

Colan Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 24th June 2026

Those present: Derek Luscombe, Marc Dummett, Kevin Springall, Fiona House, Maurice O’Gara, Anna Burfoot, Kerry Martin, Cornwall Cllr Heinz Glanville
Clerk – Di Willett.

Derek Luscombe was in the Chair.

1. Neighbourhood Watch Project:

Steph Good introduced herself as the Community Project Manager for the Neighbourhood Watch scheme. She gave a brief outline of the scheme including Community, Connection and Crime Prevention. She is not part of the police force although she does work with crimestoppers. There is no charge for training for any community groups that are interested. The idea is to keep everyone in touch with each other. This includes local businesses, youth engagement, community safety. She would welcome contact from any local groups. The Neighbourhood Watch can also be used as a basis for resilience. The Parish Council agreed to put her details on our website and add this to the agenda for next month.

2. Police Report:

We have a new Neighbourhood Beat Manager – PC Vicky Guy – who will try and attend one of our meetings to introduce herself. In the meantime, she sent the following report:

Please accept my apologies for not being able to attend the meeting in person.

8 crimes were reported to us in May covering Quintell Downs.

We had one Harassment without violence that is an online crime that is still being investigated.

Two criminal damaged were reported with both matters’ now being filed.

Two Assault by beating which were unrelated and have now been filed.

One other assault was reported which the details cannot be shared but have no direct impact on the community.

There have been two thefts from a vehicle/ vehicle interference reported. There has been a wider trend of theft from vehicles and reports of vehicle interference over the last month in and around the Newquay usually overnight. This matter is being dealt with by the neighbourhood team with an investigation on going. We are aware that there are more instances being reported on social media. We urge the community to be vigilant and report any instances to police including reports of car doors being tried.

Crime prevention advice from police is as follows:

- **Ensure vehicles are fully locked and secure both those parked on the street and on driveways – double checking vehicles are locked prior to leaving**
- **Where possible park vehicles in secure garage**
- **Remove all valuable items when leaving a vehicle including any spare keys**
- **Parking in well-lit or locations with high visibility**
- **Have car keys placed well away from the front door.**

Heinz stated that he has concerns about the lights being switched off at night in many areas and would be taking this further.

3. Public Speaking:

None

4. Cornwall Councillor’s Report:

Heinz stated that the signage for the Village play area has now been passed, as well as the signs for Trethiggey Road. The flooding at Quintrell Downs roundabout will be resolved by a capital drainage project and Heinz is trying to find out the timescale for this. He has had several complaints about drainage and heating at the Village estate – Coastline are responsible for dealing with this and it will now be rectified.

5. Apologies:

Apologies received from John Griffin, Stacey and Steve.

Post Meeting note: John Fitter also sent his apologies.

6. Minutes of previous meeting

Heinz asked for the following amendments to be made to the previous month's minutes:

Item 19 – He wanted to know who would pay for the building on the back recreation field. It was stated that there are no plans to do this at the present time.

Item 24 – Heinz added that the Duchy would inform the Parish Council of any further development in our Parish

Item 26 – Following a site meeting at Morrisons roundabout the Parish were asked if they would like to take responsibility for this roundabout – Councillors voted unanimously that the Parish will not take this on.

Once these amendments have been made, Derek was authorised to sign the minutes as true and correct.

7. Matters Arising:

None

8. Website/Email addresses:

Kerry thanked Kevin for arranging the new website saying that it is much improved. It was agreed to put details for Steph Good and the Neighbourhood watch on to the website.

9. Planning Applications:

PA26/03569: Proposed side extension Willow Close: All Councillors supported this application.

PA26/03617: Permission In principle for 4 dwellings – Trencreek Road: Councillors accepted this application in principle.

10. Accounts:

Cornwall Council – Litter bin contract: £834.29 – Approved by all

Village Hall rent: £72.00 – Approved by all

CALC – cost of conference: £37.50 – Approved by all

Abbey Maintenance – supply and install new climbing post - £145.00 – Approved by all

NMS – Toddler area grass cutting : £120.00 – Approved by all

Ace of Spades GM – May and June - £468.00 Approved by all

Clerks Salary and expenses: £1258.35 – Approved by all.

Post meeting Note – Councillors approved by email to pay the broadband rental for the Village Hall - £389.59

11. Recreation Fields:

Following last month's meeting it was agreed to site the new picnic bench near the basketball area and close to the exercise area. The seat will be funded from our CIL money. The clerk was asked to order a brown large picnic bench at a cost of £575.00.

It was also agreed to plant trees NW of the tennis court along the back of the gardens on North Way. The timber will also be cleared and Sean Kilker has agreed to make some seats out of the felled tree trunks.

This work will be planned for September/October time after the nesting season.

The plan for the back field is to clear it then the football club will create a football pitch. There will also be an area for dog walking and leisure.

The youngsters who created the den in the hedge have left a lot of litter, broken fencing, glass and old pallets behind. Heinz will report this to the police. In the meantime, Derek and Kerry will go up there and make the area safe.

12. Car Park Signs:

It was suggested that we get some new car park signs – a meeting will be arranged to discuss this – leave on the agenda for next month.

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

The cricket club/cricket club container will be sited east of the copse on the right side of the recreation field.

Heinz does not think that the football club should be using the back field. Derek stated that Councillors have previously made the decision to allow football in this area and although Heinz's comments have been noted the decision remains. Should the Parish Council receive a petition regarding the area then they will have to debate this again.

14. Lane/Trencreek Traffic regulations:

No further news this month.

15. Playground Inspections

Anna carried out the visual inspection in May and stated that there is a bolt cover missing and also the plastic around the bolts in the toddler area is broken. She also found that the wooden planks around the swings are broken. Derek agreed to check the bolts and the swings. The angled steel by the basketball court is leaning. We are currently keeping an eye on the steel while we await approval of funds from our insurance company.

16. Funding Opportunities: Grantscape Funding/Open Space money

The next round of funding from Grantscape will be in March 2027.

17. Trewarne Lane – improvements to tree area:

A meeting of the contractors who quoted for the clearance work to Trewarne Lane will be arranged so that we can apply for some open space money to carry out this work.

18. Neighbourhood Priority Statement:

Fi, Kerry and John have had a meeting and applied for maps of Colan Parish. They are hoping to meet with the residents of the Parish who wish to get involved with this plan, they will try and arrange this prior to the July meeting of the Parish Council. John F has become very involved with this project and Fi and Kerry thanked him for his valuable input.

19. West Road – reinstatement of verges:

The verges have now been reseeded; however, vehicles are already parking on the newly seeded area. It was suggested that we put something on the verges to stop this, but we are unsure about the rules for this. To be discussed further next month.

20. Morrisons Roundabout:

Newquay in Bloom have been asked if they wish to continue maintaining this roundabout. Heinz has met highways who are only prepared to tidy the roundabout up and not take on any more work. Heinz stated that he could try and get someone else to sponsor it, otherwise it will have to be concreted over.

21. Quintrell Downs roundabout:

The road markings on the North Way entrance to this roundabout are faded and need to be reinstated. It is becoming dangerous as there are also pedestrians crossing the road here. There are no warning signs in place to warn motorists of this. The clerk was asked to email highways to request a site meeting to further discuss this situation.

There are also concerns about speeding traffic on South Way causing problems for vehicles turning out of Little Trethiggey. The council are concerned that road safety is becoming a big problem in Colan Parish. Heinz suggested that we ask a member of the public to request a zebra crossing in this area. He has suggested that rumble strips could be installed but has been told that these are too noisy. Heinz has also asked for speed checks to be carried out in the area.

Marc suggested that we write to highways to request a site meeting to discuss all these safety issues. All agreed and the clerk was asked to write to highways. Fi suggested that we could ask for speed enforcement cameras.

22. The Goldings Estate:

Kevin stated that the bus stop at the Goldings estate is in a dangerous position and the clerk was asked to write to Chris Deakin and ask for it to be moved.

23. Letters/Notices:

We have received a letter regarding the closure of the Trencreek and Chapel railway crossings. As we thought this was already in place the clerk was asked to ask for clarification on this matter.

24. Any Other Business:

Anna stated that she has emailed Ocean Housing regarding overhanging trees at Mountjoy but has been informed that they will not do this and have said that overhanging branches can be cut off by the landowners affected. Heinz agreed to take this further.

25. Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on 26th August 2026

Di Willett
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