

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LEZANT PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 12th JANUARY 2021.
DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS THE MEETING WAS HELD ONLINE USING THE VIDEO
CONFERENCING SYSTEM MICROSOFT TEAMS**

Present: Councillors: C Ayres, J Dinnis, G Holter, I Nash, G Scott, P J Cairns, N Burden, V Hill
Clerk: Mrs S Inman

Members of the public: None

Apologies for absence: Cllr(s) A Armstrong Evans

The Chairman welcomed Mr Lionel Shelley to the meeting. Mr Shelley had expressed an interest in joining Lezant PC and the Chairman noted that this would be raised at agenda item 21.003(a).

21.001 Declarations of Interest. None.

21.002 Confirmation of the Minutes. The minutes of the meeting held on 8th of December 2020 were approved by all present and will be signed by the Chairman at the earliest opportunity.

21.003 Matters arising from the Previous Meeting:

- (a) Councillor Vacancy – *update on any applicants/ to fill vacancy.* Mr Shelley addressed the Councillors explaining his interest in standing as a Parish Councillor at Lezant. Mr Shelley noted he had professional experience working as a planner and surveyor and having recently retired he now had more time available to commit to the role. Mr Shelley had previously sat on the Parish Council both as a Councillor and Chairman. **It was proposed, seconded; all in favour that Mr Shelley be co-opted to join Lezant Parish Council.**
- (b) Playground Maintenance – *to discuss & agree any maintenance issues.*
 - The Clerk informed Councillors that CORMAC (who completed the annual safety inspection) was going to identify what repairs were considered essential. A quote for the work would also be provided.
 - Small gate at Trebuletts. The clerk reported that the contractor was currently looking into the issue of the gate not self-closing.
- (c) Proposed Temporary Porta Cabin to be situated at Jubilee Field – *further clarification.* The Chairman had spoken to Trekenner School about the dimensions and length of time the cabin would be in situ. The School was unable to provide further clarification at the present time but would keep the Council informed.

21.004 To Consider Whether the Play Areas (with equipment) at Trebuletts and Jubilee Field should remain open to Members of the Public Given the Change in Tier. It had previously been agreed that the play areas with equipment should be opened. Laminated posters had been put in place, both at Trebuletts & the Jubilee Field informing residents that the equipment was to be used at their own risk and also listing requirements to help minimise the risk of COVID-19 transmission when using the facility. Given the recent change in tiers Councillors discussed whether the play areas should remain open. The Clerk explained that CALC had circulated a fact sheet stating that playgrounds could remain open. **The Clerk was asked to check with Cornwall Council about whether it needed to be kept informed as to the playground(s) being opened or closed.**

Clerk

21.005 Jubilee Field Trustees Meeting Report. The Chairman gave a brief report from the Trustees annual meeting. Trustees had raised a number of concerns including the condition of the water container and polytunnel, rotten areas of wood on the play equipment and the bramble area which Trustees considered unsightly. **It was agreed the Clerk should contact Trekenner School to discuss the issues.**

Clerk

21.006 Community Network Meeting Report. Cllr Burden updated the Councillors on the recent meeting. It had been noted that an under spend had been identified (once the Highways Schemes had been delivered). As there had been numerous requests for measures to address speeding there was a proposal for two mobile speed activated signs to be purchased. These signs would be rotated across locations in Cornwall. Cllr Burden reported that the pedestrian crossing at Treburley, applied for by Lezant PC, should soon be completed. SpeedWatch and the Climate Change Group were also discussed at the meeting. Finally, Cllr Burden commented on the Launceston Community Forest, a project that aimed to expand outside community green spaces. An access through the woods on Pennygillam Industrial Estate had now been established, beginning behind Jo Downs Glass and finishing behind the recycling centre, to provide an area for people to walk.

21.007 Request by the Lezant Parish Newsletter for Community Fund Grant. The Parish Magazine was looking to apply for funds from the community grant. Prior to the meeting a representative of the magazine asked the request be carried forward to February's meeting as work was still being completed on the grant proposal.

21.008 Standards Matter 2: Public Consultation and Public Sector Survey – to decide whether/ how to respond. Prior to the meeting the clerk had circulated emails from NALC, CALC and Cornwall Council regarding the public consultation which was part of a review into the institutions, processes and structures in place to support high standards of conduct. The deadline to submit comments had been extended. No further action.

21.009 Finance:

- Approval of financial statements for Current and Taxi Accounts
- **The following invoices were approved for payment:**

Clerk

TEEC - planning app	Online	£14.40
CORMAC - play inspection	Online	£222.74
Clerks expenses (Dec)	Online	£46.53
Data protection fee	chq 2131	£40.00
J Braunton (cleaning)	Online	£113.36
G Green - War Memorial Flowers	chq 2130	£70.00
ALCC Membership Fee	Online	£40.00
M Harris (Dec) taxi payment	chq 344	£76.00
R Steinbichl (Dec) taxi payment	chq 345	£80.00

21.010 Planning

Clerk

- (a) **PA20/10678.** Trekemletts Lodge Lezant. LDC requested for the continued use of Trekemletts Lodge as a single dwelling/house. Councillors discussed the application and the Clerk was asked to submit the following:

The Members of Lezant Parish Council would like to submit the following comments:

i) As stated in the Statutory Declaration there is less than 10 years of continuous residential occupation. Does the Planning Department consider there are grounds for a certificate of lawful development?

ii) Does the property comply with building regulations?

iii) Is the applicant looking to separate the dwelling with its own boundary as opposed to an annex?

- (b) **PA20/10834.** Land W of Cuddacombe Barn Treburley Works to Horse Chestnut T3 namely re-pollard at height of 4.5 m above ground level covered by a Tree Preservation Order. **The Members of Lezant Parish Council supported the application.**

Any other consultations received. None

Status of previous applications:

PA20/06155 Barton Larrick. Approved. Conversion of outbuilding to residential/holiday annexe and erection of detached garage - removal of condition 2 in respect of decision notice E1/2002/2558 dated 21.02.2003.

21.011 Highways.

- *To note any issues arising on the roads:*

(a) **Speeding between Trebullett and Trekenner.** Issue raised by Cllr Dinnis at the December 2020 meeting. The clerk contacted Oliver Jones and Chris Simms who suggested the possible use of MSAS (Mobile Speed Activated Signs) – although it was noted that there was already high demand for these and priority would be given to locations with the greatest need. Oliver Jones was looking at the site with regards to appropriate signing and lining and would respond to Lezant PC later in the New Year. Cllr Dinnis commented that there were additional speeding issues further along the road.

(b) **Water on the A388 from the Farm Shop heading to Launceston.** Oliver Jones had asked for this to be inspected and to be raised as a defect as necessary. It was noted that a possible source of the water was from a spring, coming from the opposite side of the road, down the hill from Landue Farm. Councillors agreed it needed proper investigation and **the Clerk was asked to inform CORMAC.**

Clerk

(c) **Potholes** had been logged between Treburley and Rezare and Trebullett to Larrick. CORMAC confirmed maintenance work would be carried out. In addition, potholes were noted on the road from the A388 to Lezant and on the road from Trekenner to Lezant (on the hill).

Clerk

(d) It was reported that drainage needed improving on the A388 stretch of road by Lakeside Gallery (coming off the left hand bend).

(e) Cllr Holter commented that the road to the abattoir was breaking up due to the heavy lorries that used the road.

21.012 Footpaths.

- *To note and agree actions on any issues arising on the footpaths.*
Cllr Holter noted that two posts were currently missing 1) East Penrest, 2) Trewarlett (where there was also a broken stile).

21.013 To Receive Correspondence (as listed).

- Various Town and Parish Council newsletters
- Weekly planning reports
- Virtual Councillor Fair - online event Sat 16 January
- Covid-19 Vaccine Text Scam Alert
- CALC FAQ 14 – Briefing on new lockdown
- CALC FAQ 15 COVID in Cornwall & Play Areas Update
- CALC Christmas update
- Community Response to New Lockdown – sent a link
- Climate Emergency Development Plan Document Proposed Renewable Energy & Sustainable Construction policies and evidence – 6 week consultation
- Census 2021 – offering posters and invitation to speak with councillors
- Planning for more renewable energy in Cornwall – consultation
- A resident sent an email of thanks to the Council for organising the Greenbank sign at Trebullet

21.014 Parish Business

Any other business brought by members for the next Parish Council Meeting:

Cllr Shelley asked Cllr Burden if the elections would go ahead in the Spring. Cllr Burden responded that it was currently under review.

Cllr Burden commented that as the Parish Magazine was not being circulated this month residents would not be reminded of their hedge cutting responsibilities. **The Clerk offered to post the reminder on the Parish Facebook page, run by the Magazine.**

Clerk

21.015 Date of next meeting Tuesday 9th February 2021, 7:30pm to be held online using Microsoft Teams.

The Meeting closed at 20:49 pm.

Signed :

Chairman

Date:

