

LANREATH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of online Parish Council Meeting held on 19th January 2021

Commencing 19.30

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

The Chair welcomed everyone to the Parish Council Meeting.

1. Apologies – Mr Paul Meatyard

2. Members of the public – two joined meeting, and PCSO Steve Cocks had emailed his report which had been circulated to all Councillors and the chairman read out:

“From 01/11/2020 - 31/12/2020 there were 2 crimes details of which can be found on the Police UK website. For all Covid queries please visit the Government website.

A small number of vehicles have been reported to me as being abandoned in the shop car park which is private land which I have no authority over.

Numerous patrols have been conducted around the Parish and all was found to be in order.”

Chairman had looked up the two crimes on the Police website and one was in Lanreath the other in Herodsfoot.

3. No interests to disclose by any councillors

4. Minutes of the meetings 17th November and 15th December 2020 - unanimously approved.

5. Matters arising – 17th November 2020

- Millennium Building steel blasting work – Chairman has now arranged for this to be postponed until April as the work needs to be completed during dry weather. The price will be held to the estimate already provided.
- Football Pitch – Cllr R. Pugh was able to report that an initial layout plan had been prepared but it was inaccurate and so a further plan was in the course of preparation and should be ready shortly. It would be produced to the Cornwall Football Association for their comments regarding the pitch relocation. At that stage there will be a pre application and then there can be community consultation, by whatever means the prevailing circumstances permit. Chairman suggested that hard copies of any plans could be placed in Lanreath Post Office for public perusal and possibly a community Zoom meeting could be held for consultation. Cllr R. Pugh indicated that Cornwall Council could organise an online meeting and provide a link to that for anyone in the community wishing to participate. They had capacity for over a hundred individuals to attend. As there is unlikely to be any further matches until August now would be a good time to agree a new location for the pitch and move it ahead of any development. Mr J. Williams expressed concerns about the adequacy of the access onto the Bodinick Road from the site for any housing development, and Cllr R. Pugh reported that Highways would have to satisfy the planning department that the access was adequate following the guidelines in the Manual for Roads. Mr. J Williams reported that it appeared to him from regular use of the junction out of the village

that cars travel very fast on the Bodinnick Road, but it was suggested to him that they may not be observing the 60mph limit.

- Lanreath Play Area seating – it was decided after some discussion about the lack of plastic alternatives, following investigation by Mr. P Bartram, that the Chairman will research the cost of materials for constructing a replacement section from marine ply, and then painting a suitable coating. He will report to the next meeting.

Matters arising – 15th December 2020

- PA20/10275 – consultee comments added to Cornwall Council planning portal after the last LPC meeting
- PA20/020808/PREAPP – Land to the rear of Grylls Park. Chairman sent an email to the Planning Officer about concerns regarding the safety of the proposed access but had not received an acknowledgement. Now there are new plans on the planning portal that were not there when the LPC meeting took place and it is clear that the proposed development of ten houses would have access through Grylls Park. The preapp is still under consideration.

Chairman stated that the meeting would step out of standing orders for Public Participation at this stage, whereupon a public participant expressed concerns about the access. With ten properties there was a probability in his opinion that there could be 20 cars (two per property) regularly using Grylls Park. Further and in addition the preapp was based on the false premise that only two storey buildings already surrounded the site, whereas there are many single storey dwellings. There appeared to be a possibility that if an application for ten properties was granted, this could make it easier for a developer to be successful in successive applications for numerous additional properties nearby.

Cllr R. Pugh advised the meeting that in the event that Highways and the Planning Officer are agreed that access for a proposed development is suitable then any opposition to the approval of planning would be unlikely to succeed.

Miss Sue Cave suggested that this proposed development and that on the football pitch should be linked, but the Chairman clarified the position with regard to the Neighbourhood Plan which provides for 24 new houses in total in ten or less contiguous developments – so both these proposed developments meet those requirements, and are two separate sites having separate accesses. In due course when planning is applied for, LPC will be asked to make consultee comments and the matter will be discussed at an LPC meeting to which the Public will be invited to attend in the usual way.

Mr J Williams asked if the concerns raised by John White in his email to the Clerk had been considered regarding the proposed new developments, and the Chairman reported the response he had received regarding the Lanreath sewage pumping station and the Pelynt treatment works – both of which were considered to have sufficient capacity. Cllr R Pugh was able to add that SWW had advised him on his enquiring into this that the Lanreath Pumping Station has work teams attending whenever there are periods of heavy rain to ensure that the pumps are working efficiently. He also advised that his understanding is that when a planning application is approved SWW have to ensure there is sufficient capacity for the safe disposal of sewage.

Meeting stepped back under Standing Orders

PA20/10709 – South Park still awaiting approval, LPC will continue to monitor

6. Correspondence

Cornwall Council

- Weekly planning reports – nothing of note for today's meeting
- Gritting Bodinnick Road – Chairman emailed Cllr Geoff Brown (Cornwall Council portfolio holder for Highways) and suggested that Bodinnick Road should be added to the list of roads for gritting after the precautionary list had been dealt with – but he has failed to respond, despite a reminder. Cllr R. Pugh offered to take this up with Cllr Brown.
- Community Network Meeting takes place 25th January at 2pm – Mr. D Pugh will attend
- Localism Vision and Strategy meeting 25th January 10 am – Chairman will attend and report back
- Smaller Councils meeting invite from Launceston Parish Clerk, 22nd January – Chairman unsure what this is as no Agenda has been sent, but he will endeavour to ascertain what it is about and report back

Other

- Office of National Statistics – Census 2021 – resolved that Clerk should request two posters, and record in these minutes that the Office of National Statistics are recruiting people to deliver the Census 2021. Anyone interested should visit <https://census.gov.uk/jobs/>
- Rural Digest – Chairman sends this out to Village Hall committee secretary and the Village Shop Manager as it is a source of funding providers and areas of interest for rural communities. Mr J Williams was able to report that the Village Hall had used this to obtain some funding recently.
- John Gundry – had emailed querying whether Cornwall Council had a five year land supply, and Cllr Pugh was able to assure him that they have a six and a half year supply. He had been concerned that the Neighbourhood Plan may have to be revised which essentially would have meant starting the process over again. This will not be necessary unless there are changes in Central Government planning policy, following the recent Planning White Paper, that would affect the current Neighbourhood Plan.
- Elizabeth Rose Playground equipment inspection – this had now taken place in January after Chairman asked the Clerk to check why it had not been done as usual in October. The delay was because the previous Clerk had received the reminder. Elizabeth Rose has now retired but an associate carried out the inspections and highlighted three areas for attention – 1. the soft impact covering the play area is eroding at the edge – resolved that Chairman will investigate sources of material and cost of remedial work; 2. Multiplay net may require securing – resolved that Chairman will visit and review; 3. Play area seating roof panel – previously discussed in this meeting. The inspection report also suggested that it may be felt that there should be additional signage on the basketball apparatus but meeting resolved it was unnecessary. In view of Elizabeth Rose's retirement the meeting resolved that the Clerk should investigate alternative providers and cost, and report back before the next inspection is due to take place in the autumn.
- Dunn and Dusted – Clerk has now received the missing invoice for the footpath works, and so Chairman will check work is completed and Clerk will reclaim funding from Cornwall Council as per the management partnership
- Bodinnick Road – with reference to the Chairman's request for gritting of the Bodinnick Road coincidentally a local resident had emailed him about his experience of icy conditions causing difficulties driving a 4x4 with ice setting. Some discussion about various complaints that councillors had received from residents having similar experiences in the recent icy weather. Particular concerns raised again about the safety of the double decker school bus that uses the Bodinnick Road. Various options discussed such as private contractors, but multiple

issues then would have to be considered such as cost, whether they would be insured to work on the Highway, Cornwall Council permission. Cllr R Pugh will look further into this, and endeavour to get a response from Cllr Geoff Brown to Chairman's request for gritting.

7. Planning

Nothing for consideration other than as previously discussed.

8. Climate change

Miss Sue Cave reported that as yet there had been no confirmation of the funding for the EV Charging Points in the County, despite there being Press Releases stating that £2.9m had been secured from the European Development Fund. Cllr Pugh confirmed that Cornwall Council would be debating whether they should spend £2.5m of Council money of the project, but it may be some time before a decision is made.

Miss Cave reported that 57,000 trees are being donated by the Woodland Trust for the Forest of Cornwall and schools are getting involved in planting some of these.

There is a movement to retrofit Council owned dwellings to improve them and make them 'environmentally friendly'.

A consultation study to propose areas of the county suitable for renewable energy is being undertaken, and Cllr R. Pugh will forward to Miss S Cave details regarding the planned locations under consideration, as she was unable to ascertain which area Lanreath Parish is in from the information she had been provided.

Generally, due to Lockdown, many plans are aspirational and little progress can be made.

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 £500 from the deposit account to the current account to cover payments coming due.

10. Bank reconciliations 30th November and 31st December 2020 – both in order

11. County Councillor's Report

Cllr R. Pugh stated that Spaceport Cornwall will create 350 jobs in the County, and that is great news for the airport.

Throughout lockdown there are no carparking charges in Cornwall.

Cornwall Council members are subject to a remuneration panel, current allowance is recommended to increase by £300 a year. Each Councillor is expected to work at least 32 hours a week, and will have 6,500 constituents. Anyone interested in the job should have a look at "Become a Councillor" on the gov.uk website

Fantastic news that the next G7 conference will take place in Carbis Bay – there will be many benefits for the County and Newquay Airport.

12. Parish Problems

Dog fouling – after discussion the meeting was unable to arrive at a definitive answer to this continuing problem in the community, as it was felt that banning dogs, or ordering them to be kept on leads were both unenforceable rules. If perpetrators

are witnessed permitting their dogs to foul then fullest possible details can be reported online to Cornwall Council. There is no need to confront the person/s. Report can also be made to a councillor, and the more details given the more likely it is that action will be taken.

Path to the shop – there are roots growing through the tarmac making the surface very uneven which is a problem for people with mobility issues, for prams, and wheelchair users. Mr. P. Bartram stated that he had looked at the path and believed that the roots could be cut back without causing harm to the tree and then the path could be patched. Kevin Libby has confirmed that this could be done, although eventually the roots will grow through again, so the work will have to be repeated from time to time. Chairman asked the Clerk to ascertain, by reference to the LPC documents in her possession, that the path belongs to LPC, and in the meantime Mr P. Meatyard will ask Kevin Libby to price the work for consideration by the LPC at their next meeting. Cllr R. Pugh stated that he was certain that LPC retained ownership of the path when the community shop bought the toilet block.

Defibrillator at the Village Hall there was a complaint made about the position of the light on the defib at the Village Hall, which the Chairman raised with the secretary to the Village Hall Committee and it has been rectified.

Derelict/abandoned vehicles - complaints have been made by various people in the village about this. PCSO Steve Cocks cannot act when they are on private property, and there are limits to what the landowner can do. There is a car at the Village Hall that has a broken window and is a possible fire hazard. The name of the owner of the vehicles is known and it may be that the Village Hall committee will need to seek legal advice as to how to deal with the issue. The CAB may be able to provide free advice. Discussion as to how to communicate with the owner. Mr J. Williams will report to the Village Hall Committee.

New Vicar - Mr. P. Bartram was pleased to inform LPC that a new vicar for the Parish will be licensed via Zoom on 24th February, Richard Allen, and his wife Harriet will move into the village on 8th February. Anyone wanting to attend the Zoom licensing can obtain the link from Mrs Jenny Bartram.

COVID vaccination centre – Mr J Williams reported that Marion Facey had proposed that the Village Hall could be used as a centre for vaccinations. Parking has been a problem at Pensilva, which would not be an issue at the Village Hall. Resolved that Mr J Williams would ascertain if the Village Hall Committee would sanction a proposal being put to the appropriate authorities, and the Chairman would then liaise with Mr Steve Bird in this regard.

13. Conduct of future Parish Council meetings – unanimously resolved that in the current lockdown the next meeting must be held online

14. Any other business –

Bury Down - Chairman apologised that this was not included in “Matters Arising” section of the meeting. There continue to be problems regarding the run off from Bury Down lane onto the B3359 and significant risk of vehicles aquaplaning in wet conditions. Ownership of the lane has not been established and although BT have right of way over it they do not have to maintain the lane, and have so far refused to clear the drains. The problem could perhaps be made less acute by Highways re-positioning a drain on the main road which currently is too high to take the run off or they could divert the run off in some other manner so as to make the road safe in wet conditions.

Cllr. R. Pugh suggested that LPC hold off approaching Highways as there is a change of personnel due to take place shortly, which may assist.

Resolved to review at next meeting and not to proceed with the letter to BT that had previously been discussed in the November LPC meeting.

Village Hall Defibrillator – Sandra Pipe has approached the Chairman with a suggestion that the LPC should adopt the Village Hall Defibrillator for insurance purposes. A question was raised as to who owns the defibrillators in the village, and they were purchased by two individuals using monies raised from donations. Resolved to look into the this with our current insurers and bring back to the next meeting for further consideration.

Village Magazine – Miss Sue Cave asked what the current position was, and Chairman stated that the new committee had yet to reach a consensus on how to proceed, but it was still hoped that the magazine would continue in some form.

Punchbowl Inn – there has been no further information regarding start of the renovation work, although clearly the renewed lockdown regulations were likely to contribute significantly to any delay

Green Burial Site – It seems that there is now a parking area, but no information as to any further development. There have been rumours that the site will be used for animal burial, but this would be in breach of planning, so should be disregarded as unreliable.

15. Public Participation – A member of the public asked what consideration would be given to water run off if the development at the top of Grylls Park was approved. Chairman advised that the planning process would include consideration of such matters.

17. Date and time of next meeting – Charman thanked everyone for attending, next meeting online Tuesday 15th February 2021 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 21.43