

LANREATH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date of Meeting

15th November 2022 commencing 19.30

Present

Mr Peter Seaman – Chairman, Mr David Heard – Vice Chairman, Mrs Eileen Lee, Mr John Williams, Mr John Gundry, Mr Peter Bartram, County Cllr Colin Martin (arrived during discussion of Matters Arising), Mrs Rebecca Warren (Clerk).

One member of the public.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

1. Apologies

Cllrs Cave and Pugh.

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

Mr Peter Hooper said that he would await the arrival of Cty Cllr Martin, and then address the meeting.

3. Disclosure of Interests

As a resident of Rally Close, Cllr Williams declared an interest in the Ocean Housing consultation to be discussed under Matters Arising.

4. To approve the minutes of the meeting 18th October 2022

Cllr Bartram proposed that the minutes be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Heard and agreed. The Chairman signed the minutes.

5. County Councillor's Report

Cty Cllr Martin joined the meeting later, and made contributions throughout.

6. Matters arising

- Lanreath Parish Councillors on the Cornwall Council Website

The Clerk has sent reminders to Cllrs Tamblyn, and Pugh to return the forms sent to them on 8th July

- Play Area Repairs

Furzedown Turbine Fund donation has paid for this work. Clerk has sent a letter of thanks.

- Lost Dogs

Cty Cllr Martin gave some background information, concerning outsourcing of warden services to local kennels, and advised that he would continue his efforts to get telephone reporting simplified, having the words "Dog Warden" recognised by the automated system. He also recommended that anyone losing a dog should also contact DogLost Cornwall a voluntary organisation that helps reunite lost dogs with their owners. Cty Cllr Martin reported that in his discussions with Cornwall Council he had been advised that notifying a lost or found dog on the "DogLost Cornwall UK" Facebook page would get the attention of the Dog Warden.

- Downsizing Incentives

Cty Cllr Martin apologised but stated that he is still pursuing this issue and hopes to provide a full explanation at a future meeting.

- Publication of meeting minutes in "Parish News for Lanteglos, Lanreath, Lansallos, Pelynt & Talland"

Clerk has submitted a summary of the October minutes for publication in the next issue

- PA22/08102

Clerk submitted consultees comments online immediately after the October meeting. The Planning Officer then responded and under the terms of the five day protocol, and after consultation between all Councillors, he was asked to refer the application to the Planning Committee.

- PA22/08141

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- Testing of electric socket at Millennium Building

Cllr Bartram reported that he had been able to source another electrician but he was not available to do work until 9th December. Chairman informed the meeting that he had received a report from Mr Derek Stephenson that the lights in the Millennium store were shorting, and therefore the electrics require urgent attention. Chairman will endeavour to get an electrician to attend to this as soon as possible.

- Code of Conduct

Clerk has created a Training Record and Councillors to advise her when they have completed online training.

- "Equality for All"

Cllr Gundry will report on this at the next meeting

- Empty property at No. 1 Pine Villas

Cty Cllr Martin reported that he had registered the concerns of the community about this empty property but had yet to receive an answer as to why there is still no occupant. Cllr Williams reminded the meeting that the property has been empty for a year, and it appears that builders are still renovating it. Cty Cllr Martin will continue to pursue this issue.

- Carlyon Close Play Area

Chairman has sourced two A4 sized “No ball games to be played in this area – Lanreath Parish Council” from ABC Signs in Liskeard for £30, they are printed on aluminium. Cllr Heard proposed that these be purchased and put up at the play area, Cllr Williams seconded, meeting all agreed.

- Problems with recycling waste collection

Cllr Williams was able to confirm that there have been no further reports of missed collections.

- Hedge height on Millennium Green

Chairman reported that he has contacted Dunn & Dusted concerning works required to give an even level height to the hedge but awaits a response.

- Rust on steelwork Millennium Building

Poor weather and time constraints have prevented Chairman from completing these works thus far.

- Public footpath signage and stile repair

Chairman has received five of the 12 replacement way marker signs he requested from CORMAC. He has contacted the landowner regarding the broken stile and given him the details of CORMAC’s Countryside Team who can provide a new stile kit. Chairman intends to contact John Philp regarding installing a new way marker post in Tresawson Lane. Chairman reported that there is a section of the footpath in Pelynt Parish that is not well marked.

- Ocean Housing - adoption of Rally Close

Cty Cllr Martin reported to the meeting his efforts to try and ascertain why the road had yet to be adopted, and which department/person was responsible. He has submitted a Caseworker Request, which should assist, but it could take up to two weeks to get a response. Currently he does not know what the obstacles to adoption are, but it may be something that is surmountable – such as dispensing with street lighting. A pragmatic approach may be required.

Chairman suspended Standing Orders to enable Peter Hooper to address the meeting.

Peter Hooper stated that the email he had sent to the Chairman and Clerk (which Cty Cllr Martin confirmed he had also received) contained all the salient points he wished to make on behalf of the residents of Rally Close. He said he looked forward to hearing the outcome of Cty Cllr Martin’s investigations at the next meeting, and asked if the matter could be elevated to higher on the agenda – Clerk duly noted this.

Meeting stepped back into Standing Orders

- Clerk’s training

Clerk will register for the SLCC online finance course during December.

7. Correspondence

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

Cornwall Council Correspondence

- Weekly planning lists
- Extraordinary Liskeard & Looe Panel meeting 14th November – discussed at agenda item 11 later
- Good Growth website problems – 26th October
- Consultation – Cornwall Landscape Character Assessment and AGLV Review – submissions closed 11th November
- Agenda Strategic Planning Committee meeting 17th November – 7th November
- Mayor for Cornwall, Lanreath's view – 7th November

Chairman reviewed for the meeting the proposed devolution levels and powers. He explained that Level 3 areas will have access to the largest set of powers, including the ability to consolidate existing core local transport funding into a multi-year integrated settlement, devolution of locally-led brownfield funding, mayoral control of Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) functions where boundaries align, as well as the ability to introduce a mayoral precept and supplement on business rates. To achieve Tier three there must be a directly elected Mayor.

Level 2 areas have fewer, but still significant powers, including control of appropriate local transport functions, ability to introduce bus franchising, ability to provide input into Local Skills Improvement Plans, and Homes England compulsory purchase powers. Cornwall is currently Level 2 plus.

Cornwall Council claim that a referendum would cost £1.4 million and propose a consultation on the new County Deal – this is not currently available for review. On completion of the consultation the proposed deal would be put to the Full Council. If 44 of the 87 members approve it, then the deal will be carried without recourse to a referendum.

There is an online petition by the campaign group 'Let Cornwall Decide' and so far there are 5,166 signatories. They seek a referendum as to whether there should be an elected Mayor for Cornwall. Lanreath Parish Councillors may individually sign up to the petition if they wish, but a consensus as to whether the Parish Council signs up is the issue for discussion.

Councillors debated the relative merits of remaining with the current system of appointing a leader of Cornwall Council, as opposed to the proposed elected Mayor. Cty Cllr Martin was able to offer insights as to the current system, and how the Mayoral role would differ, and be subject to scrutiny.

It was proposed by Chairman that the Lanreath Parish Council approve and submit the motion suggested by 'Let Cornwall Decide' –

“Lanreath Parish Council believes that the way Cornwall is governed is extremely important to our local residents. We note the emerging proposals for a possible change to a powerful Mayor of Cornwall with their own staff, budget and choice of Cabinet. We believe that such a system should only be implemented if the people of Cornwall support it. We call on Cornwall Council and our local Cornwall Councillors to ensure that there is a referendum of all voters in Cornwall on whether to introduce this significant change, as set out in the relevant legislation.”

Seconded by Cllr Bartram – all agreed. Clerk to submit online.

- Precept application form and security number – 7th November. Clerk will submit the form online when the precept has been agreed – item 12 in this meeting agenda.

Other Correspondence

- Rural Funding Digest – September and November 2022 editions
- Conference – In and Beyond Neighbourhood Plans for Community, Nature and Climate – 19th October
- JACS Winter Preparation – 19th October
- The Rural Bulletin 25th October

8. Planning

PA22/09040 NGED proposes to install a third wire for approximately 590m from pole 43NAG5 – 43NAH7 as per plan no. 432519.2 to facilitate the upgrading of the network to three phase. Poor condition poles to be replaced as part of the work. Woodlay Farm, Herodsfoot. (Consultees comments to be submitted 16th November)

Meeting considered the site location, and after a brief discussion it was proposed by Cllr Bartram that the application be supported, seconded by Cllr Williams. Clerk to submit consultees comments online.

PA22/08102 Conversion of existing disused, lawful building into a dwellinghouse at South Park Farm, Road from Tremabe Lane to Polpover, Herodsfoot

Cty Cllr Martin asked for clarification regarding the decision made at the October meeting not to support the application, and subsequently, when asked by the Planning Officer to support his proposal to approve the application, to ask that it be referred to the Planning Committee. Chairman and Vice Chairman summarised the concerns of Lanreath Parish Council that the failure to provide evidence of the building being used for its lawful purpose during the ten years prior was in contravention of 7.3 of the Local Plan. Further there appeared to be no discretion as to this failure.

Cty Cllr Martin stated that he now had a clear understanding of the decision and would revert to the Planning Officer.

9. Climate Change – Cornwall Council’s Climate Emergency Development Plan Document (CEDPD)– impact on Lanreath Neighbourhood Plan (LNDP)

Chairman informed the meeting that the CEDPD has yet to be adopted, but it may have an impact on the LNDP. He proposed that a small working group be formed to go through both plans and identify any conflicting areas, and to report back to Lanreath Parish Council and advise as to any necessary amendments/additions to LNDP. Seconded by Cllr Gundry, who volunteered to be part of the working group with the Chairman – agreed unanimously.

10. Coronation Commemoration

Chairman has contacted Lanreath Community Spirit and they are supportive of Lanreath Parish Council possibly financing the distribution of commemorative gifts to children in the Parish. There are perhaps upward of 100 children (0 – 16 years of age) in the Parish. Uncirculated commemorative Crowns cost £14.50 each from The Royal Mint, alternatively there are Commemorative mugs, cheapest online currently £7.22 each. Vice Chairman informed the meeting that there was a supplier in Lostwithiel who could provide bone china mugs for less than £7 each, although pricing depended on

number of colours in the design. Cllr Gundry suggested that to keep cost down it could be for those children aged 11 and under only. He proposed that Lanreath Parish Council should provide Coronation commemorative gifts to children in the Parish. Cllr Bartram seconded, and all agreed. Vice Chairman will make enquiries of the supplier in Lostwithiel and report back.

11. Community Network Review – feedback required by 18th November

Chairman and Cty Cllr Martin had both attended an online presentation by Cornwall Council regarding the proposal to reduce the number of Community Network Panels (CNP) from 19 to 12 – due to financial constraints. They will be replaced by Community Area Partnerships (CAPs). Staff will be reduced from 17 to 10.8. Chairman took the meeting through the slide presentation, and there was a general discussion as to whether CAPs were the best use of resources, in the current CNP format, or as proposed. Lanreath would be on the outer western edge of the large Liskeard, Looe, and Cornwall Gateway CAP – stretching as far east as Saltash. The population in that area is in excess of 65,000.

Cty Cllr Martin informed the meeting that if the proposed changes went through, his division would straddle three of the new CAPs – meaning he would have three CAP meetings to attend in addition to his County, and Parish Council responsibilities.

There was a detailed discussion about the proposed changes, and alternatives – such as the issue model, which Chairman reported had been dismissed by Cornwall Council. Focusing on a project by project approach would be a better use of resources, it was felt, rather than pursuing the change to the new CAP system, or seeking to keep the current CNP arrangement.

During the discussion the contents of the email from Rob Rooney of Lanteglos By Fowey Parish Council was read out and considered. Clerk was tasked with acknowledging safe receipt and confirming that it had been read at the meeting.

Vice Chairman expressed the opinion that the footprint of the proposed CAP area including Lanreath was unwieldy and unworkable, Cllrs Williams and Lee agreed.

Chairman proposed a motion that:

“Lanreath Parish Council are not convinced that the proposals for a reduction to 12 CAPs will be workable. It will be unwieldy, and pose particular problems for our Divisional Representative who will be required to sit on three CAPs – which inevitably will be deleterious to his effectiveness. The Issue based model would make the best use of the available resources.”

Cllr Gundry seconded the motion, and all agreed. Clerk to submit to the Community Link Officer, Sarah Sims.

12. Setting Precept and Budget 2023/24

Chairman took the meeting through the proposed Budget for next year, and responded to questions from Cllr Gundry, and Cty Cllr Martin as to the location and amount in general reserve – currently £1,000 held with other precept monies in the Deposit Account.

The proposed Budget has been based on an inflationary increase over the year of 6%, but the precept will remain unchanged at £13,900. There will be a further modest increase in the general reserve, taking it to £2,119.

An allowance of £300 is proposed for funding the Coronation commemorative gifts to Parish children, but this is unlikely to be sufficient, although funds could be used that have been put aside for NALC membership – which will be voted on before May.

A question was raised concerning the increased allowance for a donation to Lanreath PCC and Chairman confirmed that this had been subject of debate at a previous meeting and approved, and the proposed Budget was based on this being an ongoing commitment.

Chairman proposed that the Budget be approved as drafted, and Cllr Bartram seconded – all in favour. Clerk to complete and submit to Cornwall Council the precept form.

13. Finances

The outstanding payments due before January meeting (£1,174), and inter account transfer (£800) – both approved unanimously by the meeting. Also noted that Clerk will submit the VAT refund application before the end of December. Clerk confirmed that Dunn & Dusted have presented their invoice for clearing the public footpath, which she will recoup under the Local Maintenance Partnership from Cornwall Council.

14. Parish Problems

Footpath Grylls Park to the Village Hall – Chairman has requested that Cty Cllr Martin investigate the options for a formal dedication of this footpath which is currently shown on the Cornwall Interactive map as an unadopted footpath.

15. Any Other Business

Cllr Bartram asked if the football pitch land had been sold, and was advised that it had. No information as to the purchaser's intentions.

16. Public Participation

None.

17. Date and time of next meeting

Tuesday 17th January 2023 at 7.30pm.
The Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

The meeting closed at 22:04