

Mullion Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 16 December 2025 at 7.00pm in The Centenary Room, Methodist Chapel, Churchtown, Mullion

Councillors Present

Mr G Atkinson
A Gilbert
Mr R Ormond
J Pascoe
Mr M Rowse

Mrs L Skeites
Mrs C Rule (Chair)
Mr R Willey
Mrs K Wilson

The Chair opened the meeting, advised of the fire and public speaking procedures and welcomed everyone.

Cornwall Councillor Rory Gow was in attendance. There were eight members of the public present.

1. Public Session

None.

2. Absence

Councillor Ms J Birnie had submitted her apologies to the meeting.

3. Minutes

It was proposed by Councillor M Rowse, seconded by Councillor R Willey and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 18 November 2025 be approved as a true record and were duly signed by the Chair.

4. Declarations of Interest

None.

5. Planning

The following applications were received from Cornwall Council for discussion:-

PA25/07471 - Parc Venton Sah, Garro Lane - The demolition of existing lean-to outbuilding structure and construction of single-storey extension

Some concern was raised by Councillors about this house being of significant historical value in the village. However, planning permission for an extension in the same location had previously been granted.

It was proposed by Councillor K Wilson, seconded by Councillor Mr Rowse to support this application. The proposal received 5 votes.

Four Councillors abstained from the vote.

PA25/08356 – Uplands, Polhorman Lane - Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of replacement dwelling

The Agent attended the meeting to advise the meeting of the need for the application.

It was proposed by Councillor J Pascoe, seconded by Councillor Mrs L Skeites and unanimously RESOLVED to support the application.

PA25/08856 - Land North East of Steephurst, Nansmellyon Road - Application for Permission in Principle for a rural exception site, affordable led development of between 4-6 dwellings (minimum of 4, maximum of 6)

Seven neighbours attended the meeting and spoke in objection to the application.

This site had previously been refused planning permission by the Planning Inspector. The intention to build affordable homes did not change any of the previous reasons for refusal. 26 new affordable homes for social rent were being built in the village which would go a long way to meeting our housing needs in Mullion. In addition to those reasons, the removal of private sewage was also a problem in West Cornwall.

It was therefore proposed by Councillor J Pascoe, seconded by Councillor R Willey and unanimously RESOLVED to object to the planning application on the following grounds:-

- Affordable homes for sale were not needed in Mullion. Affordable social rentable homes were needed, but that need was being met by the extension to Parc en Venton.
- The removal of private sewage was a serious problem in West Cornwall at the current time, with no real moves to address the situation in the near future.
- The site is located in open countryside and this development would encroach into the rural area and outside of the main settlement form of Mullion.
- This development does not enhance the natural beauty of the Cornwall National Landscape.

Three members of the public then left the meeting.

PA25/08792 - Meres Copse, Meres Valley - Proposed refurbishment and extension previously commenced without consent

The Agent attended the meeting.

Concern was raised over footpath 15/3 which was shown on the Definitive Map to pass through the garden of this property. However, a permissive path (not on this property) had been used in more recent years. Now was the time to ensure that the legal route was reinstated.

Therefore, it was proposed by Councillor R Willey, seconded by Councillor A Gilbert and RESOLVED to support this application with the condition attached that a legal path be created for footpath 15/3. Councillors were happy to enter into negotiations about where that path lay.

PA25/08788 – Avarest, Gwel an Garrek – Proposed alterations

The Agent attended the meeting and outlined the changes.

It was proposed by Councillor K Wilson, seconded by Councillor J Pascoe and RESOLVED to support the application.

Three members of the public left the meeting.

The following decisions had been made by Cornwall Council:-

PA25/07259 - Meres Cliff Laflouder Lane - Proposed extension and alterations - Approved

PA25/05516 - Polurrian Hotel, Polurrian Road - Construction of hotel extension to provide 15 new suites, extended function room space and integral spa facilities without compliance with condition 2 of decision PA23/03516 dated 14.11.2023 and without compliance with condition 2 of decision notice PA24/02822 dated 30.07.2024 - Approved

6. Report from Cornwall Councillor R Gow

Cornwall Councillor Rory Gow read a full report, which is attached to these minutes as a separate document.

He had also had a discussion with the General Manager at the National Trust, Justin Whitehouse, in relation to the flooding at Poldhu this week, which had proved fruitless. The Clerk was asked to send a strong email. There were real concerns that a serious incident would happen at Poldhu if no action was taken by the National Trust. The simple dredging of the river to the south of the bridge would undoubtedly help the water to flow better to the sea.

7. Chair and Clerks Comments

None.

8. Public Rights of Way

Councillor R Willey advised the puddles were forming on the South West Coast Path. He intended to dig some new trenches to help the water run off.

A horse rider had been using FP221/41 from The Commons to Park En Skellaw. The situation would be monitored.

9. Public Open Spaces

A quote had been received from the Stone Mason to repair some of the memorials in the old part of the Cemetery. It was proposed by the Chair, seconded by Councillor K Wilson and RESOLVED to approve the quote.

Councillor R Ormond would provide a quote for repairing the bench outside of the YMCA.

Councillors G Atkinson and A Gilbert would repair the broken bench and hinge in the park.

It was suggested that some concrete be laid at the pedestrian entrances to the park to stop water from pooling in the sunken areas. Councillor R Ormond would provide a quote.

10. Highways

The new speed limits had been fully implemented in the village.

The flashing lights at the school were not operating at the correct times, the Clerk would report the issue.

Parking on the road between the School and Trembel Road was a problem as it reduced the road width to single file. Parking was restricted at the school due to building works and it was hoped that this was a temporary problem.

11. Anti-Social Behaviour in the Village

The new PC, Danni Collins, was having a positive impact on the issues in the village. Problems had reduced, and it was hoped that this would continue. Surgeries were being set up on a regular basis and meetings with the schools had proved very useful. People were urged to continue to report any issues on 999 or 101.

CCTV reports being sent to the Police were being taken to the schools and parents had been spoken to. However, it takes a significant amount of time to produce CCTV reports, and Councillor J Pascoe had created a form which would need completing in the system needed to be interrogated. The Clerk would circulate that form.

Providing spaces for children to spend time in was discussed. The schools have excellent facilities that could potentially be utilised further.

The use of the BT building as a community space was raised again. However, the building was not for sale and the Parish Council was not in the financial position to purchase it if it was.

Two members of the public then left the meeting.

12. To discuss the move to a .gov.uk website and email addresses

The Clerk and Chair.gov.uk email addresses were up and running.

13. Precept Demand 2026/27

The Clerk had previously circulated the figures relating to the budget for 2026/27. A discussion took place and the Clerk explained the income and expenditure expected in the next financial year, as well as the affect any increase or decrease in our precept demand would have on households in the village.

It was proposed by Councillor R Willey, seconded by Councillor K Wilson and unanimously RESOLVED to increase the precept for 2026/27 by 3%. The precept amount would increase to £63,060.32. There would be an increase of £3.27 to a Band D household per year calculated on the current tax base information provided by Cornwall Council.

14. To receive any LGA 1972 Section 137 Requests for funding

Mullion Christmas Lights requested a donation of £566.86 to cover its public liability insurance. It was proposed by Councillor R Willey, seconded by Councillor Mrs K Wilson and RESOLVED to donate to the organisation.

15. Finance and Accounts

It was proposed by Councillor G Atkinson, seconded by Councillor M Rowse and RESOLVED to confirm the accounts and to pay the invoices.

16. Planning Enforcement

None.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.34pm and wished everyone a very Merry Christmas.

Signed:

Chair

Dated:

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