

**Mullion Parish Council Meeting** held on **Tuesday 17 February 2026** at **7.00pm** in The Centenary Room, Methodist Chapel, Churchtown, Mullion

## **Councillors Present**

Ms J Birnie  
G Atkinson  
A Gilbert  
R Ormond

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

Cornwall Councillor Rory Gow was in attendance. There were no members of the public present.

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

### **1. Public Session**

A minute's silence was held in respect of the sad passing of Councillor Mike Rowse on 4 February 2026. Mike was very well known in the village, not only as a Parish Councillor, but as a member of several organisations including the Christmas Lights Committee and the Cricket Club. His funeral would be held on 25 February 2026 and he would be sorely missed.

### **2. Absence**

Councillors J Pascoe and Mrs K Wilson had submitted their apologies to the meeting. A vacancy would be advertised in due course.

### **3. Minutes**

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs L Skeites, seconded by Councillor R Willey and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 20 January 2026 be approved as a true record and were duly signed by the Chair. There was one abstention due to absence at the last meeting.

### **4. Declarations of Interest**

None.

### **5. Planning**

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

PA26/00260 - Rosevean, Mullion Cove - Proposed reinstatement of balcony and replacement windows and doors

There were no comments online in relation to this application.

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

The following application had been received after the agenda had been published but it was unanimously agreed to discuss it at the meeting:-

PA26/00882 – Tregwinian, Polurrian Cliffs – Variation of condition 2 of decision notice PA22/06352

This Applicant had already made the changes to the dwelling prior to the application being submitted. Councillors felt that the building was not in keeping with the surrounding area, and it could be seen from many miles around due to the design and colour. The site was located in a SSS1, AONB and was located on the cliff of the Heritage Coast. It was proposed by Councillor R Willey, seconded by Councillor Mrs L Skeites and RESOLVED to object to the application for the reasons mentioned.

The following decisions had been made by Cornwall Council:-

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

PA25/08792 - Meres Copse, Meres Valley - Proposed Refurbishment and Extension previously commenced without consent – Approved

PA25/08788 – Avarest, Gwel An Garrek - Proposed Alterations – Approved

PA25/05973 - Public Conveniences And Car Park, Poldhu Cove - New foul drainage infrastructure and the refurbishment of the existing public toilet block, and car park improvements – Approved

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) - Refused

## **6. Report from Cornwall Councillor R Gow**

Cornwall Councillor Rory Gow gave his condolences following the passing of Councillor Mike Rowse.

He then gave the following update:-

The A3083 at Bochym was second on the priority list for resurfacing works in West Cornwall, although no date had been mentioned as yet.

Councillor Gow had held a joint surgery with Andrew George MP in the Village Hall.

A meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 25 February 2026 at 10am with the National Trust about the ongoing flooding problems at Poldhu. The Parish Council were encouraged to attend.

Cornwall Council's council tax demand would be 4.99% in 2026/27.

## **7. Chair and Clerks Comments**

The Clerk advised the Meeting that batteries on two of the defibrillators would expire on 01 March 2026. That particular battery was out of stock everywhere due to a worldwide shortage. Pads had been on order since August 2025. Due to the online system, the two defibrillators affected would go offline on that date. The Clerk would continue to check the batteries and leave them onsite until the batteries fail.

It was suggested by the Chair that the Parish Councillor's attend Mike Rowse's funeral together. The Clerk would advise the Funeral Director.

## **8. Public Rights of Way**

Councillor R Willey and the Clerk had met with the land owners on FP15 regarding regularising the legal path from Laflouder Lane through to Meres Valley. It was hoped that a suitable agreement could be made so that the permissive path became the legal route.

Byway 35/1, Laflouder Lane had been resurfaced by land owners.

The Local Maintenance Partnership Grant Offer had been received from Cornwall Council - £4,395.17 which included a 2.2% increase from 2025/26. It was proposed by Councillor R Willey, seconded by Councillor Mrs L Skeites and RESOLVED to accept the offer from Cornwall Council.

## **9. Public Open Spaces**

The trees on the boundary of St Mellan's Park had been removed by Expertrees. The remaining three stumps would be removed when the ground was drier. It was proposed by the Chair, seconded by Councillor Mrs L Skeites and RESOLVED to fence off the felled trees. Mr William Watson had suggested to Councillor R Ormond that he took the felled trees away and made the ground good. Councillor R Ormond would advise Mr Watson that he could have the wood, but would not be remunerated for its removal.

The zip wire had been replaced.

Mr Ben Willey had started to repair the fallen hedge between the cemetery and Tremenhee Car Park. Councillor R Ormond would remove the fallen hawthorn bush.

Weekly park inspections would be undertaken on a rota basis amongst all Councillors. The Clerk would distribute the rota and the checklist.

## **10. Highways**

Potholes could be reported easily on the Cornwall Council website by any member of the public.

## **11. Emergency Plan**

Councillor J Birnie had circulated a draft Emergency Plan to the Parish Councillors. She was thanked for the excellent work done so far. A lengthy discussion was had about what needed to be included and how the plan would be implemented. Feedback from Councillors and Cornwall Council was now needed to populate the Plan with local information.

## **12. To receive any LGA 1972 Section 137 Requests for funding**

Mullion Horticultural Show had requested funding to help cover the costs of printing the show schedules. It was proposed by Councillor R Willey, seconded by Councillor R Ormond and RESOLVED to grant £260 to the organisation.

A funding application had been received from a Mullion School student who was heading to Cambodia with Camps International. Grant funding was not available for individuals, but it was suggested that the group applied for funding instead.

**13. Finance and Accounts**

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

**14. Planning Enforcement**

None.

**15. Confidential Matters**

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.27pm.

Signed: .....  
**Chair**

Dated: .....

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