

LANREATH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of online Parish Council Meeting held on 17th November 2020
Commencing 19.30

Present: Mr P Seaman – Chair, Cllr R Pugh (County Councillor), Mrs E Lee, Miss J Tamblin, Mr P Bartram, Mr Paul Meatyard, Mr John Williams, Mr D Pugh, Mr Steve Bird, Mrs R Warren (Clerk)

The Chair welcomed everyone to the Parish Council Meeting.

1. Apologies – none

2. Members of the public – Mrs Sandra Pipe

3. No interests to disclose by any councillors

4. Minutes of the meeting 20th October 2020 - unanimously approved.

5. Matters arising –

- Horse chestnut tree – Chairman has undertaken pruning the smaller branches which had potential to cause damage to the roof of the Millennium Building, the light on the shop path, or the post box. Mr Paul Meatyard had bagged up resultant waste for disposal.
- Mr Steve Bird has provided his photograph to Chairman
- Millennium Building steel blasting work – this has yet to be completed, as the weather has to be dry, this may not now take place until next spring/summer.
- Football Pitch – Cllr R. Pugh was able to report that having completed their traffic assessment Cornwall Council are satisfied that there would be no need for any traffic calming measures to be put in place, and that the proposed entrance/exit at the site could provide adequate splay lines (the existing gateway would be widened for the purpose). Cllr Pugh was asked by Cornwall Council for an indication of how many houses, and what type. After some discussion Lanreath Parish Council resolved that at this stage, before any community meeting had taken place, Cllr Pugh should report that it was likely to seek permission for nine new builds. As to the type of properties (affordable rented, or social rented) this could not be determined at this stage. As to the cost of moving the pitch, upon making enquiries Cllr R. Pugh has ascertained that when it was last moved total costs did not exceed £3,000, and that any such costs may be met by fund raising by the football club. If the pitch is gifted to Lanreath Parish Council they would lease it back, and the football club may then be eligible for financial assistance from the FA for help with the cost of providing changing facilities. All agreed that plans need to be drawn up for the community to consider and a Public Meeting should be held as soon as possible, provided that was possible under the COVID 19 regulations then in force.
- Herodsfoot Village Green – Chairman had received a telephone call from the present owners who were aggrieved that at the last Lanreath Parish Council meeting it had been assumed that the site had been sold, which was not the case as completion had not yet taken place. Chairman ask that it be recorded in these minutes that apologies were extended to the owners for this misunderstanding. Cllr R. Pugh has been informed that the new owners will be making arrangements to ensure that the land remains accessible for the community, public liability insurance will be maintained, and they will undertake the necessary

work to register it as a Village Green after completion. No further action required by this Parish Council.

- Lanreath Play Area seating roof damage – Mr P. Bartram is endeavouring to source an appropriate material, that will be more durable than the damaged panel, and of a suitable colour to match the remaining panels, which in due course will most likely also have to be replaced. He will report further at the next meeting.
- Suez online meeting re: Connon Bridge site - Chairman and Cllr R. Pugh both attended this. In addition to seeking planning permission for a new food waste transfer station at the site, Suez are seeking to amend their plans to allow for up to 30 vehicles to wait on a new internal roadway on the site, and have a sufficient turning space, so as to avoid any interference with the operation of the amenity waste site, or possible blockage of the B3359. Under the new proposals, they estimate there will be an additional 208 vehicle movements daily, delivering road sweepings to the existing waste transfer facilities. They are seeking a removal of the upper limit imposed by previous planning permission on the tonnage of waste that may be processed annually, they would then only be subject to the Environmental Agency limits. Although not required to provide an environmental impact assessment (EIA), Suez have commissioned an EIA to support the planning application, but were unable to provide any details of the findings of the EIA at the meeting. Suez intend to submit the planning application either later this month or early next month. This is a matter of considerable concern to St Pinnock Parish Council, as was apparent when Lanreath Parish Council Chairman and Cllr R. Pugh attended their recent meeting after an invitation to “interested” parties. In addition to concerns regarding the impact of the current proposed extension of waste handling operations at the site, the Councillors of St Pinnock are considering instructing solicitors to make a Freedom of Information request to Suez and Cornwall Council so as to ascertain whether they have intentions to further expand operations at the Connon Bridge site that will have a detrimental effect on the local area. There will be a cost associated with this that Lanreath Parish Council may be asked to contribute towards. Cllr R. Pugh suggested that in view of the fact that the application was a major one, taking some 13 weeks to process, it would be advisable to wait until our January meeting and review at that stage. There was discussion as to how to proceed and resolved to review at the January 2021 meeting.

6. Correspondence

Cornwall Council

- Weekly planning reports – nothing of note for today’s meeting
- East Cornwall Public Health Notice, received via email by the Clerk, and to be published in the Lifestyle magazine and on the Parish website

Other

- Office of National Statistics – Census 2021 – resolved that Clerk should publicise this as per the email from Ms Clemo dated 2nd November and make mention of it in her next Lifestyle magazine notes, and on the Parish website
- Rural Digest – nothing to note for this meeting
- GeViews email – essentially this was a marketing exercise by a company offering services relating to floral displays that was not of interest for our Parish
- Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Support Hubs for Business – Clerk to upload details of the webinar on 26th November to the Parish website

7. Planning

PA20/00101 Punch Bowl Inn – Chairman has made significant efforts to contact the Planning Officer, without success. Cllr R. Pugh was able to report that he had been informed by the Officer that he would try and prioritise completion of this application

by the end of this week. Chairman reported that the Cornwall Council planning portal showed a large number of comments from the Lanreath community all fully supportive of the application. Also residents had emailed the Clerk to show their support of the proposed plans.

Chairman stated that the meeting would step out of standing orders for Mrs Sandra Pipe to participate. She stated that there was considerable anger and frustration in the village that this application has not yet been concluded and huge concerns about the continuing dilapidation of the building interior, and exterior, because of the delay. Many residents had made their feelings known by sending comments to the Planning department via the Cornwall Council planning portal, and as of today there were 14 such comments, all positive. This planning application needs to be dealt with without further delay.

Meeting stepped back under Standing Orders

Cllr R. Pugh confirmed that he would keep in contact with the Planning Officer and press for a resolution by the end of this week.

8. Climate change

Chairman reported that he had been in further contact with Edwina Hannaford at Cornwall Council and they are still awaiting a letter from central Government about funding for EV charging points through the county. She will be asking the county MPs to put pressure on the Government in this regard.

9. Finance

Payments made since the last meeting, and those listed as being due for payment before the next meeting were all unanimously approved. The meeting unanimously approved the Clerk's request to transfer £1,000 from the deposit account to the current account to cover payments coming due.

10. Bank reconciliation 31st October 2020 – is in order

11. Setting Precept and Budget for 2021/22

The meeting discussed the draft budget and considered whether there should be a further contingency for possible legal fees should there be a transfer of ownership of the football pitch and the granting of a lease to the football club. Resolved to adopt the draft Budget as presented without further contingency and maintain the precept at £10,500 as per the current financial year.

12. County Councillor's Report

Cllr R. Pugh stated that it is likely that the Tamar crossing toll will be increased from £2 to £2.40 for cars. The tag will be half - £1.20.

Miss J Tamblyn asked about the airport at Newquay, which is currently closed, Cllr R. Pugh assured the meeting that in due course it would reopened and it had the support of the of Cornwall Council.

13. Parish Problems

Bury Down - Chairman had carried out further research but arrived at the same conclusion as when last reporting to the Parish Council, that trying to establish whose responsibility it was to clear the drains was problematic. Miss J Tamblyn was able to report that she had received an offer from a parishioner who was a lawyer to draft a letter to BT to seek their co-operation in clearing the drains to

prevent debris being swept down onto the main road, causing a hazard for drivers. The meeting resolved that the offer to draft a letter was accepted and that it could then be reviewed at the next meeting.

Christmas Tree - Chairman will purchase and arrange for delivery to the Millennium Green and seek reimbursement in January

Bus hitting Punchbowl Inn sign - Mr P Meatyard reported that the double decker bus had once again hit the sign. Chairman will contact Plymouth City Bus and Cornwall Council in an effort to get this resolved.

Lessening light pollution – Miss J Tamblin has been asked if when the Parish has new or replacement street lighting it obtains less light polluting lamps. Chairman stated that although there are no plans to renew or add to the lighting in the village this will be considered for any new developments, for example, at the football field.

Street light on 24 hours - Mr J Williams reported that the lamp near the community garden (No. EO29) is on constantly. Mr P Meatyard said that he has reported this to Cornwall Council some time ago but it is still on all the time. Cllr R. Pugh said that this is low priority for Cornwall Council as the cost is minimal to run these lights, and perhaps it was not proportionate to send someone out to correct it, but he would speak to someone in lighting and endeavour to get to deal with.

Unroadworthy car on Punchbowl Inn car park – a small blue car is parked on the car park, and is clearly incapable of being driven. It was reported that the new owner of the Punchbowl Inn is aware. The Police cannot remove it from privately owned land.

COVID 19 – there has been one reported positive test in the village and three in Pelynt. Chairman urged everyone to follow the current guidelines, and isolate if you are advised to do so, or feel that you need to in order to remain safe.

14. Conduct of future Parish Council meetings – unanimously resolved to continue to meet online and review at each meeting

15. Any other business – Mr S Bird has been asked by a neighbour if St Marnarch's Road is adopted. After some discussion it was agreed that the road must be adopted as it had been top dressed, and the garbage truck came up it to collect waste. Cllr R. Pugh offered to ascertain for certain.

A piece of land beside the Rectory was very unkempt and the adjoining house owner contacted the Diocese but they denied ownership, although as a matter of goodwill they have contributed towards the cost of tidying it up and trimming the trees. None of the Councillors was able to state who owned the land.

16. Public Participation – Mrs Sandra Pipe asked Cllr Pugh if he could find out why the new owner of the Punchbowl Inn had received communications from Cornwall Council about business rates, when he was still unable to trade. Cllr R. Pugh responded that sadly the rating department would only speak to the new owner, and he had tried to intervene previously when this was brought to his attention, without success.

17. Date and time of next meeting – Online Tuesday 19th January 2021 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 21.20