

Mullion Parish Council Meeting held on **Tuesday 15 July 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)
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 and Cat Lee, National Trust Representative, were also in attendance.

1. Public Session

Cat Lee advised the meeting of the following:-

- Poldhu Cove Car Park was now in the Trust's ownership. They would be refurbishing the existing toilet block and a planning application would be submitted soon. Unfortunately, there would not be a changing place facility. The Trust were sending a facilities operative to the portaloo to check three times a week, including the daily servicing from the portaloo company. Cormac would be emptying the dog bins from 1st July, and the waste bins had been removed by the NT. This was standard practice across their sites as users were expected to take their own rubbish home. The Environment Agency were testing the river on Poldhu Beach regularly and signs had been erected advising people not to paddle in the pool that had formed on the beach.
- Mountain bikes using the South West Coast Path between Poldhu and Polurrian were still causing problems. It was suggested that small 'no cycling' signs were placed on the existing waymaker posts. Councillor R Gow would also make enquiries with Cornwall Council as the wardens of the South West Coast Path.
- Funding had been secured to improve the access for wheelchairs and pushchairs between Polurrian Hotel and Mullion Cove Hotel. It was thought that this path was already fairly accessible, and that maybe the money would be better spent on the stretch from Mullion Cove Hotel to the Harbour.
- Councillors Mrs C Rule and J Pascoe were thanked for attending the Climate Adaptation Day held by the NT. A formal update would be issued in due course, but the NT had a commitment to working collaboratively with all interested parties. Cat thanks Mullion Cove Harbour Group for all their efforts in group working.
- Councillor Ms J Birnie asked why the ancient cattle grid, located adjacent to Poldhu Nursing Home, had been filled in, and was it anything to do with the path being subject to a DMMO to make it a bridleway. Cat explained that it was to improve access for buggy users and stated that they were not opposed to the path becoming a bridleway.

The Chair thanked Cat for attending the meeting, and then Cat left.

2. Absence

Councillor Mr M Rowse had submitted his apologies to the meeting.

3. 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 17 June 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:-

PA25/04275 - Land Adj to Laflouder Farm House, Laflouder Lane - Reserved Matters application for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale following outline approval PA18/09039 dated 04.12.18 without compliance with conditions 1 and 2 of appeal decision notice APP/D0840/W/21/3289006 dated 08.11.2022 following refusal notice PA21/05504 dated 21.10.2021

Concern and been raised by neighbouring properties directly to the Parish Council in relation to this amendment. The stability report that was quoted in the application was based on the previous design, and it was felt that this report should be up to date to ensure that the additional weight of the proposed dwelling was accounted for. There were also some questions over the ownership of the site as laid out on the submitted plans.

It was proposed by Councillor J Pascoe, seconded by Councillor A Gilbert and unanimously RESOLVED to object to the application for the reasons stated above.

The following decisions had been made by Cornwall Council:-

PA25/02649 - Flying Gulls Day Nursery, Mullion Community Primary School - Proposed play cabin for nursery - Approved

PA25/01288 - Poldhu Cove Car Park - Installation of a Pay and Display machine and associated signage- 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.

In response to the report, Councillors asked that Councillor Gow investigated the possibility of having EV Charging points installed in Tremenhee Car Park and to have a further discussion with the Highways Manager about the hole in the pavement opposite the Co-op.

7. Chair and Clerks Comments

The Chair advised the meeting that she had been invited to the Primary School to help judge the poster competition "Our Park". The Parish Council had provided book vouchers for the winner and runner up and it was hoped that a poster could be made into a sign for the park. The Parish Council had also supplied a perpetual shield to the Primary School for a Citizen Award. It was hoped that this could be presented annually at the Horticultural Show in the future.

8. Public Rights of Way

The exposed metal pins on the steps from Mullion Cove hotel down towards the Harbour had been addressed.

FP21 – Newton Farm had permissive signs erected incorrectly. It was also extremely difficult to walk the path due to electric fencing and gates. Councillor R Willey would speak to the Countryside Officer again as a DMMO was needed on this path.

The Clerk was asked to ascertain why Byway 34/1 at Polbream had not been amended on the Definitive Map.

The owners of Meres Farmhouse were not willing to remove the permissive path signs from their land on FP15/3. It was agreed that the Countryside Officer be asked to reinstate the original path which passed through Meres Copse.

9. Public Open Spaces

It was suggested that the graves were not being mounded up enough when a burial took place, which led to them sinking below the ground level in time. The Clerk would speak to the funeral director and ask him to instruct the grave digger to ensure the graves were better finished.

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 of the wooden fence on the park boundary had been commenced and would be completed before the start of the school holidays.

The RoSPA report had been circulated and the Park Maintenance Team were thanked for all their hard work in ensuring that a very positive report had been received.

10. Highways

Councillor G Atkinson asked again about the suggested 20mph extension. The proposed speed limit proposals had been agreed by Cornwall Council against our comments several months ago, although the changes had not been implemented on the ground. Cornwall Councillor R Gow advised that there may be some chance to amend the proposals in the future.

Mullion Cove Road had been successfully cut back. However, the hedge still needed digging back to widen the road and expose the double yellow lines. The Clerk would send a thank you letter for the neat job and to request the additional digging work.

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.

Cornwall Councillor R Gow and Councillor R Ormond had met with the Highways Office to discuss the traffic calming at the junction of Nansmellyon Road and Willis Vean. They had agreed to install additional bollards opposite the Willis Vean junction to stop vehicles mounting the pavement, and that work had already been undertaken. It was suggested that planters be installed on the wide pavement adjacent to the junction to stop vehicles parking on it. Mullion in Bloom had been asked to maintain the planters, but they were unable to do so. It was agreed that more bollards situated on the pavement would stop vehicles and would require no maintenance. Cornwall Councillor R Gow would make contact with the Highways Officer again.

The annual weed spraying had been completed. The Clerk had received two emails of complaint, which had been circulated to Councillors. Councillors were reminded that the decision to spray had been agreed by the Parish Council. Councillors G Atkinson and Ms J Birnie had circulated information relating to the benefits of not spraying the weeds. It was agreed that they would produce a report investigating alternative methods of weed removal for Councillors to consider which would include the costs involved. This matter would be placed on the agenda of a future meeting.

11. Links with the Schools

Councillor Ms J Birnie had been approached by the Governors at Mullion School to provide a link between them and the Parish Council.

Councillor Mrs L Skeites had already been liaising with the Primary School over various matters.

It was proposed by the Chair, seconded by Councillor J Pascoe and RESOLVED to appoint these Councillors to the roles of School Liaison Officers. The Parish Council welcomed the links with the Schools.

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

None.

13. Finance and Accounts

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs K Wilson, seconded by Councillor Mrs L Skeites and RESOLVED to confirm the accounts and to pay the invoices.

14. Planning Enforcement

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.45pm.

Signed:
Chair

Dated: