

## **LANREATH PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of online Parish Council Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2020  
Commencing 19.30

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

The Chair welcomed everyone to the Parish Council Meeting. It was unanimously agreed to hold the meeting online.

1. **Apologies** - None
2. **Members of the public** – two present
3. **No interests to disclose** by any councillors
4. **Minutes of the meeting 21<sup>st</sup> July 2020 and the extraordinary meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2020** - unanimously approved.
5. **Matters arising – 21<sup>st</sup> July meeting**
  - Millennium Building Weathervane – this has been installed and thanks to Mr P Meatyard for fund raising also to Kevin, Neil, and Mark Libby for installing it above the refurbished clock, where both look very good. Chairman has sent a letter of thanks to the Libbys for their work, and will write to David Lemon thanking him for restoring the clock.
  - Horse Chestnut tree – Thanks to Mr S Bird for taking and forwarding to the Clerk photographs of the tree. Some discussion as to when notice should be sent Cornwall Council for proposed works, as it is in a conservation area. Owner of the tree is content for works to be carried out at the Parish Council's expense – in the region of £400 according to one estimate received. Clerk to report at next month's meeting as to whether there are sufficient funds for this expenditure which was not budgeted for.
  - Online banking – Clerk reported that this is fully operational
  - Photographs – Chairman awaits a photo of Miss J Tamblyn, which she will forward to him.
  - Wasps – Thanks given to Mr S Bird for dealing with the nests.
  - Request from Joseph Hennessey – Chairman has completed his request for information for his thesis regarding our Neighbourhood Plan.
  - Pickleball – the court markings have been completed up at the Village Hall play area.
  - Boddinick Road repair – following Chairman chasing highways up twice, and further intervention by Cllr. R Pugh, this work has now been provisionally scheduled to be carried out 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020, providing a crew is available.
  - Millennium Building steel blasting work – Chairman has received two quotes, one over the phone for £400 and a written one for £456 including VAT (which would be recoverable), the latter to include painting, which previously to save money the councillors would have done themselves. The works could be done in October. After some discussion it was agreed that as the latter quote meant that the entire job could be completed within the budget set, then the

Council should proceed to instruct the company that provided the written quote.

- Football pitch – Cllr R Pugh was unable to provide any update due to Council personnel being on leave, and planning matters generally being delayed due to COVID 19 restrictions.
- Moving of dog waste bin – the proposed repositioning of the dog waste bin in the Church parking layby to the Village Hall car park has been approved by the Village Hall committee, provided it is sited at the entrance on the left-hand side, and not on the car park. It was resolved to write to Cornwall Council to request that they instruct Biffa to re position the bin. Some discussion as to frequency of emptying and as to whether this would be sufficient.
- Construction at Meadow Road – an Enforcement officer from Cornwall Council has inspected the works, and, after certain modifications were agreed, has confirmed that the development is not one requiring planning consent.

## **6. Correspondence**

### Cornwall Council

- Weekly planning reports – nothing of note for today's meeting
- Highway scheme update report and expression of interest form (to be submitted by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020) – discussion regarding possible extension of the 30-mph limit on Meadow Road, as previously requested following residents' concerns, and request for clearing/cleaning of the road from Trebant Bridge to Botallick Farm. Resolved by the meeting to complete and forward to Highways expression of interest forms for both.
- Liskeard and Looe Community Panel meetings – after some discussion regarding the exact nature of the panel, and whether this was the same as the Looe and Liskeard Network, it was resolved that the Clerk would attend the January meeting and report back thereafter.
- COVID data on line – this is accessible for our area on [cornwall.gov.co.uk/coviddata](http://cornwall.gov.co.uk/coviddata)
- Fixed penalty course for council staff – Clerk to research what is available and cost and report to next meeting, with a view to possibly attending a future course if the Council consider it would be beneficial.

### Other

- Rural Services Network online national conference – no one had been online to participate in this year's event
- Confirmation has been received of Lanreath Parish Council's exempt status for the annual accounts, concluding the compliance with all legal formalities
- Following an alert from Mr P Meatyard of a possible hacked email, no further spam emails received, and Chairman advised that he had changed his password as a precaution.
- Apprenticeships being offered as advised by Launceston Council to be uploaded by the Clerk to the Parish website
- Punchbowl Inn parking – After suspension of Standing Orders Miss Sarah Johns in her position as Secretary to the Village Hall Management Committee, was able to confirm that the committee had agreed that the hall car park could be used by customers of the Punchbowl inn so as to prevent blocking the village roads at busy times. This had been discussed when the tenant of "The Topsy Cow" had been present and there was unanimous support
- Memories by Moonlight – an initiative by Children's Hospice South West for raising money. Event will take place on 26<sup>th</sup> September and the Clerk has placed a poster giving full details on the shop notice board
- Lord Lieutenant COVID nominations request – after some discussion it was resolved that Clerk should contact the shop manager or Chairman, and the

organiser of the COVID support group in the village to seek their consent to have their names put forward for special thanks. Chairman will then write to the Lord Lieutenant.

- Police cadets recruitment campaign – resolved that this should be uploaded to the Parish website for the attention of the community.

## 7. Planning

PA20/06413 – proposed two storey rear extension at The Old Forge. Chairman thanked Cllr R Pugh for obtaining an extension of the time for submission of comments. He was then able to screen share with the meeting the plans showing the existing and proposed elevations. Councillors discussed the impact on neighbours, and whether the proposed changes were in keeping with the existing roof line. Resolved after further discussion that the Clerk should draft a submission to confirm that Lanreath Parish Council support the proposed application.

Looe Town Council letter 5<sup>th</sup> August – changes in planning law consultation. The Chairman summarised the position regarding the White Paper proposing substantial changes to the planning consultation process and the possible impact on Parish Councils. Housing targets would become enforceable and non-compliance penalised. Potentially Neighbourhood Plans would have to be rewritten and some developments would proceed without any consultation.

Looe Town Council have considerable concerns about the contents of the White Paper, and are seeking to recruit similarly concerned Parish Councils to make an approach to Sheryl Murray MP. Chairman indicated that a possibly more effective approach would be to comment online directly with regards to the White Paper. Cllr R Pugh proposed that a simple letter of “Thanks, and duly noted” be sent to Looe Town Council – and this was resolved by the entire meeting. Clerk to draft.

Complaint by Mr and Mrs Scott regarding the restaurant at Stonerush Lakes – having written to the Parish Council regarding advertisement of the restaurant for non-residents, the complainants had in addition written to the enforcement department at Cornwall Council – which was all that Lanreath Parish Council could do. They had received a response from Mr Ben Bassett, Senior Development Officer (Enforcement and Appeals Teams) as follows:

“I have looked into this matter and note that another permission was granted for the conversion of existing restaurant into guest reception and lounge and 3 no. 1 bedroom apartments, under reference PA16/11277. I am assuming that this permission was never carried out?

In regards to the breach of condition 4 attached to planning permission PA11/01585 and the use of the bar/restaurant by non-residents. The Government has relaxed a number of permitted development rights until May 2021 as an attempt to help businesses/companies recover from the effects of Covid-19. Given the Government’s drive to try and help businesses recover from the loss of earnings through this period it is very unlikely that the Council would take any enforcement action against these sorts of breaches. I would recommend that if the breach is still present in May next year then a new complaint should be raised.”

### **Ben Bassett | Senior Development Officer (Enforcement and Appeals Team)**

It is clear from this that no action will be taken. It was resolved that the matter was considered by the Parish Council and the contents of the response from Mr Bassett

considered and that if the breach is extant after May it will be re-reported to Enforcement

Chairman suspended Standing Orders for member of the public to comment – no comment made.

PA20/00101 – comments were submitted on line following extraordinary meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2020

## **8. Climate change**

Chairman reported that at the Area Network meeting it was confirmed that waste PPE equipment would be incinerated and not recycled. At that meeting it was reported that Cornwall Council is awaiting an offer letter from Central Government and it is anticipated that this would allow a multi-million pound ramp-up of public access charging points across the country.

Clerk confirmed that there had been no response to the request for community feedback about having a charging point in our village.

Miss S. Cave in response to a suggestion that very few Parish Councils are able to do anything constructive on climate change stated that Southhill have a very good recycling initiative. Mr J Williams added that methane gas is being collected from council dairy farms in and around the Newquay area.

Cllr R Pugh said that visits to Bodmin recycling centre are suspended due to COVID 19, but that when they recommence to he will arrange for Miss J Tamblin and Miss S Cave to visit.

Discussion regarding possible government grants for solar panels, Chairman has investigated and the Government does not fund these.

Lanreath Parish Council will continue to revisit the subject of climate change at each meeting.

## **9. Finance**

Clerk reported that online banking is working well and that today's account balances were £67.08 in the current account and £2449.64 in the deposit account. The old dormant Millennium Account has been closed and the balance of £2.24 paid into the current account. With access to the accounts online, she has been able to make payments much more quickly than by cheque. Also, she was able quickly to identify when £10,00 was paid in, in error, by Cornwall Council. This has been returned, as it was due to be paid to Duloe Parish Council. Mr S Bird agreed that he would ascertain how Lerryn PC had obtained a grant of £10,000 for their public toilets, as Lanreath may be similarly entitled.

The precept is due to arrive in the account tomorrow as following chasing this up, a remittance statement was received today, confirming that payment has been made. The amount is £5346.50.

Resolved unanimously to approve payments made since 21<sup>st</sup> July, both those authorised by the Parish Council, and those made in accordance with Financial Regulations. Outstanding payments also approved, and Councillors resolved that the Clerk should transfer £1,000 into the current account to cover payments due to be made before the next parish Council meeting.

## **10. Bank reconciliation 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020**

Bank statements as at end of August (after adjustment for the £10,000 erroneous receipt) totalled £2626.68, as per the reconciliation.

#### **11. County Councillor's report**

Cllr R Pugh suggested that the Clerk should put on the Parish Website a reminder for parents to ensure that they make applications for school places for their children within the deadlines, he will email details to her.

At yesterday's planning meeting, approval was given for the redevelopment of the Cattle Market at Liskeard, and it looks very good.

Planning for 24 houses in Dobwalls was refused as it was considered inappropriate to grant permission where there are no school places for the children already living there. Many are being bussed to Liskeard.

#### **12. Parish Problems**

Chairman has had a complaint of bad behaviour from people returning home from "The Topsy Cow", a plant pot was broken, and there was an attempt to get into the Punchbowl Inn. This will be reported to PCSO Steve Cocks, but the community should note that such behaviour may be reported direct to the Police as it happens. Mr J Williams stated that there have been complaints of. Noisy behaviour from customers leaving "The Topsy Cow" after midnight, and the open window at the Punchbowl Inn means it is not secure.

Chairman suggested that perhaps Mr D Pulford should be made aware of these complaints.

The large gate into the Community Garden is dragging on its hinges, Mr J Williams said that he would attend and repair it. All agreed that the community should be discouraged from accessing the garden from that entrance as it is very dangerous next to the road. Far better to gain access via the pedestrian gate opposite the village hall car park.

Mr P Meatyard reported that there has been continued dog fouling of the Millennium Green. It seems to happen in the evening, but he has not been able to identify the dog owners concerned. After some discussion regarding posting of notices, and camera installation, it was resolved to put a reminder on the Parish Website and in the magazine in the hopes that the owners not picking up after their dogs would be more careful.

#### **13. Conduct of future Council meetings**

Although this Council may be exempt from the new Rule of Six, implemented by the Government recently, the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) still recommends that all Parish Council meetings be held online. Unanimously agreed that the next meeting be held on line, and conduct of future meetings discussed again.

#### **14. Any other business**

None.

**15. Public Participation** – Miss Sarah Johns stated that the village shop does recycle crisp packets, batteries, and plastic bags. Also, books. Perhaps this could be used as a hub for community recycling? Miss S Cave will liaise with the shop managers in this regard.

As for the football pitch she sought clarification that there would at some point be a public meeting, which Cllr R Pugh assured her would be the case, provided it could be COVID regulation compliant. Miss Johns stated that she felt the community could meet remotely if necessary.

The minutes of this meeting will be published in the Lifestyle magazine but Councillors asked why they were often out of order, making them difficult to follow. Chairman said he would take this up with the editor.

Cllr R Pugh reminded the meeting that a wreath will need to be ordered in readiness for Remembrance Day – Clerk will attend to this. Mr P Bartram will endeavour to ascertain if there will be a service in Lanreath, and if so, who will conduct it.

**16. Date and time of next meeting**

Online Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 22.00