

LANREATH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of online Parish Council Meeting held on 20th October 2020
Commencing 19.30

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

The Chair welcomed everyone to the Parish Council Meeting.

1. **Apologies** – Danny Pugh, Steve Bird, and PCSO Steve Cocks
2. **Members of the public** – none present
3. **No interests to disclose** by any councillors
4. **Minutes of the meeting 15th September 2020** - unanimously approved.
5. **Matters arising** –
 - Millennium Building – Chairman has sent letter of thanks to David Lemon for restoring the clock
 - Horse Chestnut tree – Chairman will take off unsafe branches, once the leaves have all fallen. Mr Paul Meatyard will approach a parishioner regarding disposal/storage of the wood
 - Photographs – Chairman has all save for one (Mr Steve Bird) and has prepared a notice for display in the village for parishioners to recognise and contact their councillors
 - Boddinick Road repair – these are now complete but there may be a residual issue with the water flow now that the drains have been replaced. Chairman and Mrs E Lee will keep this under review.
 - Dog waste bin – there is a new bin in place at the entrance to the Village Hall car park
 - Highway scheme expression of interest forms – Cllr R. Pugh was able to confirm that the 30mph limit will be extended but the cleaning of the road between Trebant Bridge and Botallick Farm was refused (probably due to lack of funds) but he will take this issue up himself.
 - Millennium Building steel blasting work – Chairman has instructed Totally Blasted to commence works as per their estimate of £380 plus VAT, but they need dry days to do the blasting and then paint, so they are waiting for a few clear days before work can be completed.
 - Football Pitch – Cllr Pugh has been in regular contact with the Cornwall Council officers dealing with the proposed development of the site, and has been made aware of a number of issues that require further information/investigation such as traffic flow on the Boddinick Road, siting of splay lines at the site entrance/exit, and the cost of moving the football pitch. Once these matters have been dealt with then Lanreath Parish Council can press for detailed plans for the community to consider and discuss at a public meeting – online if necessary.
 - Fixed penalty courses – Clerk will keep this under review and advise when the next session is publicised
 - Lord Lieutenant nominations – have been sent and acknowledged
 - The Old Forge – planning application granted

- Anti-social behaviour – Chairman wrote to PCSO Cocks about this (as an informal report) and to the Tenants of “The Topsy Cow”, who have replied in terms that they are taking this matter very seriously and being proactive in endeavouring to prevent a reoccurrence. PCSO Cocks’ report on crimes in the Parish had been circulated to all Councillors and information is available on the internet (<https://www.police.uk/>) as to number and type of crime in this area.
- Remembrance Day – wreath has been ordered and paid for. Mr P Bartram will liaise with Chairman as to when and what type of commemoration there will be in Lanreath. Six people can attend and people in the community can make suggestions as to who would be appropriate representatives.

6. Correspondence

Cornwall Council

- Weekly planning reports – nothing of note for today’s meeting
- Dog Fouling – preventative posters and Community Ambassador scheme – details to be put on the website by the Clerk, and in the Lifestyle Magazine and see if anyone in the parish is willing to take on the role, whereupon the forms of application for the free posters can be sent off. Some concern expressed as to the onus of the role, and the effectiveness of the posters.

Other

- Herodsfoot Village Green – the village amenity site, which has been used as such for decades and has the war memorial on it, was put up for sale by its private owner. The community wanted to preserve it as common land for communal use, and were going through this process when a local resident purchased the land for the village. A group representing the Herodsfoot community have approached Lanreath PC to complete and lodge an application to register this land for common use. This is a time consuming and lengthy process for a third party, but relatively straightforward for the owner. After some discussion it was resolved that Lanreath PC fully supports the proposed application, and it encourages the new owner to apply for common land registration as this would be simpler and quicker than the Council doing so. However, if the owner does not wish to lodge the application and the Herodsfoot community wish to make further representations in this regard then Lanreath PC will liaise with the community to gather the evidence necessary to support a submission by Lanreath PC on behalf of the community.
- Lanreath Play Area – Chairman power washed the area and he noticed that one panel on the roof of the seating area was damaged by water ingress causing the laminate to separate from the plywood base. Having contacted the original supplier he was quoted £1,093.65 to replace it. Some discussion about whether a like for like replacement represented value for money. Mr P Bartram offered to seek alternative solutions and report back to the next meeting.
- School bus stop – after a number of incidents were reported to him about the Punch Bowl Inn being struck by the bus, Chairman made contact with the bus provider and Cornwall Council requesting that the bus stop be moved from the Punch Bowl Inn to the Church layby. Following this intervention, Cornwall Council has agreed to move the official Lanreath to the Church layby.
- Looe Town Council – letter has been sent as resolved at the last meeting.
- Although not on the Agenda, Chairman has received an invitation to an online meeting from Suez about their proposed changes at Connon bridge, he will attend and report at the next meeting. Cllr R. Pugh will also be in attendance.

7. Planning

PA20/00101 Punch Bowl Inn – Chairman has been proactive in trying to ascertain why there has been a delay in deciding this application, as many members of the community

are concerned at the delay, and the building falls into greater dereliction. After communicating with Jonathan Luker – the planning officer – and the owner’s architect, Chairman has established that further information was required, in particular an updated plan of the rear elevation, and a new sectional drawing, as well as a photograph of the public notice displayed on the premises. The drawings have been submitted and Chairman took and forwarded photos of the Public Notice.

There was some discussion as to why this process is taking so long, particularly as at the extraordinary meeting in July, a decision was expected on 7th September. Cllr R. Pugh reported that the system had slowed considerably due to COVID 19 regulations and the increased number of applications that seem to have been submitted this year.

Chairman and Cllr Pugh will continue to keep this application under review.

8. Climate change

Miss S. Cave reported that she was in the process of reviewing a video of a recent meeting of the Cornwall Carbon Neutral Hive which she was unable to attend at the time, and she will report anything of interest to the next meeting.

She has been in contact with the manager of the Lanreath Community shop and ascertained that they do a limited amount of recycling, but that there may be more that can be done, and she is intending to speak to the shop committee Chairman about this.

Still nothing heard about community electric vehicle charging points, no feedback from the community, and in particular no news as to when and how much funding from government will be made available. Chairman will contact Edwina Hannaford at Cornwall Council about this.

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

9. Finance

Clerk reported that payments had been made as agreed at the last meeting, and in addition two payments had been made under Financial Regulations. Bank balances as at 12th October were £6,796.19 in the deposit account, and £589.08 in the current account. The balance of the precept had been received in the sum of £5,346.50.

Clerk had identified an excess on the accounts of some £1,000 made up of VAT due to be reclaimed, and payments put aside for PAYE on the Clerk’s salary which were not now payable. Footpath maintenance payment of £60 is due to come in and Clerk will liaise with Dunn & Dusted in this regard.

Payments to Dunn & Dusted, D. Northcott, Clerk (salary and wreath payment), Totally Blasted, and reimbursement of the Jimdo payment (Lanreath PC website) made by Chairman were unanimously approved (Chairman did not vote).

Clerk requested authority to transfer £800 from the deposit account to current account to cover payments authorised – unanimously approved.

Clerk will make an application to reclaim VAT paid on invoices.

Councillors will notify Clerk of their bank details so that their expenses can be paid by BACS.

10. Bank reconciliation 30th September 2020 -

Bank statements as at end of September totalled £7,395.22, as per the reconciliation.

11. County Councillor's report

Cllr R Pugh reminded the Councillors that if any of them needed to complete their code of conduct course, then there would be online courses on 9th November from 10am to 12 noon, on 17th November from 2pm to 4pm, and on 3rd December from 10am to 12 noon. He can provide details to anyone who needs to attend.

Highways England will be carrying out traffic surveys on the A38 from 20th October to 12th November.

There is likely to be an increase in the toll for vehicles going over the Tamar bridge next year, in an effort to address an anticipated £7,000,000 shortfall by 2024.

Marion Facey will be writing a piece for the Lifestyle magazine about her journey as a passenger on the bus from the village – which may encourage others to use it.

In response to a question from Miss J Tamblyn, Cllr. R. Pugh reported that Newquay Airport is increasing the number of flights, and appears to be doing reasonably well.

12. Parish Problems

Chairman had report that the toilet rolls in the public WC were of the incorrect size. Mr P. Meatyard had purchased correct ones, and Village Hall would cover the cost with the incorrectly sized stock, originally purchased from the Village Hall Committee, being returned to the Village Hall.

Mr P Bartram raised the ongoing issue of the poor state of the drains on the unadopted road from the B3359 up to Bury Down BT aerial site. This is a matter that has been discussed in previous meetings, but the road ownership was under question.

Chairman reported that he had carried out extensive investigation of the ownership, and had determined that BT had a contractual right of way over the lane which includes the right but not an obligation to maintain the road, which meant that they could not be forced to clear the drains.

General discussion as to how this matter could be brought to a satisfactory conclusion, and it was agreed that an informal approach would be made to a lawyer as to what the legal position may be.

Councillors expressed concerns about road safety, in circumstances where water and debris run off the road into the main road at the junction, and could be extremely hazardous where there is a drop in temperature causing ice to form.

Miss S Cave enquired as to whether Highways should be notified as they have an obligation to keep the roadways clear and safe – Chairman will make further enquiries in that regard.

13. Conduct of future Council meetings

Unanimously agreed to continue to meet remotely, but to review at each meeting.

14. Any other business

Next month the Budget must be agreed, and the precept set for 2021. Chairman and Clerk will prepare draft for the next meeting for the Councillors to consider.

Chairman thanked Mr J Williams for completing repairs to the gate to the community garden.

Having investigated whether Lanreath PC was eligible for a £10,000 Cornwall Council Grant for the Public WC (as Lerryn reportedly had been), Chairman has established that the Lanreath WC is classified as Staff Toilets for the shop for rating purposes, so Lanreath PC is not entitled to the grant.

15. Public Participation – None

16. Date and time of next meeting

Online Tuesday 17th November 2020 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 21.15

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