

LANREATH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date of Meeting:

15th March 2022 commencing 19.30

Present:

Mr P Seaman – Chair, Mrs E Lee, Mr John Williams, Mr John Gundry, Miss Julie Tamblin, Miss Sue Cave, Mr David Heard, Mr Peter Bartram, Mr Daniel Pugh, Mrs Rebecca Warren - Clerk

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Meeting

1. Apologies:

PCSO Cocks

2. Members of the Public are invited to address the Council:

PCSO Steve Cocks had submitted a written report which was read out by the Clerk:

“I am pleased to report that from 01/02/2022 – 28/02/2022 there were no crimes. Numerous patrols have been conducted around the Parish and all was found to be in order. If there are any questions or matters arising for my attention then please contact me in the usual manner.”

3. Disclosure of Interests:

None

4. To approve the minutes of the meeting 18th January 2022:

Cllr Cave proposed that the minutes be accepted, seconded by Cllr Heard and carried by unanimous vote. The Chairman signed the minutes.

5. County Councillor's Report:

None.

6. Matters arising:

- Landmark Tree Plaque

Forest for Cornwall will not be providing funding or suggesting a form of wording for tree plaques. The meeting viewed the official logo for the Queen's Jubilee Green Canopy and it was agreed that it would be appropriate to use this on the tree plaque. Clerk to ascertain from Atlantic Signs if they can provide this. Chairman reported that the landmark tree was included on the Queen's Jubilee

Canopy website map – although the exact location is not disclosed for privacy reasons.

- Lanreath Parish Councillors on the Cornwall Council Website

Chairman reminded those Councillors whose Register of Interest forms had been misplaced by Cornwall Council to complete and forward new forms to the Clerk for submission online.

- Jubilee Celebrations H M Queen Elizabeth II

Chairman reported that Lanreath Community Spirit (LCS) propose incorporating a toast to H M Queen Elizabeth II on the day (Friday 3rd June) after the May Pole dancing and before the Community Person award. LCS have requested that Lanreath Parish Council organise the provision of 'bubbles and glasses'. Councillors discussed the request and felt that it would be problematic to organise alcoholic drinks, and inappropriate for the Parish Council to do so in any event. Chairman proposed that a donation be made to Lanreath Community Spirit of £250 to be used for the Jubilee celebrations in the parish, seconded by Mrs Lee, and unanimously resolved.

LCS have submitted a road closure request to Cornwall Council, although the plan currently is to have the party in the football pitch field – weather permitting.

Cllr Cave suggested that perhaps the Jubilee Queen or King could officially 'unveil' the landmark tree plaque, and the meeting agreed that the Chairman should approach LCS to suggest this. The timing of the plaque 'unveiling' would need to be before the parade down to the Millennium Green, otherwise there would be very few people up at the Village Hall. Chairman agreed and stated that there is not yet a published timetable of events, so he will liaise with LCS concerning these matters and report back to Councillors.

- Request to Turbine Funds

Chairman reported that the Community Shop Committee Chair has informed him that their committee agreed to make a contribution towards to cost of the repairs to the path to the shop in the sum of £700. She said that a letter would be sent to confirm this but that letter is yet to be received. Pending written confirmation from the shop committee Chairman proposed that he go back to the contractor, Henry Cooper, to ascertain whether the original quote of £1500 plus VAT remained the same, and thereafter, Clerk to write to both local turbine funds seeking financial assistance to cover the balance. Meeting resolved to proceed as Chairman suggested.

- Cornwall Council Local Maintenance Partnership

Clerk submitted the completed form online 25th February.

- PA22/00170

Clerk submitted consultees comments online 16th February.

- Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

Cornwall Council's CIL Team, in response to the Clerk's enquiry regarding the CIL on Punch Bowl Inn, have advised that it is not applicable, and therefore no payment is due. CIL is not payable on the refurbishment works or the new holiday cottages. The Planning Officer was incorrect to make reference to CIL on the permission.

- Traffic problem Punch Bowl Inn junction

Chairman has reported the matter to Will Glassup at CORMAC, who responded on 16th February that the Area Steward would inspect and renew the road markings, and it would then be added to a programme of future works. Chairman will continue to monitor and follow up if no action has been taken.

- Football pitch land

Chairman has spoken with the owner of the land and the decision on the Cornwall Council Housing Development team's offer is still pending. Chairman will continue to monitor and report to next meeting.

7. Correspondence:

All correspondence received via email unless otherwise indicated; all circulated by Clerk to Councillors.

Cornwall Council Correspondence

- Weekly planning reports
- Pothole Factsheet – 16th February
- Supplement: Committee Updates to the agenda of the East sub-area planning committee meeting 21st February 2022 – 18th February
- Planning training on 22nd March for local Councils: supporting sustainable development, flood and coastal risk management – Clerk has signed up to participate
- Minutes East sub-area planning committee meeting 21st February – 28th February
- Town and Parish Council Bulletin cyber threat – 7th March

Other Correspondence

- Royal British Legion Jubilee merchandise – 21st February. Chairman has forwarded this to LCS
- Pledge for Nature request, summit 24th March – Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Local Nature Partnership – 22nd February. Tickets for this event are sold out but it is possible to register to attend online, although Cllr Cave reported that only some parts of the event are available online.
- Free employability support in southeast Cornwall for local residents – 28th February. Cllr Gundry suggested that this should be uploaded to the Lanreath website – which Chairman confirmed would be done. Cllr Gundry will link to the Facebook page.
- Rural Funding Digest March 2022
- Allotments request – 7th March. Chairman had responded to a request for details of allotments in Lanreath Parish. The nearest are in Liskeard. Cllr Williams stated

that there were others nearer, and he will provide details to the Chairman to pass on to the enquirer.

8. Planning:

Consultees comments on PA22/01183

Consultees comments to be submitted by 16th March on proposed replacement dwelling and garage (resubmission of PA21/06062) Woodlay Farm, road from Tremabe Lane to Polpever, Herodsfoot

Chairman and councillors considered the application and reviewed the comments submitted regarding the previous application (PA21/06062) which the current one replaces. The meeting reviewed the Planning Officer's report on the previous application, and then viewed the new elevations for the house and garage. The roof height of the house has been lowered and the dwelling floor area reduced. The garage remains a one and a half storey building and the proposal now includes an extension for a 'Home Office' which is open into the roof void and has an internal staircase to the roof space storage area. The proposal provides for a new timber covered walkway linking the garage to the dwelling house, and, in response to Cllr Williams' question, the Chairman reported that there did not appear to be any toilet facility in the garage/home office building. It is proposed that there be large timber gates on the driveway entrance, The new plans address the Councillors' previous concerns regarding the site plan discrepancies (now corrected). Regarding concerns about the environmental impact of the proposals, the Planning Officer's comments were considered, as were various reports submitted with the application. There followed some discussion regarding the means of disposal of waste water – believed to be a septic tank – and whether this was compliant with the latest requirements for individual treatment plants, and whether the proposed solar panels would provide sufficient energy to power the ground source heat pump that the application proposes will be used for heating. Cllr Bartram reported to the meeting that he had visited the site and felt that the proposed plans represented an improvement on the current property, and proposed that Lanreath Parish Council support the application. All councillors were in agreement with that proposal and the Clerk was tasked with submitting the consultees comment to that effect, online.

9. Climate Change:

Cllr Cave reported to the meeting that an interactive exhibition had opened at South West Climate Change centre, Heartlands. She felt that it was worthwhile to visit and would be particularly engaging for children.

Carbon Neutral Cornwall and Pirate FM have linked to promote March as Green Month and links can be found via Cornwall Council and Pirate FM websites. There is a facility to check your carbon footprint online.

Chairman reported that on the Pledge for Nature website (see correspondence Item 7) there is a facility to make a personal achievable environmental pledge.

Clerk reminded the councillors that they have until the end of this month to participate in the Cornwall Council funded climate literacy training course for free. Cllrs Cave and Heard reported that they had taken the course and it was reasonably informative, but quite basic.

10. Cornwall Housing Crisis:

Chairman reminded the meeting that various local Cornwall councils had reached out with written housing statements or policies regarding Cornwall's housing crisis. He referred the meeting to a document prepared in collaboration with Cllr Gundry setting out the position of Cornwall Council (in their new Housing Strategy document awaiting Cabinet approval) and the statements of Lanteglos-by-Fowey, Mevagissey, and Calstock Councils. So far as he and Cllr Gundry have been able to ascertain, there are 14 families seeking affordable rented housing in Lanreath, and between 4% and 8% of homes in the parish are second homes – although that figure is at best an estimate as there is no reliable means of identifying second homes. It would be necessary to engage with the community to identify if there is a housing problem in the parish before considering any policy proposals over and above those contained in Cornwall Council's own strategy document.

Cllr Gundry proposed that pending the finalisation of Cornwall Council's housing strategy, Lanreath Parish Council should keep this matter under a watching brief. Cllr Heard seconded and all agreed. Matter to be reviewed at the next meeting.

11. Finances:

Chairman and Councillors had received the February bank reconciliation and statement. Clerk informed the meeting that the VAT reclaim had been received. The meter reading had been obtained by Cllr Gundry and submitted to EDF online by the Clerk, and resulted in an increased invoice from EDF, which had been paid under Financial Regulations, and Clerk was seeking retrospective approval for this. Clerk confirmed that the Standing Charge is £2 a day, and that the energy supplier is due to be reviewed at the next meeting, and in the interim she will be researching other suppliers. In addition to the payments due in the next month there will be an additional amount for grass cutting due to Dunn & Dusted having notified the Chairman of a price increase. Having previously approved a payment to Dunn & Dusted of £80 Clerk was seeking approval of an additional £10. In order to make all payments an inter account transfer of £400 was required.

Proposed by Cllr Williams that the payment to EDF and the further payments requested by the Clerk all be approved. Seconded by Cllr Lee, and unanimously agreed.

Proposed by Cllr Cave that the inter account transfer be approved, and seconded by Cllr Heard. Unanimously agreed.

12. Parish Problems:

Chairman reported that the community garden fence has partly collapsed after the recent storms. The timber panel is sound, but the posts had been installed at an insufficient depth. He has obtained a quote from Kevin Libby of £280 plus VAT to right the existing fence, excavate and install four new posts, to be concreted in, and then to secure the panels. There are sufficient monies in the maintenance contingency fund to cover this cost. Proposed by Cllr Heard and seconded by Cllr Williams to instruct Kevin Libby to carry out the work in accordance with his quote.

It had been reported to the Chairman that there was a colony of snails in the public toilet, and he has asked Dan Northcott to remove them.

Cllr Lee reported that there was a pot hole in the road just below the entrance to the Punch Bowl/shop car park. Cllr Gundry was tasked with assessing the size and location of the pot hole and to make a report online to Cornwall Council. The community should be aware that any pothole can be reported by using the online facility on the Cornwall Council website.

Cllr Williams reported that a dog had been attacked by a bulldog from the Old School House. The bulldog's owner did not have the animal under control, and there has been a previous incident. Cllr Gundry stated that the matter should be reported to PCSO Cocks. Chairman offered to make a report if he was provided with full details – if the victim was reluctant to report directly.

13. Any other business:

Chairman reported that the gardening club are looking for a location for a storage shed for their own equipment and the 'Christmas Trees' that are positioned around the village each December, and possibly the village Christmas lights. One possible option was beside the Millennium building or in the Community Garden. Chairman will report further at the next meeting.

Chairman confirmed that Anthony Dunn has increased charges for grass cutting. £50 for the Community Garden and play area at Carlyon Close, and £40 for the Millennium Green. There will also be an increase in the cost of strimming the section of the Lanreath to Pelynt public footpath – which forms part of the Local Maintenance Plan and is therefore recoverable from Cornwall Council. This meeting cannot approve the cost increases, which can be dealt with at the April meeting, in the meantime continue with Dunn and Dusted.

Cllr Williams expressed concern that land was not being returned to agricultural use at Connon Bridge as had been pledged as long ago as 1992, and instead it was proposed that there be effectively a solar farm. Matter to be an agenda item at the next meeting.

Cllr Heard asked if Lanreath Parish Council should make a request on the parish web site for assistance with the Ukrainian refugees. Perhaps initially to seek out any Ukrainian speakers in the community. After a general discussion it was agreed that a general request for Ukrainian speakers can be put onto the website, and consideration of any other support e.g. financial assistance, can be included in an agenda item for the April meeting.

14. Public Participation: none

15. Date and time of next meeting:

Tuesday 19th April 2022 at 7.30pm. Chairman thanked everyone for attending. The meeting closed at 21:12