

Those present: Derek Luscombe, Marc Dummett, John Fitter, John Griffin, Kevin Springall, Anna Burfoot, Steve Lean, Kerry Martin, Stacey Matthias, Cllr Heinz Gianville
Clerk – DI Willlett.

Derek Luscombe was in the Chair.

1. Police Report:

PC Verity Veale sent through the latest report:

The following is a police report for the month of March 2026. I have not included incidents of shoplifting or domestic abuse as standard.

The only significant crime for the period relates to a fraud whereby a male purporting to be from a reputable roofing company offered to do work at a property for a vastly inflated price. The male became verbally abusive when challenged but eventually left. Police and Trading Standards received a number of similar reports back in January after Storm Goretti, when rogue roofing companies descended on Cornwall.

Sadly, some individuals parted with large amounts of cash at this time. Offences such as these highlight the importance of finding a local reputable business for any maintenance work and not making arrangements with someone who turns up on the doorstep offering their services. If in doubt contact Devon and Cornwall Police and also report matters to Trading Standards via Citizens Advice at www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/get-more-help/report-to-trading-standards.

Newquay Neighbourhood Team have now allocated specific areas to individual officers. Colan parish will now form part of the area policed by PC MacDonald, PCSO Merrikin and I. Our area also encompasses Nansledan, St Columb Minor and Crantock but we also cover emergency and non-emergency calls to any part of Newquay and sometimes elsewhere in Cornwall.

2. Public Speaking:

Cllr Sarah Thomson, vice chair of the Saints Coast CAP, spoke about a Christmas Lunch she is trying to

arrange for young carers which will include a small present for them. John Ashworth from Watergate Bay Hotel and Seascape has offered to provide lunch free of charge. She is asking if the Parish Council would be prepared to sponsor a present for Carers who live within the Parish of Colan – this would cost £10-£15 each. She stated that this lunch would take place during the school day. Sarah said that she would come back to us in September/October time when she would know how many carers actually live in our Parish. Meg Hill from Trewarne Lane notes that the back field at the end of Trewarne Lane is currently being cleared and asked what this field is going to be used for in the future. The Chairman stated that we are currently awaiting a report from the Ecologist before the remainder of the field is cleared and tidied up. If the field is then leased, it will be up to the lessee to decide the future of the field. There was concern that this field would be taken away from public use if it was to become a football pitch. As yet no final decision has been made.

Will Hay from Garden Way stated that the grass is growing over the pavement along South Way, passed Trethiggey Crescent which is making the pathway very narrow. Cllr Gianville said that he would speak to Will regarding this issue following the meeting.

3. Cornwall Councillor's Report:

Cllr Heinz Gianville reported that there is currently no funding available for safety improvement work to the A3059. He stated that a 40mph speed limit is in the pipeline.

He is also talking to Cornwall Council regarding flooding issue on the highways. They are currently clearing the drains to allow the water to flow away.

4. Apologies:

Apologies received from Maurice and Fiona.

5. Minutes of previous meeting

Cllr Glanville stated that in his report last month he said that his party were opposed to the increase in Council Tax and this was not included in the minutes. John Fitter stated that the minutes should not be highlighting individual parties as the Parish Council is not a political body. Derek asked if the Councillors wished to amend the minutes. The unanimous response was that the minutes should remain as they were written and that the Parish Council does not involve itself in party politics.

The minutes are therefore approved as written and were signed as such by the Chairman.

6. Matters Arising:

None

7. Website/Email addresses:

Some Councillors have not yet set up their new email addresses – the Clerk requested that they should do so as soon as possible. Kevin continues to keep the website up to date for us.

8. Planning Applications:

PA26/01302 – Quintrell Gardens- single storey extension – Approved by all present.

9. Cornwall Planning Partnership Representative:

John Fitter offered to join this partnership on behalf of Coian Parish Council. All Councillors agreed that he should apply for this position and thanked him for his offer.

10. Accounts:

Abbey Maintenance; Cleaning bus shelters: Mountjoy - £50.00, Quintrell Downs - £195.00 – Approved by all.
Clerks Salary = £1111.10 including expenses – Approved by all.
Ace of Spades – Regular Grounds maintenance and removing dangerous tree - £854.00 – Approved by all.
PISW – Providing additional running track £5847.00 and re-installing gym equipment - £5457.00 – both approved by all. Derek will ensure this work is completed and inform the clerk when these two invoices can be paid.

11. Resilience Training:

This includes looking after residents should there be an emergency incident. John G stated that no-one has done any emergency management training and he would like to set some up. Cllr Sarah Thomson said that within the Newquay Emergency Plan, they want all Parish Councils to have a resilience trained representative. John stated that he would be willing to organise this training for local councils. All councillors agreed to accept John's offer and asked him to take this forward.

12. Recreation Fields:

No further news on the height restriction bar.
Heinz has spoken to Andy Loos regarding the placing of toilets on the recreation field. It would cost £22,000 for each toilet required. The other alternative is to buy the toilet at a cost of £150.00 per unit. Andy Loos would arrange to service it free of charge. Marc stated that we shouldn't make any decision for the moment and it was suggested that we revisit this option once the cricket team and football team are up and running. All councillors agreed with this suggestion.
Derek reported that the chain below the tyres on the play equipment has become unattached again – he will ask PISW to repair it for us.
Derek has checked all the trees and all look safe now.
Derek has also spoken to PISW and requested that they put some rubber matting down at each end of the play tunnel as this area gets very muddy.

He inspected the play boat in the toddler area again and said that most of it is in good condition and suggested that we get a quote to repair this item rather than replace it. He has asked PISW for a quote to do this. Once the quote is received the clerk will email it out to Councillors for their approval. Derek then requested that a group of Councillors meet him at the recreation field to discuss the future of the Play wall. Marc, Stacey, Steve and John F agreed to meet at 5pm on Tuesday evening to move this forward. While they are there they will also discuss the replanting of trees in the NW corner of the field where the original trees have had to be cut down. The tennis court and car park have also become very muddy and slippery – the clerk was asked to request Abbey maintenance to clean these areas up. We have received the environmental assessment report

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

No further news at present.

14. Lane/Trencreek Traffic regulations:

The clerk has had no response to her email requesting further information following the closure of the consultation period. She will chase this up and send any information received on to the Councillors.

15. Playground Inspections

Derek reported his findings under agenda item 12 – recreation fields. Fiona is due to carry out the inspections in April.

16. Funding Opportunities: Grantscape Funding/Open Space money

The application to Grantscape for the clearance of Trewarne Lane has now been submitted and will be discussed at the meeting to be held at the end of April. The clerk has still to look into new signage at the entrance to the recreation field.

17. Bus shelters:

The bus shelter outside the shop has now been cleaned up. West Road still requires maintenance.

18. Rubbish Bin between West Road bus stop and Morrisons:

There is currently no litter bin between Quintrell Downs and the Morrisons's roundabout. It was suggested that we write to Hendra asking if they would be prepared to provide a bin at the bust stop outside the campsite. The Clerk will take this forward.

19. Neighbourhood Plan:

Fi and Kerry will arrange a meeting to move this forward.

20. West Road – reinstatement of verges:

An email has been received from Cornwall Highways stating that they are now working out the costing for this work and will let us know when it is likely to be carried out.

21. Morrisons Roundabout:

Marc stated that this roundabout is in a terrible state – the shrubs are now growing out into the road and it needs more than just trimming. The design of this roundabout has been outgrown by the continual development in the area so much so that it is becoming dangerous and it can no longer cope with the amount of traffic generated the ever growing residential estates. He suggested we write to Cornwall Council asking them to re-examine the design of this roundabout. Cllr Glanville was asked to take this forward and the Clerk will write to highways on behalf of the Parish Council.

22. Trewarne Lane – Improvements to tree area:
Already covered under agenda item 16.

23. Double Yellow lines – Figgy Road/Quintdown Business Park
The only possible funding available for this work is from the Community Highways Improvement Programme. Applications have now closed for this year, but we should complete an Expression of Interest form when the applications open for next year's funding.

24. Neighbourhood Watch:
The clerk has sent out the presentation from Steph Good and the Councillors requested that we ask her to attend a meeting later in the year. The clerk will ask if she is available for June.

25. Young Carers Party:
At present we do not know how many, if any, Young Carers we have in our Parish. This was discussed by all present and decided that we would help if possible, once we know the amount of funding required. Cllr Thomson will be in touch later in the year.

26. Letters/Notices:
An email was received from Climate Vision regarding an open letter sent to WPs about building personal climate resilience. This has been shared with all Parish Councillors as requested.

27. Any Other Business:
Stacey stated that the Speedwatch training has been arranged on the Village Hall on Thursday from 10.00am – pm.
Kevin asked the clerk to chase the issue of bus shelters on the Goings estate.

28. Next Meeting:
The next meeting will be held on 29th April 2026

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