

CLARIFICATION NECESSARY TO THE WORDING OF THE PETITION BELOW

SAVE THE QUINTRELL DOWNS “DOG WALKING FIELD”.

We the undersigned, call on Derek Luscombe to protect the public land, located at the end of Trewarne LANE, next to the Recreation Ground, from being turned into a football pitch and ensure it is completely accessible for Community use, as it has been for over 4 decades.

The land is used by 100's of dog walkers, young and old, able bodies and disabled, for safe and sociable walks. The land is crucial for local access and community relationships and a balance has to be made for all members of the Community and not just Sport. It is also a natural wildlife habitat for many, many species and as such needs to be protected.

This petition is addressed personally to me, Derek Luscombe. I have no powers to make decisions regarding the leased land adjacent to the recreation field. All decisions are made at Parish Council meetings by our eleven elected parish councillors.

The implication the recreation field is to be used only by a football club is incorrect.

The parish council has agreed unanimously to carry out works to provide a wildlife area, a dog walking area and an area for football, with the added facility to hold community functions as required.

The area is and is intended to be available to all users for all legal activities.

In conclusion, this petition is based on an incorrect statement, directed at an individual.

Derek Luscombe

THE HISTORY OF THE LAND NOW KNOWN AS COLAN RECREATION FIELDS

The history of the land is of some interest; the land was independently owned by farmers and was used for sheep and cattle grazing and for growing of cereal crops.

Subsequently it was purchased with the recreation field adjacent by Restormel District Council for community house building.

Cornwall County Council inherited the fields when the six Cornish District Councils were amalgamated.

Decisions were made by Cornwall County Council that it was unsuitable for housing and the field nearest to North Way was sold to Colan Parish Council for £1000.00 repayable over 10 years.

The field to the east of this was leased to Colan Parish Council on a 50-year lease.

The field was then sub-leased on a 30-year lease to Newquay Ladies Football Club.

Subsequently an area was cleared, de-stoned and seeded for football. The Club did some training on the site but due to lack of funding it was never developed. The Club ended its lease after 15 years.

From then Colan Parish Council has explored other options for the field culminating on a decision to create a facility for public recreation and to include a dedicated wildlife area, a dog walking area and a football pitch area, available to all for any legitimate activities.

Work is expected to start in October 2026 to bring these aspirations to fruition.

Derek Luscombe