

Colan Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 29th July 2026

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

Derek Luscombe was in the Chair.

1. Police Report:

None this month

2. Public Speaking:

Megan Hill reported that having visited the children's playpark in the recent hot weather, her children came away with black marks on their hands and clothes. It would appear to be coming from the path – the Council agreed to investigate this problem.

It was also reported by a parishioner that the youths who have previously damaged areas and been abusive to residents are back on the recreation field. They appear to be sleeping in their den. John G. suggested that the police need to be contacted about this and that any contact made with them is completely anonymous. Derek agreed to go up there and have a look at the damage caused by these youngsters.

Bob Scott reported to the Parish Council that the play area on The Village estate is still not signposted – he has offered to pay for signage but has been told that he cannot install them on the highway. He also asked if a dog waste bin could be installed and reported damage to the stone wall and play area. Belmont have stated that they are not responsible for this but are happy to discuss it with the Parish Council. This will be put on the agenda for next month.

3. Cornwall Councillor's Report:

Heinz introduced Cllr Linden Harrison who is the Cornwall Councillor for the Nansledan area as a lot of the complaints received overlap the two parishes. He stated that he is aware of the additional traffic that has been created by the opening of the Nansledan road on to the A392. He said that Cornwall Council has overspent on their CAP budget and are currently trying to claw money back. He is trying to get the signage on Figgy Road from a different budget. He is unable to go any further with the vandalism reported at the recreation field. He handed a petition to the chairman from some of the residents of Quintrell Downs regarding the use of the back recreation field. The chairman asked what question was actually asked by the petitioners. The chairman stated that incorrect information was supplied and that this field has been designated for three different uses – football, dog walking and a wildlife area.

There is no funding left for the installation of double yellow lines on the industrial estate of Figgy road and we should send an expression of interest form when they are released for the next round of funding.

John Fitter asked Heinz if there were any updates on traffic calming on the A3059. Heinz said the mayor had received a number of complaints about this road, but nothing further was said. John felt this was an unsatisfactory reply and requested further information be passed to the clerk who will share it with the Councillors.

4. Apologies:

Apologies received from Steve, Maurice and Kerry.

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:

John Fitter commented on the lack of growth on the new verges on West Road and the clerk was asked to contact highways.

7. Website/Email addresses:

No problems this month

8. Planning Applications:

None this month

9. Accounts:

Abbey Maintenance – Assembling picnic bench- £60.00 – Approved by all

NBB – new picnic bench - £517.50 – Approved by all

Planning training – John Fitter - £35.00 – Approved by all

Code of Conduct Training – Kerry - £25.00 – Approved by all -

Cornwall Local Council Conference -John Griffin- £37.50 - Approved by all

Recreation Field Rent - £150.00 - Approved by all

Ace of Spades ground maintenance – July - £234.00 - Approved by all

Complete weed control - £440.00 - Approved by all

10. Recreation Fields:

The chairman stated that the back recreation field was not specified to be solely for football. It is intended to make it a multi-use area with football, dog walking and a wildlife section. It is intended to be a space for the whole community. While we appreciate the petition from the dog walking community, the whole area cannot be designated as a dog walking area. Marc stated that we cannot designate the size of the area available until all the brambles and undergrowth have been cut back. We have to wait until October now until the nesting season is over. The trees that were destroyed in the storm will be used to provide an area for wildlife. Once it is cut back there will be no space for youngsters to hide away.

John F stated that once Newquay Football club handed the field back to the Parish Council it was an opportunity to open it up for multi-use. While Newquay Club had the lease it was designated as a field just for football.

John G. and Derek will meet to discuss the security at the two fields – the Clerk will circulate the decisions to the Council once she has received them.

Tree planting cannot be done until November and it was agreed to apply for a grant from Forest for Cornwall for trees for the new area. The Clerk will look into this.

11. Car Park Signs:

It was agreed that we need to modernise the signs at the recreation field and a plan should be put together to design a new signage system. Marc agreed to arrange a site meeting with Councillors to take this forward.

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

The football club now has funding available to develop their field. There is a container in place for the use of the cricket club and the football club. The Cricket Club have four home games during August.

13. Lane/Trencreek Traffic regulations:

No further news.

The road across the railway line at Trencreek is now closed and Railtrack have put up gates to prevent access. The pedestrian footpath is now through the wooded area which leads off Trencreek Road. The money for this footpath is coming from the new Falmouth/Newquay rail link.

14. A392 Report:

John G has prepared a very good report on the future of the A392 which includes residential development and vehicle movements amongst other important considerations.

He stated that there has never been a strategic review of this area which is now one of the most critical roads in Cornwall. This report should alert the recipients which will include Cornwall Council, Cormac and Highways England that the local economy will be crippled if things are allowed to develop as they are going at present. The new Aldi store is also proposing to have an entrance on to the A392. John G. proposed that this rereport be sent as soon as possible, this was seconded by Marc. John F. abstained from this vote, but all other Councillors present voted in favour of sending the report. John G will liaise with the clerk with a list of the required recipients.

15. Playground Inspections

Derek is due to carry out the inspections in August.

16. Funding Opportunities: Grantscape Funding/Open Space money

The next round of funding from Grantscape will be in March 2027. The clerk was asked to check on the amount of funding available from Grantscape.

17. Trewarne Lane – improvements to tree area:

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

18. Neighbourhood Priority Statement:

There have been a few issues with the priority statement but John, Fi and Kerry will get together to move this forward.

19. West Road – reinstatement of verges:

The verges have now been reseeded; however, there has been no growth due to the very dry weather. Vehicles are already parking on the newly seeded area. The clerk was asked to write a letter of complaint to highways. This was supported by all present.

20. Morrisons Roundabout:

No further news.

21. Quintrell Downs roundabout:

We have had a response from Highways stating that improvement work to the road markings will be carried out in this financial year, however the Councillors stated that they still wish to have a site meeting to discuss various other safety issues including vehicles paring on the pavement and the difficulty in crossing

22. Neighbourhood Watch:

All the information received from Steph Good is now on the website and in the noticeboard.

23. Forest for Cornwall:

Discussed under agenda item 10.

24. Bus stop Litter Bin:

The litter bin by the bus stop opposite Treffry Tavern has been taken again. It was suggested that we try and get something more vandal proof as it is not worth replacing the bin like for like. Marc proposed that we research this further and find out what is available. This was seconded by John G. John F then proposed that we do not replace this bin as this is happening too often. This was seconded by Kevin. This was put to the Council who voted by majority to research new bins.

25. Letters/Notices:

None

26. Any Other Business:

Anna requested that crossing the main road at Mountjoy be put on the agenda for next month.

Stacey, John G and Kevin will be attending the backstage tour of Boardmasters next week.

Marc stated that there is a dead tree opposite the Premier Inn which needs to be removed. The Clerk was asked to contact the Council regarding this.

27. Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on 26th August 2026

Di Willett

12/08/2026



2018/26.