

Colan Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 29th April 2026

Those present: Derek Luscombe, Marc Dummett, John Fitter, Kevin Springall, Steve Lean, Stacey Matthias, Fiona House
Clerk – Di Willett.

Derek Luscombe was in the Chair.

1. Police Report:

No report this month

2. Public Speaking:.

Elizabeth Harvey spoke about problems with abusive behaviour at the recreation field. The gate to the daffodil field has been damaged and fires are being lit. The youths are intimidating other users of the field and Mrs Harvey asked if there was anything we could do. The clerk has already contacted the Police regarding this issue – John Fitter suggested that as many people as possible contact the police so that they will understand how much of a problem this is causing.

Sean Kilker volunteered to make some seats from the felled trees – Derek said that this was a good idea and he would meet Sean on site to discuss where to place them. Sean also suggested a limited parking time sign at the recreation field; he thinks people are using the recreation field car park as public parking spaces and not just for those intending to use the fields.

Dave Rich asked if the cricket club would be allowed to site a container on the recreation field for four months during the cricket season. He stated that the cricket club would be responsible for this container. Derek agreed to meet him on site to discuss the position of the container.

Mark Scoot from Walker developments explained the planning application at Polhendra site.

Derek gave a short history of the back recreation field so that Parishioners are aware of the previous plans for the field. He stated that 20 years ago the Ladies Football Club started to create a football pitch with plans submitted to build changing rooms, showers etc. Unfortunately they were unable to raise all the funding they required and they pulled out of their lease of this field. This was in place for about 10 years, but 5 years ago they decided they could go no further. This left the Parish Council with 3 options:

- a) Do nothing
- b) Hand back the land to Cornwall Council
- c) Create a football field and wildlife area together with a dog walking area

The football team currently showing an interest in this land is a Sunday league team who have applied to the FA for funding. If they cannot gain funding there will be no football pitch. We await further details from the football club.

3. Cornwall Councillor's Report:

Cllr Heinz Glanville has sent his apologies to the meeting and sent the following information:

West road reinstatements, Morrisons roundabout, Bollards at lane etc

I have a face-to-face meeting with Highways next week, so I am hoping to get answers to many questions for the next meeting.

4. Apologies:

Apologies received from Maurice, Kerry, Anna and Cllr Glanville.

5. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved by all and signed as such by the Chairman.

6. Matters Arising:

None

7. Website/Email addresses:

The website is much improved and most Councillors are now using their new email addresses.

8. Planning Applications:

PA26/01449: Reserved matters application for appearance and layout at Trevithick Manor Farm: Approved by all.

PA26/01902: Outline permission for 248 dwellings – car boot field opposite Hendra: There are already 800 dwellings proposed at Trevithick and 3000 at Nansledan. Derek is very concerned at the increased pressure this would put on our infrastructure. Marc stated that The NHS statement reveals that this will be a huge impact on our doctors' surgeries which have no further capacity at present therefore can take no additional patients. There are also concerns from the education department – our schools are also running to capacity. Marc believes that this is outside the designated area for development. Fiona said that this would cause further congestion on our roads, which in turn will affect the traffic at Quintrell Downs. John Fitter felt that we need more information regarding this application. There is a new planning policy coming into force with new housing targets and the infrastructure will have to follow developments. Highways did not object to this development which is considered a strange response as the increased traffic will affect all the roads in the area. John suggested a holding response requesting additional time to evaluate the affect this will have on our Parish. He agreed to look into this further especially as it is outside the designated area where development can take place. We need to provide very strong reasons for objecting to this application. Derek stated that other areas of Cornwall which are currently underdeveloped should be examined. While Newquay Town Council may approve these developments, it is Colan Parish that will suffer the results of this additional development and not Newquay.

It was felt that this overdevelopment must stop and we would want a guarantee that any developments will not join up to West Road. Fiona wondered if we need to have a local meeting – but Derek felt that it would be better if all the local residents went on to the planning portal and registered their objections to any further development. It was proposed that we request a holding response and ask for an extension of time while John investigates further and our decision will be made at the next meeting. All councillors agreed with this.

PA26/00806: Application for 162 dwellings at Polhendra: Mark Scoot representing Walker Developments gave a brief overview of the intended development. He stated that this area falls within the local plan from Cornwall Council and they are liaising with the Duchy of Cornwall as this development will be similar to Nansledan in design. This plan will put further pressure on our infrastructure. It was proposed to ask for an extension of time to enable further investigation into the application. All Councillors agreed.

9. Accounts:

CALC Membership - £707.12 + VAT – approved by all.

NMS – grass cutting of toddler area - £120.00 – approved by all

Abbey Maintenance – Clearance of bus shelter on East Road - £180.00 – Approved by all

Ecological Survey - £748.300 + Vat – Approved by all.

Western Web - £80.00 + Vat – Approved by all.

Ace of Spades – Grounds maintenance - £235.00 + VAT – Approved by all.

10. Recreation Fields:

Steve suggested that maybe we could place a seat nearer the concrete area of the basketball hoops.

Perhaps we could move one of the other seats or buy a new one. After further discussion it was decided to buy a new picnic table for this area. The clerk will look into this for the next meeting.

The adult gym equipment is fully open now; the contractor has also laid some rubber matting by the tunnel in the play area which was constantly becoming waterlogged.

The clerk has received the quote for the repair of the play wall and will send this to our insurance company.

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

The first cricket match on the new pitch will be in May. The cricket team have asked to place a container on the recreation field- the siting of which will be agreed with Derek.

12. Lane/Trencreek Traffic regulations:

No further news this month.

13. Glyphosate weed treatment:

This treatment has already been voted on by Cornwall Council who have decided not to go ahead with the treatment.

14. Litter Bin Contract:

All Councillors voted to go ahead with the new litter bin contract with Cornwall Council. The Clerk will continue to chase BIFFA for a refund.

15. Playground Inspections

Marc is due to carry out the inspections in May.

16. Funding Opportunities: Grantscape Funding/Open Space money

We await approval of our application from Grantscape.

17. Bus shelters:

All bus shelters have now been cleaned and painted.

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

Hendra have responded asking if the Parish Council will pay for emptying this bin. Upon further discussion it was decided that we had no funds available to cover this charge.

19. Neighbourhood Plan:

Fi updated us following the Teams meeting yesterday. The Parish Council has to apply for designation which needs to be confirmed by email. Our intention to produce a plan needs to be minuted, unfortunately there is no money available to help us produce this plan. A steering group will have to be formed which needs to involve Parishioners as well as Councillors. The group will need bigger maps of the Parish and there may be a charge for these. Once we are designated we will receive a data pack – every Parish in the County will be encouraged to create a Neighbourhood Statement. Cornwall Council will respect what is included in our plan.

Derek thanked Fi, Kerry and John who have agreed to take this forward.

20. West Road – reinstatement of verges:

No further news at present.

Post Meeting Note: An email has been received from Cornwall Highways stating that the work will be carried out overnight week commencing June 8th 2026.

21. Morrisons Roundabout:

Cllr Glanville has informed us that he has a face to face meeting with Cornwall Council next week when this roundabout and other issues will be discussed.

22. Trewarne Lane – Improvements to tree area:

As this work will now have to be postponed until October we may have to request new quotes. We will arrange meeting on site for those contractors who are interested in August so that everything is in place to move this forward as soon as we are allowed to do so. Item to be included in the July agenda.

23. Double Yellow lines – Figgy Road/Quintdown Business Park

We await notification of the release of the new funding.

24. Neighbourhood Watch:

Steph Good has agreed to attend our June meeting to answer any questions about her presentation.

25. Letters/Notices:

None.

26. Any Other Business:

Derek stated that the Recreation Field Committee will be making a donation of £50.00 to the Parish Council.

Stacey asked if we could have a different seating arrangement for Councillors at our meetings so that members of the Public can identify who represents their Parish Council. This was agreed by all.

Kevin is still chasing Persimmons regarding dog waste bins at the Goldings Estate.

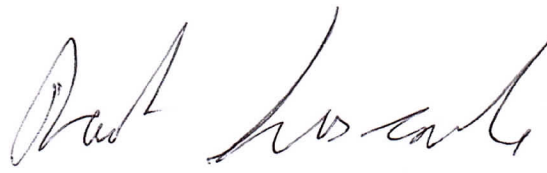
Marc mentioned the road markings at the Quintrell Roundabout which have worn away causing confusion for drivers as to which lane they should be in. This will be added to the agenda next month.

27. Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be our AGM and will be held on 27th May 2026

Di Willett

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