

Mullion Parish Council Meeting held on **Tuesday 16 September 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
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 no public present.

1. Public Session

Councillor Ms J Birnie updated the meeting on a positive half termly meeting with the schools. She had circulated a full report, by email, earlier in the day. Councillor Ms L Skeites had delivered three litter pickers from the Parish Council Office to the Primary School for them to use. Councillor Gow and Councillor J Pascoe were invited to meet with the Schools by Ms J Birnie, which they agreed to.

2. Absence

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

3. Minutes

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs L Skeites, seconded by Councillor G Atkinson and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 19 August 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:-

PA25/06401 - Woodland Area, Woodlands, Lender Lane - Works to Tree(s) covered by a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) - 1:1:f - Ash x 2 - Dismantle trees, Sycamore x 2 - Crown lift trees to 3m. 1:1:i - Sycamore - Crown lift to 4m over garden

It was proposed by Councillor R Willey, seconded by Councillor J Pascoe and **RESOLVED** to agree with the Tree Officer's advice.

PA25/04899 - Vounder Farmhouse, Meaver Road - Proposed vehicular access to provide access to amenity land / paddock

Concerns were raised over the necessity of a new entrance for this field, when one already exists from the highway into the field.

It was thought that allowing a new access in this location was creating a hazard to school users; parents would drop off in this pull in and children would have to cross a busy road to get to and from the school.

The proposed location of the access was on a bend with poor visibility to traffic leaving the village.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs L Skeites, seconded by Councillor J Pascoe and RESOLVED to object to the application for the reasons listed above.

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 improvement

No concerns were raised over this much needed refurbishment.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs K Wilson, seconded by Councillor Mrs L Skeites and RESOLVED to support the application.

The following decisions had been made by Cornwall Council:-

PA25/05602 - Land At Park En Venton Park En Venton - Non-material amendment in relation to decision notice PA23/10359 dated 18/07/2025, namely amendments to external materials and removal of solar photovoltaic panels, and amendment to plots 1 and 2 and plots 6-9 front elevations – Approved

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 – Approved

PA25/- Land North Of Little Polbream, Trevitho Lane, Meaver Road - Construction of new four bedroom, two storey dwelling with Agricultural Occupancy Condition - Withdrawn

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.

Concern continued to be raised about the speed limit changes in and around the village. Councillor R Gow assured Councillors that this decision was still being challenged.

Concerns were raised about the lack of provision of a direct bus from Mullion to Truro and Penwith Colleges. The whole of the Lizard Peninsula was affected by these changes. The Clerk would email Councillor Gow raising our concerns.

7. Chair and Clerks Comments

The Chair was invited to attend a cheque presentation by the Monday Club for £1,100 towards the provision of new equipment in St Mellan's Park. She was also asked to give a talk on the work of Local Government. The Clerk would send a thank you letter to the Monday Club for such a wonderful donation.

Mullion Extravaganza wished to attend the Parish Council meeting in October to make a presentation.

8. Public Rights of Way

The Clerk had reported rotting planks of wood on the board walk adjacent to the Wesley Field (FP15) to Cornwall Council.

9. Public Open Spaces

The Clerk had contacted Elevate Play as some of the bolts on the new play equipment had loosened. She was still awaiting a visit date.

The CCTV remote access required some attention – Councillor J Pascoe would look into this.

Further vandalism had taken place in Mullion Gardens, and around the village. Police patrols were still taking place and anyone with any problems were asked to report them to the Police.

A young walnut tree had been donated to the village. Councillor A Gilbert would find a suitable location for it to be planted.

It was agreed that the National Trust's response to the Parish Council's complaint over the condition of the stagnant pool on Poldhu was very disappointing. They had quoted local history incorrectly, and were actually quite rude in their response to our concerns. It was agreed to email Councillor R Gow (who had received the same email) for a joint reply to the National Trust.

Two cars had been parked in the Forge Car Park for years. It was agreed that the Clerk would pursue the owners of the vehicles, with the aim to have the cars removed under any means.

The Clerk was unable to get into the donation box in Tremenhee Car Park. Councillor R Willey offered to help.

10. Highways

The verge leading from Mullion Meadows to Mullion Cove still required digging back. Councillor R Gow would speak to the Highways Manager.

11. External Audit for 2024/25

It was proposed by Councillor R Willey, seconded by Councillor A Gilbert and RESOLVED to receive the External Audit for 2024/25. The Clerk was thanked for her work.

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

It was suggested in the External Auditors report that the Parish Council should move to a .gov.uk website address and for the Clerk to have a .gov.uk email address. The Clerk had circulated information and costs relating to this move. It was proposed by the Chair, seconded by Councillor Ms J Birnie and

RESOLVED to move the Parish Council's website to a .gov.uk site and to set up a .gov.uk email address for the Clerk.

There was also the possibility to move all Councillors onto .gov.uk email addresses. This was met with some resistance by some Councillors. The Clerk was asked to make contact with the Standards Officer at Cornwall Council to find out whether it was statutory for Councillors to have .gov.uk email addresses,

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

None.

14. 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.

The Clerk advised the meeting that NatWest has written to the Parish Council advising of new banking charges on our accounts. She would investigate the possibility of moving accounts with other Parish Council's.

15. Planning Enforcement

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.22pm.

Signed:
Chair

Dated: