

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LEZANT PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT LEZANT CHURCH HALL ON TUESDAY 12th MARCH 2019**

Present: Councillors: I Nash, P J Cairns, N Burden, G Scott, V Hill, C Ayres, T Malcolm
Clerk: Mrs S Inman
 Andrew Hudson (Chairman of the NDP Committee), 1 member of the public

Apologies for absence: Cllrs J Dinnis, G Holter, S Oakley

19.023 Declarations of Interest. None.

Mr Walker was in attendance to ask the Parish Council its advice regarding a piece of land which he owned at Treburley (approximately 5 acres). Mr & Mrs Walker had previously applied to build a dwelling on the field, however, their application had not been successful. Whilst they still hoped it would be possible to build a house on the land in the future, Mr Walker was keen that the land was utilised and was interested in discussing possible options such as a section of the plot being used for community based projects. Mr Walker also mentioned that they had been approached by a solar farm but he had some reservations. Councillors advised that the Parish Council did not have the authority to agree possible developments and suggested the land could be used as a wildlife area or trees could be planted to provide an orchard. Cllr Ayres mentioned that grants were available for tree planting. Mr Hudson, in his capacity as Chairman of the NDP, spoke about the findings of the Neighbourhood Development Plan and explained that developments were largely centred in towns. In the parish of Lezant the local need was currently for 6 affordable homes to which Mr Walker responded that they were not looking to build a housing estate but were simply keen to use the plot. (*Mr Walker left the meeting.*)

19.024 Confirmation of the Minutes. The minutes of the meeting held on 12th of February 2019 were approved by all present and signed by the Chairman.

19.025 Matters arising from Previous Meeting:

- **Neighbourhood Plan.** Mr Hudson advised that the report had been submitted to Cornwall Council and public consultation would commence from the 1st April 2019. Mr Hudson explained that he was required to hold two public surgeries to enable residents to provide feedback. It was asked whether it would be possible to hold these prior to the Parish Council meeting on the 9th of April at Lezant Church Room and before the parish meeting on the 21st of May at Trebuletts Chapel (both between 5-7pm). **It was resolved that the Clerk would confirm that no additional costs would arise and liaise with Mr Hudson.** Before leaving, Mr Hudson offered to attend the parish meeting and speak about the Neighbourhood Development Plan if there were any issues with speakers on the day. The Chairman thanked Mr Hudson for all his efforts.
- **Playground Maintenance.** The Chairman notified the Councillors that the springer had been installed at the Jubilee Field. Installation costs amounted to £215.68. The Clerk had been in contact with Friends of Trekenner School to notify them of the installation and arrange for payment of the grant (£400). It was noted that the bins had been emptied at Trebuletts.
- **Parish Walk.** Councillors were informed that a reminder had been put in the parish magazine and a poster displayed on noticeboards.
- **Parish Meeting.** It was confirmed that Trebuletts Church Hall had been booked for the 21st May. All agreed that the meeting should start at 7pm. Cornwall Council will confirm shortly whether someone would be able to attend to speak about internet safety.

Clerk

- **Greystone Quarry Inquiry Update.** Cllrs Nash, Hill and Burden had attended the inquiry. The Chairman gave a statement and had been cross examined by a QC acting on behalf of the quarry. Those opposing the closure of the road were also able to question representatives of the quarry. The Chairman stated that he had interjected as some information given had been factually wrong. It was noted that throughout the inquiry there was no mention of re-routing the road. At the end, the Chairman along with other representatives from the inquiry took part in a site visit. Cllr Nash stated that it will be a number of months before the result is known. Finally, it was raised that Cornwall Council did not send representatives from the planning department or highways to attend. **It was resolved that the Clerk should write to Cornwall Council and express the Parish Council's disappointment in their lack of representation at the inquiry.**

Clerk

19.026 Meet the Planners Meeting (28th March 2019 – Launceston Town Hall).

The Chairman explained that the enforcement team had been contacted by the Clerk to ask whether a representative would be able to attend a parish meeting to discuss planning issues. They replied saying that in light of upcoming changes it would make more sense if a Councillor attended the 'Meet the Planners' meeting instead. Any issues could be raised at this event and possibly see if a representative from the new area team could also then attend a future parish council meeting. **It was resolved that Cllr Cairns would represent the Parish Council at the meeting.**

PJC

19.027 Finance:

- Approval of financial statements for Current and Taxi Accounts
- Approval of accounts for Payment
 - Clerks expenses (Feb) - £44.86
 - Phil Knight (springer installation) - £215.68
 - Taxi Scheme (Feb) - £212 in total. (The Clerk reported that a cheque had been re-issued to one of the drivers as for the last two months he has not received them in the post. It was confirmed that previous cheques had not been cashed and had been cancelled at no cost.)
- LMP. The offer has been accepted for 2019.
- Internal Auditor. **It was resolved that the Clerk should contact Clive Kidman to audit the accounts for 2018/19.**

Clerk

19.028 Planning

- Current applications:
- **PA19/01993.** Mr James. Application for works to a tree subject to Tree Preservation Order. **It was resolved to support the tree works.**
- Status of previous applications.
- **PA19/00262.** Mr D Canarn, Land North West of Highview, Trebulet. Erection of dwelling to replace caravan. Approved.
- Any other consultations received: None.

Clerk

19.029 Highways.

- The Chairman reported that the A388 had been surveyed by Cormac's tree officer and as a result a number of the hanging branches had been removed under public safety grounds. The remaining section that required some crown lifting, which is the responsibility of the adjacent landowner, will be addressed by the issue of a formal 154 notice. In addition, the Landue Estate had been in contact with Cllr Ayres in her capacity as Tree Warden. Cllr Ayres liaised with the Forestry Team who sent a Tree Preservation Order exemption form to be completed for the necessary work.

- It was reported that Cormac had put bollards up by the War Memorial to protect the verges.
- In Cllr Holter's absence the Clerk read out an email from him raising issues regarding the abattoir at Treburley and surrounding roads. Cllr Holter raised the following points:
 - i) Whether the considerable volume of slurry collected at the abattoir was covered as the smell that emanates from the site sometimes, suggests that for some reason waste is not always contained adequately.
 - ii) Whether sufficient attention has been given to washing down of vehicles before leaving the site and in ensuring that run off from that procedure is always contained on site? The lane leading down to the mill from the west gate is always very mucky with runoff from the concrete surfaced within the site.
 - iii) Related to the above is the drainage down the lane from that gate and the adjacent field. After prolonged rain runoff has nowhere to go except across the road, transferring effluent on down the road. Cllr Holter suggested the solution would be to dig out the ditch on the abattoir side, from the gate down to a point where it should be piped under the road. (The muck runoff from the abattoir would need to be stopped first otherwise any ditch would soon silt up and overflow.)

It was resolved that the Clerk would contact the following departments: environment agency; environmental health; highways.

Clerk

- The Clerk reported that potholes on the Rezare road have been logged with Cornwall Council.
- **Cllr Cairns asked the Clerk to log a pothole at Trewarlett Cross.**
- Cllr Cairns noted that hedges have not been cut from Trecarrell Bridge to Trebulet. **It was resolved that the Clerk should notify Cornwall Council.**

Clerk

Clerk

19.030 Footpaths.

- The Chairman informed Councillors that Cormac will no longer provide the safety steps at Treburley (between Budge Meadows and A388). Cormac stated that the steps are not necessary as there is a gentle slope down to the side of the metal railings which it is believed walkers would naturally use rather than the steeper incline down to the highway drain.
- Broken stile at FP12. Cormac is unable to assist the landowner with the provision of materials as it is not shown on the Definitive Map.
- FP13. Cormac confirmed it has added the work at Clam End to its programme of work for the coming financial year.
- As a result of the notice in the parish magazine a resident has volunteered to help with work to do with replacing signposts which have broken or rusted in the parish.

19.031 Correspondence.

- The M.C.C. The 97th Lands End Trial on Easter Saturday 20th April 2019. The MCC proposes to use Ruses Mill as an observed section. About 60 vehicles who will start to arrive at about 08:15. **No action.**
- Cornwall Council is conducting a polling places review looking at the suitability of polling stations and voting arrangements. Notices have been put up in the parish. The Chairman asked if the council wanted to comment. **No action.**

- Council Employee Volunteering Scheme. Cornwall Council wrote to say that it has a Corporate Volunteering Scheme whereby council staff can volunteer up to 2 days a year. It is asking each Town and Parish Council to submit an expression of interest (EOI) for one project which they can support with volunteers for 1 day. **It was resolved that the Clerk should complete the EOI form and list maintenance of Larrick phone box.**
- Cornwall Family History Society (a voluntary organisation) sent the Clerk leaflets about services it provides. **It was agreed leaflets could be put up on the noticeboards.**

Clerk

19.032 Parish Business

Tamar Housing contacted the Clerk about a part share of a house for sale at Sportsmans Close. It can only be sold to a purchaser with a local connection. **It was agreed that leaflets could be put up on noticeboards.**

Cllr Cairns mentioned that some residents were not aware of how to access the minutes from the meetings. **It was resolved that the Clerk should write a notice for the parish magazine providing the necessary details.**

Clerk

Cllr Scott reported that a dilapidated shed visible on the road to Rezare would be dealt with.

- **Any other business brought by members for the next Parish Council Meeting.**

Cllr Holter has emailed the Clerk about a tree overhanging the River Inny on the upstream side of Beal's Mill bridge. Its roots were being undermined by the flow and it was possible it would eventually fall into the river and possibly into the bridge. Cllr Holter considered that this would increase the risk of flooding after a storm and believed the landowner should be alerted to the risk. As Councillors were unaware of the identity of the landowner **the Clerk was asked to contact the Environment Agency.**

Clerk

19.033 Date of next meeting Tuesday 9th April 2019, 7:30pm at Lezant Church Room.

The Meeting closed at 20.59 pm.

Signed :

Chairman

Date: