

**LANREATH PARISH COUNCIL**  
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 20th July 2021  
Commencing 19.30

**Present:** Mr P Seaman – Chair, Mrs E Lee, Miss J Tamblyn, Miss Sue Cave, Mr John Williams, Cllr Colin Martin, Mrs R Warren (Clerk)

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Parish Council Meeting and explained to members of the public when they would be able to participate.

**1. Apologies – Dan Pugh and PCSO Cocks, who had sent in a report:**

“From 01/06/21 – 30/06/21 there were 4 crimes.

I am looking for volunteers to become part of a new Looe area Community Speed Watch team so if you know anyone who might be interested please pass on my details so I can speak with them directly.

Numerous patrols have been conducted in the parish and all was found to be in order.

If there are any questions or matters arising for my attention then please contact me in the usual manner.”

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

None of those attending wished to do so at this stage.

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

None.

**4. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

Approved unanimously.

**5. Matters arising**

- Path to village shop – Chairman is awaiting a site visit from a tarmac company in Bodmin, Henry Cooper.
- Website accessibility – Chairman will report on this at the next meeting
- Millennium Green – Estimated cost of purchasing a mower, strimmer, and shed for storage with suitable security lock - £1,000. It has only been possible to obtain one quote to cut, trim and remove grass from the green of £30 per cut. Councillors agreed that volunteers have been doing an excellent job so far but that to ensure certainty that the area will be kept tidy the best solution is to employ a contractor. Unanimously agreed that the Clerk will accept the quote from Dunn & Dusted. Chairman will send letters of thanks to the volunteers.
- Football Pitch Field – Chairman reported that following his sending a request for an update to Sophie Tregenna she had replied that the Council were in the process of obtaining a quote and advice from an external, locally based agronomist that deals with pitch repositioning projects regularly. Once obtained, there would be a review and if favourable, she would look to set up a meeting in the coming weeks with Lanreath Parish Council and the land owner to discuss how best to move forward. Chairman responded that an agronomist is likely to provide a higher quote than

what could be done locally, however this is progress of a sort and may require Lanreath Parish Council to hold an extraordinary meeting in August to discuss this topic.

- Punchbowl Inn wall damage hazard – the owner has stated that he does not consider that there is a risk of collapse – although the gap continues to open up – and his workers are currently engaged on another site but will transfer to Punchbowl when this is completed. Sandra Pipe has been liaising with the owner.
- Draft comments on Connon Bridge planning PA20/11531 – Chairman’s draft comments unanimously accepted, and will be submitted to Cornwall Council Planning Portal by the Clerk. Cllr Martin commented that the fundamental problem is the lack of a long term strategic plan for waste disposal, making Connon Bridge the “default” location option.

## 6. Correspondence

### Cornwall Council

- Weekly planning lists, nothing to discuss
- Forest for Cornwall - to be discussed under Climate Change
- Tamar Bridge resurfacing - regular updates on the progress of work on the bridge
- Cornwall AONB – email circulated to all councillors, no further action at this time
- Cornwall Council response to Ash dieback – details what the Council’s approach is to those trees under their management
- Proposal for speed limit extension on Meadow Road – as this was proposed by Lanreath Parish Council, after considering the plan submitted, all agreed that the proposal should be supported. Clerk will notify Cornwall Council.
- Community Network Panel meetings invitations – 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021, 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2022, and 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022 – Chairman and Dan Pugh have attended these and Chairman will accept invitations.

### Other

- Westward Housing Group – received a request via email from Jon Mutter as follows: “Westward Housing Group is a member of the Cornwall Housing Partnership and has been delivering affordable housing across the county for many years, both on a smaller and larger scale. We have been contacted by a land owner with land in your parish which we’ve been asked to consider for potential affordable housing development. Housing need data shows some demand recorded for the parish, both for rental and affordable home ownership, but typically this may not reflect the real demand if no housing needs survey has been conducted in the recent past.

In the first instance, I would be interested to know whether the parish council considers there is, or may be, a need for new affordable housing in the parish, and whether or not the parish would support an appropriate development? Rural exceptions schemes typically take a number of years to bring forward and their viability on a small scale can be a major problem, so it’s important to establish early on if it’s worth investing the time to try and bring a development forward. I would welcome the opportunity to speak to someone on the parish council to hear the comments you may have before going any further. Just to be clear, I am talking about affordable housing and not open market housing. Please can I ask that you discuss this with your councillors and come back to me.”

Chairman proposed response:

Thank you for your query. LPC has not conducted an independent housing needs survey but, as you may be aware from two recent Pre-Apps for development of housing on rural exception sites adjacent to the village of Lanreath, CC’s Affordable Housing Team indicate that there are 14 households registered on Homechoice seeking affordable rented housing in the Parish. Should either of the proposed developments outlined in these Pre-Apps proceed, following an approved Planning Application, this would absorb a significant proportion of the

current affordable housing need in the Parish. When evaluating proposals for additional affordable housing in the Parish, in addition to the NPPF and Cornwall Local Plan, the Parish Council would be guided by the made Lanreath Neighbourhood Development Plan which is generally supportive of small scale affordable housing led developments, specifically:

- Policy H1 - New Housing Development
- Small-scale incremental housing development of an appropriate scale, density, character and appearance that reflects and enhances the village and Parish of Lanreath shall be permitted at a level that is commensurate with and will help to support social and community facilities available in the Parish.

This shall be developed through:

- i) One or more affordable housing led, non-contiguous minor developments of 10 or less houses, up to a total of approximately 25 additional dwellings on Rural Exception
- ii) Sites on the periphery of, and on land adjoining, the current village of Lanreath, that provide(s) suitable infrastructure including safe access to adjacent main roads and with safe walking and cycling access to the village amenities.

Although the Planning Officer will be guided by CC's Highways Team when determining safe access to adjacent main roads for any new development, Lanreath Parish Council has previously registered concerns regarding proposed housing developments that would increase vehicular traffic through the narrow roads in the centre of the village.

The Parish Council hopes that this addresses your queries but should you require any further information or clarification please contact the Chair of the Parish Council at chairlanreathpc@gmail.com or by 'phone at 01503 220726.

Unanimously agreed that the Chairman's response should be sent.

- Healthworks for Cornwall – seeking publicity for their campaign to assist persons with health problems to find work. Details will be uploaded to the Parish website.

## **7. Planning**

### Consultees comments PA21/05042, 05043, 05044 and 05050 New Hartswell Farm Herodsfoot

Chairman went through each application's planning statement, site location, and buildings elevations. John Williams queried what storage and disposal proposals there were for animal waste, but none were apparent in the documents. After some discussion and further consideration of the documents provided with the application it was unanimously resolved to support the application with a proviso concerning management of animal waste. Clerk will draft and then submit via the planning portal.

## **8. Climate Change**

Forest for Cornwall – Landmark Tree application guidance received and circulated. Miss Sue Cave pointed out that applications need to be submitted by 2<sup>nd</sup> August and that this is an opportunity to be given a tree to plant in the parish in celebration of HRH Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee next year. Trees on offer are all native species, and an oak would be ideal. All agreed that siting the tree near to the Village Hall would be the best option, and Chairman was tasked with liaising with the Village Hall Committee and to put the application in hand if a site can be agreed.

Miss Cave then reported regarding community charging points for EVs. There is a web site – Co-charger.com – where hosts can invite chargees to use their charging points for a fee. Also there is Zap Maps which shows charging points nationwide. Mentioned that there is a public charging point in Looe, that has been out of service for some time. Cllr Martin said this should be reported to Cornwall Council.

## **9. Finances**

Payments made since the last meeting under Financial Regulations, forthcoming payments, and a transfer from deposit to current account of £1,700 approved unanimously. Additional amount is to cover contractor's fees for Millennium Green mowing.

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

Cllr Martin introduced himself and apologised for having missed attending previous meetings, however, being responsible for 8 Parishes it is nigh on impossible for him to attend all their meetings. He focuses on health, social care, and the climate emergency. Regarding the latter he encouraged everyone to consider what we can do personally, as a community, and by challenging those in government to address the climate emergency. Start with just one thing. He went on to detail areas he has been concerned with as a County Councillor – Looe Valley Cycle Trail, and housing needs (seeking a declaration of a county-wide Housing Emergency was yet to be debated). Miss Cave commented that it was very difficult to recruit staff in the County when there was no accommodation for them. Cllr Martin agreed, and said that the housing crisis needed to be address urgently.

With regard to planning he mentioned that there would be greater control in the future regarding biodiversity and for larger development there would have to be evidence that it would be enhanced by the proposed development. This would then prevent clearance of sites such trees being taken down as has happened in Lanreath recently.

Parishioners can contact him at [cllr.colin.martin@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.colin.martin@cornwall.gov.uk) or telephone 07734434164. He works as a teacher Mondays and Fridays so may be difficult to get hold of on those days.

In future he is happy to come to meetings and deliver his report at the start, or submit via email. Clerk was instructed to amend the Agenda for future meetings accordingly.

## **11. Destruction of Council documents not required for archive/accounts**

Clerk had provided details of those documents that can now safely be disposed of. Councillors had considered the list and it was unanimously approved. Clerk will implement, and ensure that in July each year this is reviewed by the Parish Council so that redundant/out of date documentation is not stored indefinitely.

## **12. Parish Problems**

Chairman reported that the Village toilet is in a mess, there are cardboard boxes and an old display stand in there. He will speak to the shop manager and ask for these items to be cleared out, and will check to make sure it has been done.

## **13. Any Other Business**

Miss Cave enquired as to whether there was any progress with regard to the parish Magazine as it was an important method of passing on information to the community. There followed some discussion as to what the current situation was, and the difficulties of finding a dedicated person/persons willing to devote considerable time to the project, and whether a link could be made with Pelynt magazine. A Facebook page for the Parish was suggested, but someone on the Parish Council

would have to administer that. Lanreath Community Spirit have a Facebook page that it may be possible to link with. Cllr Martin informed the meeting that Lostwithiel Town Council have a Facebook page and that it runs successfully, and comments can be permitted or stopped if found offensive. This will be placed on the Agenda of the next meeting for further consideration.

Chairman enquired as whether the relaxation of the COVID restrictions should now alter the manner in which meetings are conducted. All agreed to continue with spacing, ventilation, and hand sanitising – and mask wearing to be a matter of personal choice. No restriction to be imposed on number of members of the public who can attend.

#### **14. Public Participation**

Mr Peter Bartram asked as to whether the Lanreath Parish had ever benefitted from the Construction Levy imposed on developers by Cornwall Council since January 2019. Clerk was tasked with ascertaining as to how these monies are accounted for and distributed and report to next meeting.

#### **15. Co-option of Councillors**

Chairman proposed move to Part II to consider applications for vacant Councillor posts – unanimously approved.

The Councillors considered the applications from Mr David “Buzz” Heard, Mr. John Gundry, and Mr Peter Bartram. All three were deemed to be suitable candidates for the positions and were unanimously co-opted for the vacant positions. Clerk tasked with informing them.

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

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2021 in the Village Hall. Meeting ended 21.40