffin regarding the pedestrian/cycle path from Quintrell Downs to Nansledan. This pathway falls under the jurisdiction of the Duchy of Cornwall, who were also copied into the email. The Clerk will advise Newquay Town Council of these concerns so that they are aware of the situation.

23. Any Other Business:

Stacey has asked the Clerk to mention that 4 residents have now done the training for the Speedwatch scheme and she will keep us informed as to when they will start monitoring the speed through Quintrell Downs.

Anna mentioned the potholes at Mountjoy and Bosoughan - she was asked to report them to Cornwall Council via their on line form.

She also said that there has been a lot of flooding outside the Council houses at Mountjoy – this is an unadopted road and is the responsibility of Ocean Housing. The Clerk will write to Ocean to report this issue emphasising the fact that there is a disabled person living in one of the houses who requires access to a vehicle to enable them to go out.

John Fitter mentioned that he is in contact with Sue Lilley regarding the junction of Priory Road and the bridge.

Marc requested that the double yellow lines at Figgy Road and the industrial estate at the Village, West Road be put on the agenda for next month.

Kevin asked if there had been any response from the Environment Agency regarding the smoke incident in November. The clerk will chase this further for a response.

He also asked if there could be a bus shelter put in place on the Goldings Estate as there is currently no cover for those using this service. – The clerk will look into this further.

24. Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on 25th February 2026

Di Willett
09/02/2026

Read document 25/2/26.