

LANREATH PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 15th June 2021
Commencing 19.30

Present: Mr P Seaman – Chair, Mrs E Lee, Miss J Tamblyn, Mr Dan Pugh, Mr John Williams, 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. He then went through the COVID Safe Procedures for the conduct of Parish Council meetings

1. Apologies – Miss Sue Cave, and Cllr Colin Martin

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

None of those attending wished to do so at this stage. PCSO Cocks had been invited to attend but was not present and there was no email report from him.

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 18th May 2021

Approved unanimously.

5. Matters arising

- Path to village shop - Mr Paul Meatyard had been let down by a contractor and therefore Chairman will now make efforts to locate a small contractor willing to give a quote for the repair to the path.
- Website accessibility – Clerk reported that there was still no reply from Haling Parish Council regarding the bona fides of Jeff Manning, and that their own website had a detailed Accessibility Statement. Whilst it may be that our website is deficient there needs to be a check to ascertain what those areas of deficiency are, and then a plan to fix them, if not disproportionately costly – which the Government has stated is a valid reason for not fixing accessibility problems, but this must be stated in the accessibility statement. The Government guidance for compliance with the 2018 regulations states that unless someone on the Parish Council has the skills to resolve this, an outside contractor should be employed, but their charges can be as much as £1,000 a day. There is detailed guidance on the Gov.uk website for making a basic accessibility check, and the Chairman proposed that he would take this task on.
- Millennium Green – Chairman reminded the meeting that the Green is currently being mowed by volunteers, using a mower owned by one of them. The issue was whether the Parish Council should pay a subcontractor to carry out this work, the cost of which would be just over £500 per year based on the estimate received from the current contractor for the communal garden and footpaths. The alternative is to purchase a mower, possibly a strimmer also, and a small shed for storage, the barns next to Tithe Cottage no longer being available. The shed could be positioned next to the Millennium Building on the shop side, and could be used for the village Christmas lights as well. David Furzer has offered to sell a mower to the Parish

Council for less than £200. Resolved that Dan Pugh would take on the task of researching cost of mower and shed purchase and report back. Mr J Williams said that the grass on the Millennium Green needed to be cut before the pet service due to be held there this coming Sunday – Chairman said he would ensure that the volunteers were aware, or would carry out the work himself.

- Local Maintenance Partnership – Clerk reported that £60 reimbursement was received. There remained a fund to draw down on from Cornwall Council of £439.37 specifically for keeping public rights of way clear. Chairman stated that any access problem due to overgrown vegetation should be notified to a Councillor or the Clerk, and, with the landowner's permission, a contractor could be tasked with the clearance, and the cost recouped from the LMP scheme.
- Abandoned vehicles on Punchbowl car park – have been removed
- Football Pitch Field – Chairman reported that following the last meeting he had emailed Sophie Tregenna with the concerns raised by Lanreath PC about the change of strategy for the purchase of just the land for the proposed housing development, leaving the football club having to move the pitch, with all the associated cost and inconvenience, before planning is granted. During a telephone call that resulted from that email Chairman was informed by Ms Tregenna that the change of strategy was due to Cornwall Council governance, in that they wanted to avoid setting a precedent for other PCs wanting similar arrangements for the purchase of land and sale back to the community for leisure/ amenities use. The Football Club are proceeding with fixtures on the basis that nothing will change for the duration of the current season. Having obtained the Red Book valuation of the land they now intend to review purchase options, the matter is in abeyance until Ms Tregenna returns from leave after 16th June. Chairman believes that in due course Sport England may be a statutory consultee on any planning application that requires the football pitch to be moved.
- Co-option to fill councillor vacancies – further to the decision at the last meeting to advertise vacancies, it is clear that the regulations provide for immediate co-option, as confirmed by Electoral Services at Cornwall Council. The vacancies will therefore be advertised on the Village Notice Boards and on the website.

6. Correspondence

Cornwall Council

Planning weekly lists, nothing to discuss

Planning News for Local Councils and Agents. Email had been circulated and was a useful resource for those considering planning applications

Forrest for Cornwall Newsletter – particular emphasis on Landowners in this edition

Other

Devon & Cornwall Police briefing for Partners – an email link to publicity regarding the various different ways to contact the Police rather than via 999, also how to report something anonymously. Chairman has put a short link on the Parish website

Global Road Safety 20's Plenty Campaign – this is an email invitation to participate in the campaign to reduce speed limits in villages. This is not something that Lanreath PC will revisit now, as previously there have been discussions concerning the reduction of the speed limit through the village but the cost of signage and the difficulty in enforcement have meant that it was not proceeded with. Chairman pointed

out that the village is still waiting for the 30mph limit to be extended beyond Mead ow Road, that was approved last year.

Letters of thanks from Lanreath Ladybirds, Community minibus, Village Hall, and PCC – all had acknowledged receipt of donations and thanked the Parish Council

Punchbowl Inn hazard – Chairman had reported to the owner an area of loose rendering that was on the road side of the building, but is yet to receive a reply. It is believed that works on the renovations will commence in a few weeks, and in the meantime, Chairman will keep the area under observation.

7. Planning

Connon Bridge PA20/11531

Chairman has circulated to all Councillors the St Piran Parish Council comments on this application which illustrate the many concerns their community has regarding the continued use of a site that was expected to fully close when the landfill ended. Following discussion regarding the impact on Lanreath Parish it was resolved that the Chairman will draft comments for submission by Lanreath PC and present these to the next meeting.

Consultees comments PA21/04307 to be submitted by 17th June

An application for outline permission on a site next to Tithe Cottage in the village. Planning application was shown on screen to the meeting and Chairman went through the plans and Design and Access statement. The application is for a single open market dwelling, access shared with the existing access for Tithe Cottage. This is in a conservation area, and would necessitate the demolition of the existing empty timber and corrugated iron barns. All matters will be reserved save for access, meaning that the design and size of the dwelling will be determined in a full application. An ecological report is included in the application, but nothing of significance was found on the site. Following some discussion resolved that Lanreath Parish Council supports the application with all the reserved issues, provided the existing access rights are respected.

8. Climate Change

Chacewater Community Energy Group green energy fair – Clerk reported that this will take place on 24th July for those interested.

9. Review of proposed changes to Standing Orders

Following Mis Sue Caves' suggestion at the last meeting Chairman had drafted an alteration to standing orders prohibiting the drinking of alcohol in meeting. Unanimously approved.

10. Annual Accounts

Clerk reported that the 2020/21 accounts and Annual Governance and Accountability Review (AGAR) had been completed. Chairman went through the figures and reported a surplus over contingencies of £1,361. This is due to a number of factors such as no Village Hall hire for a year, lower electricity charges, two months without a Clerk, and recouping VAT. The relevant audit has been completed by Derek Hilton. All accounts will be uploaded to the PC website and the public will be provided with the opportunity to inspect the originals, and information as to how this can be done will be in a notice on the website.

Chairman asked for authority to sign off the accounts – unanimously approved.

11. Finances

Payments made since the last meeting under Financial Regulations, forthcoming payments, and a transfer from deposit to current account of £960 (£60 being the reimbursement from LMP) approved unanimously.

12. County Councillor's report

None

13. Parish Problems

Chairman reported that it had been brought to his attention that there was a small area of Japanese knotweed in the communal garden which appeared to have been brought in with top soil. As the areas are still quite small, the village garden group should be able to dig it out, let it dry, and then burn it. There is some ragwort which will also have to be destroyed.

14. Any Other Business

PA21/05042/43/44 – Consultees comments are required on these three applications by 1st July, but the requests came after the agenda for this meeting had been sent out. Clerk has requested a deferment for submission of comments until after the July meeting of the PC but despite leaving 4 messages for the planning officer, and emailing, there has been no response. The determination date is 5th August so it is to be hoped that a deferment will be permitted otherwise there will have to be an extraordinary meeting. Although no decision can be made by the PC today, Chairman took the meeting through the detail of the applications for construction of two new barns and retrospective permission for approval of a lean-to at New Hartswell Farm Herodsfoot.

14. Public Participation

A question was raised as to how the application for the outline permission on the site next to Tithe Cottage fit with the Lanreath Neighbourhood Plan, where it had been stated that housing developments would be on the edge of the village. Chairman responded that it had not been envisaged that there would be a location for infill such as this, and demolition of existing buildings had not been considered save that in such a situation a replacement should be constructed in short order so as to prevent any vacant plot eyesore in the village.

The sign for the toilet needs replacing, and could be on the wall rather than on a rusty unsightly looking pole. Chairman noted this and asked that it be put on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Mr J Williams thanked the Chairman for his excellent work repairing the roof to the play area seating area.

16. Date and time of next meeting

Tuesday 20th July at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. Meeting ended 20.52.

Chair
20th July 2021