

Colan Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 25th February 2026

Those present: Derek Luscombe, Marc Dummett, John Fitter, John Griffin, Kevin Springall, Fiona House, Cllr Heinz Glanville
Clerk – Di Willett.

Derek Luscombe was in the Chair.

1. Police Report:

The following report was received from PC Verity Veale:

In terms of recorded crime in Colan parish, other than incidents at retail premises and domestic incidents, the only significant crime is the theft of a motorbike from the vicinity of Trevemper between 01/02/26 – 02/02/26. This potentially forms part of a crime series, with one other motorbike stolen from within Newquay town. Enquiries are continuing to identify potential offenders however offences such as these highlight the value of schemes such as Neighbourhood Watch. Information regarding the scheme can be found at www.ourwatch.org.uk or by contacting Community Project Manager Steph Good at steph.good@ourwatch.org.uk

Newquay Neighbourhood Policing Team welcomed three new members of staff in recent weeks. PCSO Kirsten Wood and PC Jennifer Macdonald joined permanently, while PC Sheri Nel has arrived on attachment for three months. This should enable the team to become more visible within the community, as staffing has been somewhat stretched over the past year.

2. Public Speaking:

None.

3. Cornwall Councillor's Report:

Cllr Heinz Glanville reported that Cornwall Council yesterday approved a rise in the Council Tax this year despite opposition by many Councillors. Funding has been requested from the Cornwall Highways Improvement Plan to improve the safety of the A3059 Nansledan to St Mawgan road; however there is no further funding available until 2027. Currently this is a 60mph road and it has been requested to reduce this to 40mph. Residents have cut back the foliage so at least the visibility on the bend is now much improved.

4. Apologies:

Apologies received from Steve, Kerry, Stacey, Maurice and Anna.

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:

We have now been issued with our new email addresses. All Councillors have now been notified of their new addresses however these will need to be set up by each individual Councillor before they can be activated.

Kevin suggested that if there are any news articles relating to the Parish that they can now be included on the website.

Di thanked Kevin for all his help in getting this set up.

8. Planning Applications:

PA25/05788: Atlantic Vineyard - proposed winery/office and storage building: Approved by all.

PA26/00396: Brea Coath, Mountjoy - Removal of conditions 1,2 and 3 and variation of condition 5: There is one objection from a neighbour to this amendment on the planning portal. Following discussion, the Parish Council voted to object to this amendment due to privacy concerns and flooding issues. We would like to know the cause of the flooding – is it run off, mains drainage or the septic tank? The council agreed that they would like to know that the neighbour's concerns are taken into account. The clerk will respond accordingly.

9. Accounts:

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

Abbey Maintenance: Cleaning Lane Bus shelter - £180.00 – Approved by all

NMS – Grass cutting in toddler area - £120.00 – Approved by all

Cornwall ALC – Code of Conduct training - £25.00 +VAT – Approved by all

10. Recreation Fields:

No further news on the height restriction bar.

We received an email from Dave Rich of Quintrell Cricket Club regarding the possibility of installing portable toilets on the recreation field. We have never had toilets here before; people use Quintrell Inn or Treffry Tavern. This however is a consequence of making the recreation field more useable for everyone. In the future there is the possibility of having toilets installed on the back field when the football pitch is reinstated. John F pointed out that Parish has no public toilets at present and maybe we should be more proactive and provide this facility. One idea is to put some in place for the summer months – April to September. It was proposed that we explore this idea and add it to the agenda for March to be discussed further. All agreed with this. Heinz offered to make some enquiries about the cost of providing this facility.

Dave also asked if he could join the recreation field committee - however the decision was made in November month that this committee would remain dormant at this time as any work required is actually funded by the Parish Council.

We are still chasing a quote for the replacement of the play boat, the clerk will chase this and email the Councillors once received.

We are still currently trying to get three quotes for the clearance work to the area by Trewarne Lane, so that we can apply for Grantscape funding for this. We have so far received two quotes one for £9938.00 + VAT and one for £28,365.00 + VAT. The Difference is due to different surfacing on the footpath.

Derek suggested that the large tree trunks could be stored above the car park to encourage wildlife.

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

The cricket club have now marked out the square ready to start rolling and cutting as the weather dries.

12. 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.

13. Playground Inspections

Derek is due to do the inspection in March.

We have received notification of a RoSPA training course for carrying out playground inspections. We decided not to do this course as our Insurance Company carries out these inspections twice a year for us.

14. Funding Opportunities: Grantscape Funding/Open Space money

We are still chasing quotes for the clearance of Trewarne Lane – once received the clerk will apply for Grantscape money to fund part of this work.

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.

15. Bus shelters:

The bus shelter at Lane has now been cleaned up. West Road and the shelter outside the shop still require maintenance.

16. Neighbourhood Plan:

This matter is ongoing.

17. West Road – reinstatement of verges:

We still are making no progress with this work. Heinz agreed to take this forward for us – the clerk will send through all the correspondence so far.

18. 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 14 for the agreed way forward.

19. Double Yellow lines – Quintdown Buiness Park and Figgy Road:

The clerk was asked to apply for funding from Highways for this work

20. Neighbourhood Watch:

The clerk asked if we could delay this until April as there were several Councillors unable to attend tonight. All agreed so that we can get as many as possible to attend her presentation.

21. Letters/Notices:

Derek stated that there are two vehicles in the Recreation Field Car Park which have been there for some time – Reg Nos :N87SPR – grey VW and YT09OGY – White ford transit. The clerk was asked to report these to the appropriate authority.

22. Any Other Business:

John Griffin has been invited to a resilience exercise in Bath and ge wondered if the Parish Council would pay the £200.00 for this course. The Council agreed to discuss this as an agenda item next month. John Fitter stated that he has made representations to the Boardmasters committee regarding the additional noise which would be generated at this year's festival. Several locals are objecting to the extended hours which have been proposed.

23. Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on 25th March 2026

Di Willett
10/03/2026

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25/3/20