

LANREATH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date of Meeting

15 July 2025 commencing 19.30

Present

Cllr Peter Bartram, Cllr Sandie Christiansen, Cllr David Heard – Chairman, Cllr Shelley Honeyman, Cllr Michael Roberts, Cllr Stephanie Vickery, Mrs R Warren – Clerk.

Cty Cllr Sarah Preece in attendance.

Members of the Public, PCSO Cocks, and the Constituency Support Officer for Anna Gelderd MP.

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

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

Members of the Public expressed concerns that there were no play facilities for younger children in the village, and those that were in place at the Village Hall were in their view inadequate and potentially hazardous – in particular the skate boarding mechanism. Children in the village were using the play facilities at Pelynt in preference to those near the Village Hall. They suggested that there should be additional space given over to younger children, as well as considering what could be provided for pre-teens and teenagers, which would require fund raising, and grant assistance.

PCSO Cocks reported that in the period 1 to 30 June 2025 no crimes had been reported in the Parish. In neighbouring Parishes there had been ex-offenders travelling door-to-door selling goods valued at £42 and under. Police were aware. He urged all Councillors and members of the community to sign up to the Devon and Cornwall Police Community messaging service – which can be found online at <https://community-messaging.dc.police.uk/>

Volunteers are needed for Community Speed Watch – the Looe group covers Lanreath Parish. They are always looking for volunteers, so anyone with concerns about speeding vehicles should email: speedwatch@dc.police.uk or look for the group on Facebook.

With regards to fund raising for play equipment – he informed the meeting that some funding may be possible through Proceeds of Crime Act, and asked that he be contacted by Members of the Public for further information.

In response to a question PCSO Cocks advised that he believed that the 20-mph zone for Lanreath would be pushed out to the Village sign, as had been suggested by Councillors. Cty Cllr Preece reported that the roll out to Lanreath had been scheduled to have been completed earlier this year, and was delayed, but still due to happen.

Members of the Public addressed the meeting briefly regarding their concerns about the proposed solar farm in the Parish, which they felt would be potentially harmful. There had been a local meeting recently for concerned Parishioners. The Constituency Support Officer for Anna Gelderd MP stated that she was attending the meeting on an informal basis at this stage to provide feedback to the MP. Ms Gelderd is pro-renewables, but with a balance of other interests (food production security/environmental considerations/alternative sites etc.), and with full community consultation. MP has written to the Developer seeking further information and a response is awaited.

There was further discussion regarding the role of the Parish Council – limited at this stage due to the confidential nature of the PreApp.

Chairman stated that as the matter was on the agenda for later, and to save Members of the Public sitting through the entire meeting, he proposed that the item be brought forward and considered at this stage – which was unanimously agreed. Councillors felt that to continue to further, and fully consider the implications for the community of the proposed solar farm, they needed to know what the result of the advice from the Planning Officer on the PreApp was. Chairman proposed that the Clerk write to the Planning Officer and the developer seeking information regarding the advice received and their intentions now. Seconded by Cllr Vickery and agreed – Clerk so tasked.

Chairman then proposed that the item on the agenda regarding play equipment also be dealt with at this stage – agreed by the Councillors. After further representations from Members of the Public, Chairman proposed that the matter be put on the agenda for the next meeting, and between now and then the Members of the Public carry out their informal poll (at their suggestion) of local families via social media, and put some specific suggestions together as to what would be suitable. Clerk will research what other local Parishes have done – in particular Morval and Pelynt. Cllr Vickery seconded and all agreed.

2. Apologies

Vice-Chairman. Explanation received and approved unanimously.

3. Members of the Council to disclose their interests in matters to be discussed and to decide requests for dispensations

Cllr Bartram – regarding the proposed solar farm.

4. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 17 June 2025

Cllr Christiansen proposed that the minutes be approved, seconded by Cllr Bartram, and all in favour who had attended that meeting. Chairman signed the minutes.

5. County Councillors' report

Cty Cllr Sarah Preece advised the meeting that she was getting round to as many meetings as she could, but with 8 Parishes, and 3 Community Area Partnership groups, that was proving to be very time consuming, so she apologised, and said that she may not be able to attend every future Lanreath Parish Council meeting.

She confirmed that she is Portfolio Holder at Cornwall Council for Tourism, Localism, and Planning – and is interested in the solar farm concerns of the Lanreath Parishioners. Following the change of National Government there is a considerable amount of planning change that is still being processed at local level. Nationally permission for renewables projects is likely to increase.

The Government are going to promote devolution, and there is a bill being written and voted on going through Parliament now. This may impact all levels of Local Authorities – right down to Town and Parish Councils.

6. PA25/00228/PREAPP – Land west of Trequers Barn – consideration of possible public engagement, and report of meeting of residents 9 July

This item considered earlier.

7. Clerk's report

- PA24/04905 – still awaiting a decision.
- Village pump refurbishment – Parishioner who volunteered to carry out the work is on an extended holiday, but is aware.
- Village toilet drain – insurance claim has been rejected as no damage to property, i.e. the actual toilet. Clerk is disputing this. Cornwall Drains Ltd have advised that a CCTV survey will cost £196 plus VAT for the first hour and £65 plus VAT for each subsequent half hour on site. Chairman proposed that Clerk notify Insurer of intention to proceed with CCTV survey as a prudent measure to prevent further damage to the drain, and in addition to dispute the insurer's decision not to permit a claim. Seconded by Cllr Christiansen, and unanimously approved. Clerk tasked with notifying insurer, and thereafter instructing Cornwall Drains Ltd to carry out the CCTV survey – to be paid from maintenance contingency.
- VJ 80 Flag has been received and was shown to the meeting. Clerk will ask a Parishioner to put it on the flag pole on the Millennium Green for the August anniversary.
- Anna Gelderd MP – draft letter approved by Chairman and sent out 7 July.
- PA25/03423 – as agreed at the June meeting a 'no objections' consultee comment was submitted via the planning portal to Cornwall Council on 18 June. Thereafter the Planning Officer emailed with his intention to refuse on the ground that "The Class Q approval hasn't been implemented thus there is no established lawful residential use at the time of considering this application and no dwelling which this application seeks to replace. As such the proposal does not accord with any of the circumstances set out under Policy 7."

The meeting stepped out of Standing Orders to consider a response – which is required by 17 July at the latest. After a discussion the meeting stepped back into Standing Orders.

- Dunn & Dusted have been told they are to continue as contractors to LPC – Clerk has been advised by Ant Dunn that the footpath works under the LMP will have been carried out by the time of the July meeting. Awaiting confirmation and invoice, agreed that the Clerk should chase.
- Lanhydrock Accountancy Practice are ready to do PAYE work, June salary details arrived 5 July, and have been sent to new advisor.
- Millennium Green shed – Cllr Honeyman now has access but is concerned that there are a large number of contents that are not in the ownership of the Parish Council. She will be trying to ascertain to whom these belong and report further at a future meeting. Clerk confirmed that the shed had been added to the asset list for the insurer.
- Sandra Pipe has been told that the Parish Council gives permission for a memorial bench to be placed on the Millennium Green for Billie Hayes.
- Slate sign will be reattached to the fenced enclosure at the Play Area before the September meeting.
- LMP signed contract has been emailed back to Cornwall Council.
- Clerk has had some feedback regarding the placement of a permanent Christmas Tree on the Millennium Green, but is still awaiting more from the community. To be included on the next meeting agenda.
- Broken dog waste bin reported online, and has now been removed and replaced.

- Lloyds bank forms to add Cllr Roberts and remove Peter Seaman and Sue Cave will be completed before the next meeting. Clerk has this in hand.
- The Parish News – next submission will be October.
- A Parishioner has made an enquiry regarding a complaint they made last year in respect of the bins and recycling bags left at the front of properties in the village, which, in their opinion, are unsightly. This was dealt with previously by the former Chairman writing to the householders in October 2024 asking them to put refuse bins and bags in the space provided at the rear of their properties until collection day. After a brief discussion, Chairman proposed that a further letter be drafted by the Clerk to be sent to the residents concerned asking if they would be able to put their refuse and recycling containers in the rear area of their properties until the due collection days; Chairman to sign the letter. Seconded and unanimously agreed.

8. Correspondence – All correspondence received via email unless otherwise indicated; all circulated by the Clerk, or the Chairman, to Councillors.

Cornwall Council:

- Weekly Planning Lists
- Town and Parish Council Newsletter - 4 July
- Street Trading Policy Review – 9 June
- Minutes for East Sub-Area Planning Committee 9 June – 11 June
- Supplement: Committee Update to the agenda for the Strategic Planning Committee 12 June – 11 June
- Code of conduct training – 19 June. Clerk reminded Councillors that the deadline to complete this is 5 November 2025.
- Forest for Cornwall Summer Newsletter – 30 June
- Agenda for East Sub-Area Planning Committee 7 July – 30 June
- Litter bin report – 2 July

Other correspondence – any correspondence of community interest has been uploaded to the Parish website/linked to Facebook by Vice-Chairman and Cllr Vickery

- Office of Police and Crime Commissioners (OPCC) Weekly Columns, and correspondence, and Press releases - 11, 20 June
- Lanreath Minibus Treasurer – thanks for donation – 12 June
- RSN Weekly News – 23 June, 2 July
- Duchy Defibrillators Community Update – 30 June
- Lanreath FC – 1 July
- SWW Let's Talk Water Invitation 14 July – 4 July
- Derek Hilton – 5 July

9. Planning – PA25/04481 Change of use of a detached outbuilding to form an unrestricted residential dwelling. Land west of Hartswell Farm, Herodsfoot - consultee comments to be submitted by 17 July.

Councillors reviewed the application by reference to the location plans, photographs of the interior and exterior of the existing building, and planning statement included with the application. Councillors noted that the building appeared to be in use ancillary to the main farm house, and looked as though it was perhaps being used for residential purposes or holiday letting. Clerk read out Cornwall Local Plan Policy 7 – and Councillors felt that this application met none of the required criteria, nor did it meet the requirements of Lanreath Neighbourhood Development Plan Policy H1. Chairman proposed that Lanreath Parish

Council object to the application, Cllr Bartram seconded, and unanimously agreed. Clerk tasked with submitting consultee comments.

10. Councillor vacancies

Due to time constraints – proposed to be held over to the next meeting; seconded, and agreed.

11. Lloyds Bank online access

Cllr Roberts had agreed to have online access together with the Clerk. Cllr Honeyman proposed that this be approved, Chairman seconded, and unanimously agreed. Clerk to set up the required authorisation.

12. Appointment of replacement internal auditor

Clerk had circulated full details of the possible replacement auditor who could carry out work digitally, or by having the physical paperwork. Charges slightly higher than current auditor. Chairman proposed that Aalgaard Renshaw be appointed in place of Derek Hilton, seconded by Cllr Roberts and unanimously agreed.

13. Play equipment and area for younger, and pre-school children

Considered previously in the meeting, and to be included on the next meeting agenda.

14. Asset Inspection Report

Cllr Honeyman had circulated her report via email to all Councillors prior to the meeting. There is an area on the grass verge at the top of Grylls Park that has a low-level brick circular surround. This brick work is becoming loose and damaged. Clerk will report this to Cornwall Council via the online tool, and then report back to the next meeting. Otherwise all in order, save that the Community Garden has some bamboo regrowth that will need to be managed, and the Queen's Jubilee tree is becoming choked with weeds.

Chairman volunteered to tidy up the area under the Jubilee Tree.

15. Village Hall report

Cllr Vickery confirmed that some volunteers were assisting with the repainting of the Hall, and that quotes were being obtained from professionals for the re-decoration of the ceiling to the main hall, and for replacement lights. Grant funding has been secured to assist with the cost of refurbishing the disabled toilet.

16. Community Area Partnership report by the Chairman

'Notes on SECCAP Meeting 6.30pm 23.6.25

Elliott Hall, St Germans

Attendance: c. 40 persons (County Councillors, Parish Councillors, Council Officers, ...)

1. Speed Watch Scheme Presentation

- 181 CSW Groups in Cornwall & Devon (1,278 members)

- Essentially a data capture process to assist police
- Teams of 4 (including speed reader)
- Report to police if >10% + 2MPH over limit and police then write to car owner
- 3 stage process: 2 letters and if a 3rd within 12 months, then uniformed officer visit and if a 4th thereafter then further escalation

2. Police Report

- Local policing priorities: ASB, shoplifting, knife crime, drugs, violence
- Additional police personnel @ Saltash in prospect
- Pavement parking problems discussed

3. SECCAP AGM

- Jane Pascoe re-elected as Chair
- Martin Worth voted in as Vice-Chair
- Working Groups re-constituted (mainly with current participants)
- New Working Group – Youth Focus and new Networking Group – Community Engagement

4. Priority Themes for Working & Networking Groups

- Transport, Connectivity, Accessibility
 - A38 safety
 - Tamar Crossing
 - Rail in SEC
- Economy & Housing
 - Jobs potential @ Devonport if defence spending increase
 - Training for youth and career switchers (colleges in area recently closed)
 - Freeport @ Plymouth?
- Health & Deprivation
 - Joint working group with Tamar to Moor CAP
 - Social care issues
 - Well being
- Youth Focus
 - Early stages
 - “Livewire” @ Saltash
- Funding Panel
 - As previously CCF & CLUP funding applications
 - Constitution 2 x Cornwall Councillors, self plus 2 others
- Climate Change/Environmental Networking Group
 - As previous, Stephanie V to connect with Catherine
- Community Engagement Networking Group
 - New group, informal chat group targeting public information, democratic deficit, self-promotion, ...

5. Additional Notes

- Noted that SECCAP budget for Highways non-existent pending Council funding allocation
- “Know Your Area Presentation” (PowerPoint to be provided) – 67,000 people, 41% Saltash & Liskeard with 33% rural, PPT valuable info.’

17. Climate Change

Nothing to report at this meeting. The SECCAP environmental group is not yet up and running.

18. 20 mph zone implementation Lanreath Village

The Cornwall Council website shows that is due to roll out to Lanreath at some stage, but there are no dates. To be kept under review.

19. Date for tree planting – former Chairman

Chairman will contact the Village Hall Chairman to agree the best location for the planting, (which must take account of existing underground services), and proposed that if it was convenient for the former chairman, this could be done on a date in the last two weeks of September. Clerk tasked with checking dates.

20. Clerk seeks approval of new internal auditor

Item in error – dealt with at 12 above.

21. Finances

Year to date figures, June bank reconciliation, and bank statements had been circulated to all Councillors. Full details of all payments due before the September meeting were listed on the July agenda. Chairman proposed that the Clerk’s requests for all payments as listed totalling £3,325.76, and an inter-account transfer of £2,400 all be approved. Seconded, and unanimously approved.

Cllr Roberts confirmed that he had checked the bank reconciliation with bank statements and invoices, and found it to be correct – and he then signed it.

22. Items for the next meeting agenda

Cllr Honeyman asked that the matter of invasive weeds passing from the field at the top of Grylls Park into residential gardens - which was a concern for residents – be put into the next meeting agenda.

23. Public Participation

None.

24. Date and time of next meeting – Tuesday 16 September at 7.30pm.

Meeting ended at 21.34pm.