

Mullion Parish Council Meeting held on **Tuesday 17 June 2025** at **7.00pm** in The Centenary Room, Methodist Chapel, Churchtown, Mullion

Councillors Present

Mr G Atkinson
Ms J Birnie
Mrs L Skeites
Mr A Gilbert
Mr R Ormond

Mr J Pascoe (Vice Chair)
Mr M Rowse
Mrs C Rule (Chair)
Mr R Willey

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

Three members of the public was present, along with Cornwall Councillor Rory Gow.

1. Public Session

Mr Barry Mundy raised the issue of the overgrown hedge from Mullion Meadows to Mullion Harbour. The Clerk would report it to the Highways Authority.

2. Absence

Councillor Mrs K Wilson had submitted her apologies to the meeting.

3. Appointment of Vice Chairman

It was proposed by the Chair, seconded by Councillor J Birnie and RESOLVED to appoint Councillor J Pascoe as the Vice Chair to the Parish Council. Councillor J Pascoe accepted the position and signed the Declaration of Office.

4. Minutes

It was proposed by Councillor R Willey, seconded by Councillor Mrs L Skeites and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 20 May 2025 be approved as a true record and were duly signed by the Chair.

5. Declarations of Interest

None.

6. Planning

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

PA25/03208 - Poldhu Cove Car Park - Advertisement consent for 2 in number A4 Signs on a 300mm x 100mm timber post (1.675m high), giving directions on how to use Pay & Display machine

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs L Skeites, seconded by Councillor R Willey and RESOLVED to support this application.

PA25/03539 – Campden House, The Commons – Extensions and alterations to main dwelling and provision of garage

It was proposed by Councillor M Rowse, seconded by Councillor Mrs L Skeites and RESOLVED to support the application. Two Councillors abstained from the vote.

The following decisions had been made by Cornwall Council:-

PA25/02054 - Mundys Cellar, Mullion Cove - Listed Building Consent for re-roofing of existing building on like for like basis – Approved

PA25/01494 – Trevethow, Trewoon Road - Proposed extension and alterations - Approved

7. Report from Cornwall Councillor R Gow

Cornwall Councillor Rory Gow read a full report, which is attached to these minutes as a separate document. Councillor R Willey thanked Councillor Gow for all of the information received and the positive impact that he has already had on the Parish of Mullion.

8. Chair and Clerks Comments

None.

9. Public Rights of Way

Councillor J Birnie had made enquiries of the National Trust in relation to them filling in the cattle grid at Poldhu Nursing Home. She had yet to receive a reply.

Concerns were raised over some exposed metal pins on the steps from Mullion Cove hotel down towards the Harbour. The Clerk would contact the Countryside Officer.

10. Public Open Spaces

Councillor Mrs L Skeites thanked Councillor R Ormond for fixing the tap in the cemetery. He had also replaced the door on the CCTV hut with a UPVC one.

Councillors were asked to look at the slab of concrete in the Cemetery and to come up with some suggestions as to what to do with it/on it.

Weed spraying in the village had commenced.

The Co-op had donated £250 towards a new bench for the park, which had now been installed that's to Councillor R Willey.

The replacement wooden fence on the park boundary was still awaited.

The Clerk had circulated the up to date accounts for Mullion in Bloom. Following a lengthy discussion, it was proposed by Councillor J Pascoe, seconded by Councillor R Ormond and RESOLVED to keep the

monthly payments the same, but to add the weedkilling of the path from the Forge Car Park to Redannack to the list of duties.

11. Highways

It was reported that the dip in the pavement opposite the Co-op was still causing problems. During periods of rainfall, the dip filled with water and forced pedestrians into the road. The Clerk was asked to report the problem to Highways again, and to copy Councillor Gow in on any response.

The Clerk was awaiting a meeting regarding the traffic calming at the junction of Nansmellyon Road and Willis Vean.

12. Removal of the Co-Responder Service from Mullion Fire Station

Two members of the Mullion Co-Responder Team attended the meeting. Watch Manager Chris Williams advised everyone present that there was a significant threat to cease the service over the next 6-12 months. South Western Ambulance Service Trust (SWAST) were hoping to save £280,000 a year by axing the service which covered Gloucester to Cornwall. The reality of the costs locally (including Mullion, Helston and St Keverne) was about £18,000 a year. On average, an ambulance take between 37-48 minutes to get to the scene of a category 1 call - compared to 4.5 minutes for the Co-Responders to get to Mullion Fire Station. It was thought that the existing service would be replaced by Community First Aid Volunteers (of which there were currently none in Mullion). However, concerns were raised over individuals attending traumatic scenes alone, as well as not being on-call for the same amount of time as the Fire Service. It was hoped that a public meeting would be held in July – there was already an online petition to save the service.

Cornwall Councillor R Gow advised the meeting that Cornwall Council had requested monthly data reports relating to Co-Responder and Community Volunteer call outs. The Chair suggested that the Scrutiny Committee calls this decision in for a further discussion.

The Chair thanked the Fire Service for all of their hard work and commitment to our Village. It was agreed to ask the Clerk to send a strongly worded letter to Dr John Martin of SWAST, Andrew George MP, the Chief Fire Officer of Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service, Cornwall Councillor Rory Gow and Wes Streeting MP the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care.

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

Mullion Christmas Lights Committee and Mullion Horticultural Society had sent thank you letters for the donations received by their organisations.

Citizens Advice Cornwall had submitted a request for funding towards their ongoing costs.

It was proposed by Councillor M Rowse, seconded by Councillor R Willey and **RESOLVED** to support the application with a cheque for £200.00.

14. Finance and Accounts

It was proposed by Councillor J Pascoe, seconded by Councillor M Rowse and **RESOLVED** to confirm the accounts and to pay the invoices.

15. Other Correspondence received

None.

16. Planning Enforcement

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.20pm.

Signed:
Chair

Dated:

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