

LANREATH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date of Meeting:

19th October 2021 commencing 19.30

Present:

Mr P Seaman – Chair, Mrs E Lee, Mr John Williams, Mr David Heard, Mr John Gundry, Mr Peter Bartram, Mrs Rebecca Warren - Clerk

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Meeting

1. Apologies:

Miss Julie Tamblyn, Mr D Pugh, Miss Sue Cave, Cllr Colin Martin, PCSO Steve Cocks

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

PCSO Steve Cocks submitted the following report to the meeting:

“From 01/09/21 – 30/09/21 there were 2 crimes inc. a criminal damage and an assault.

Numerous patrols have been conducted around 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.”

3. Disclosure of Interests:

No members of the Council declared their interests in matters to be discussed and no requests for dispensations were considered.

4. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 21st September 2021:

Mr John Gundry proposed that the minutes be accepted, this was seconded by Mrs E Lee and carried by unanimous vote. The Chair signed the minutes.

5. County Councillor's Report:

Cllr Colin Martin was unable to attend the meeting

6. Matters arising:

- Path to Village Shop

The Chair reported that a quote had been received of £3,752.18 + VAT as against the previous quote of £1,500 + VAT. There being no specific budget allowance for this item any decision will be deferred until the Budget for next year is being considered. There was some discussion as to whether the Community Infrastructure Levy payment could be used for the path repair, but it is unlikely that will be received for some time, and must be used for local infrastructure.

- Website accessibility

The Chair reported that he had concluded his accessibility checks of the website and had prepared an accessibility statement which had been circulated to all Councillors for their approval. Mr J Gundry proposed that the accessibility statement be adopted and uploaded to the website and Mrs E Lee seconded. Carried by unanimous vote.

- Football Pitch Field

Cornwall Council's Housing Development and Delivery Team have not come back following a request for details of progress, and the Chair reported that it was unlikely they would do so until they had something to report. He will continue to monitor this and contact them again before the next Lanreath Parish Council meeting.

- Landmark Tree

Sessile Oak is not available, and an English Oak has been offered instead. The English Oak is considered to be suitably robust, and the species has been growing in Cornwall for centuries. The Chair will liaise with Miss Sue Cave regarding ordering the tree, which will be delivered in mid-November. He will take delivery and heel it in temporarily in his garden prior to official planting. He suggested that so as to give Lanreath Lady Birds the opportunity to get the children involved, the planting should take place on a Tuesday or Thursday when they are open, and that Tuesday 30th November falls within National Tree Planting Week. The Chair has contacted Sandra Pipe regarding Lady Birds involvement, and will also liaise with Dave Moore of the Gardening Group as to any requirements for support/protection/care of the tree.

- Climate Literacy Training

Mr D Heard reported that he had completed the training and whilst it was basic had found it interesting and worthwhile. He was particularly engaged by the section regarding the impact of extreme weather financially on Cornwall. Money spent on dealing with climate change would save future expenditure on the effect of extreme weather events – such as the flooding at Coverack, and the trainline at Dawlish. Cornwall Council appears to be more ambitious than the national government as to targets to be met, but as yet has no cohesive plan of how to get there, and internationally it is currently unlikely that the global warming target will be met.

- Replacement signs for Lanreath toilets

The Clerk reported that she had received one quote of £196 + VAT for like-for-like replacement signs. In addition she had contacted Cornwall Council Highways Department who had declined to provide signs, or quote for them, but a response was awaited to the Clerk's enquiry as to whether there was a possibility of a financial contribution. There followed a discussion as to the possibility of removing the post and signs and replacing with a sign affixed to the wall – examples of which could be found on line for much less than the figure quoted. Clerk will carry out further research and report to the November meeting.

- Parish Council Facebook Page

Mr J Gundry had provided a report that the Councillors had considered prior to the meeting. He proposed that there be Facebook account created for Lanreath Parish Council, principally for the use of parishioners, to disseminate Council information. There was some discussion regarding the Messenger facility – which requires effort to maintain, and may attract random messages – and who would administer the account. It was felt that some County Council information could be of interest to the community and possibly linked to the Facebook page. Mr J Gundry proposed that he would set up the Facebook account, be administrator, Mrs R Warren co-administrator, and there be no Messenger facility. Clerk's email address will be on the page. Seconded by Mr P

Bartram and unanimously agreed. The decision as to whether to include/link to community information held in abeyance for the time being.

- Herodsfoot Village Green Registration

Lanreath Parish Council representation in support has been submitted to and accepted by the Commons and Greens Registration Officer.

- South West Hygiene duty of care form

Signed and returned by the Clerk

- Consultees Comments PA21/07671

Have been submitted by the Clerk

- PA21/05042, 05043, 05044, and 05450

Following a request from the Planning Officers for further clarification, and upon canvassing the Councillors, the Clerk notified the planning officers of Lanreath Parish Council's agreement of the proposal to approve the applications under the five day protocol.

- Climate Change environmental lead at Cornwall Council

The Chair reported that he had ascertained that Councillor Martin Alvey holds this role. Edwina Hannaford is the Liberal Democrat portfolio holder for Climate Change and Neighbourhoods, and is also leader of the Liberal Democrat councillors. Colin Martin is the Deputy Liberal Democrat leader and their Climate Emergency lead.

- Penadlake Garden of Remembrance

Following the September meeting the Chair had written to the owner of the site, and received a response that had been circulated to the Councillors. The owner, Mrs Hearn is obviously committed to trying to avoid any confusion as to the location of the remembrance garden with Penadlake hamlet. She is considering signage on the main road and Chair will write to Cornwall Highways (Will Glassup) regarding this. Mr P Bartram suggested that perhaps three signs on the roads leading to the site would prevent any confusion.

- Student Bus Stop

Following representations from Lanreath Parish Council to Cornwall Council about safety concerns for students waiting for their bus on the road outside the Punch bowl Inn the bus stop was to be officially relocated to the lay by near the church last October. This is yet to be fully implemented and the bus route plans appear to still show it outside the pub. The Chair reported that he has written to Cornwall Council regarding this and is awaiting a reply. He has asked Colin Martin to chase this.

- Photos of new Councillors

The Chair reported that these have been received and uploaded to the website.

7. Correspondence:

All correspondence received via email unless otherwise indicated; all circulated by Clerk to Councillors.

Cornwall Council Correspondence

- Weekly planning reports
- Let's talk homes survey – seeking responses to a survey regarding the draft Housing Strategy for the county. The survey is tailored for individuals, and closes 8th November.
- Inclusion matters service – a partnership project between Age UK Cornwall, Disability Cornwall, Inclusion Cornwall, Digital Inclusion, and Cornwall Rural Community Charity – working also with Cornwall Health Care Trust supporting patient discharge in the county. Information will be uploaded to the Lanreath Parish Council website and Facebook page.
- Liskeard and Looe Community Network – agenda and minutes of October meeting.
- East Sub-Area Planning Committee – agenda and minutes of last meeting
- Town and Parish Newsletter - as this contains some useful information for the community, a request has been sent to the editors for permission to upload to the website, and, in due course, Facebook
- Tamar Bridge – resurfacing updates – various dates. Noted that work has been completed two weeks ahead of schedule.

Other Correspondence

- Top ten buildings at risk in Cornwall – received from the Cornish Buildings Group. The list includes Polvellan Manor, West Looe. Individuals are invited to contact the Group to suggest additions to the list or for further information.
- National Association of Police and Crime Commissioners survey of licensing fire arms – possibly arising from the incident in Plymouth earlier this year. Survey closes 20th October
- Police and Crime Commissioners “feeling unsafe” on line survey – inviting submissions of where individuals feel unsafe using a mapping tool – www.police.uk/streetsafe
- Devon and Cornwall Police call for ideas – Vision South West road safety partnership launching this campaign in communities across the two counties. There is a funding pot of £100,000 available for community-led safety initiatives – <https://visionzerosouthwest.co.uk/call-for-ideas/>
- Homes for Locals – seminar taking place 20th October
- Citizens Advice Bureau Autumn Newsletter
- St Pinnock Post horn – local publication, possibly receives funding from SUEZ

8. Planning:

Consultees comments on PA21/08567

Consultee comments on a proposed two storey side extension at Tresawson, B3359 between St. Marnarchs Road and Summer Lane Lanreath PL13 2NT, to be submitted by 25th October.

The proposed plans and supporting documents submitted with the application were reviewed. It was noted that the site is screened on two sides and cannot be seen from the road. Existing roof line will stay the same. Mr P Bartram proposed that Lanreath Parish Council support the application, and Mr J Williams seconded – unanimously agreed. Clerk will submit comments on line via the Cornwall Council Planning portal.

9. Climate Change:

It was noted by the meeting that Cornwall Council are progressing their Climate Change Development Plan, and in due course a draft plan will be put out for public consultation

10. Finances:

Bank statements and bank reconciliations for September were provided by the Clerk.

Clerk reported that the letter to Lloyds Bank confirming the Clerk's new address had been received and acted upon by the bank.

It was proposed by Mr P Bartram, and seconded by Mr J Williams that the payments due before the next meeting be approved – unanimously agreed. It was proposed by Mrs E Lee and seconded by Mr J Williams that the inter account transfer of £1,000 be approved - unanimously agreed.

11. Lanreath Parish Council Budget Report:

A detailed budget will be presented to the next meeting when consideration should be given to possible additional items such as an inflation allowance, increased grass cutting cost, and a non-specific general reserve. The path to the Village Shop could perhaps be one such item that was not previously budgeted for and could have been paid for from a reserve. The Chair reported that there was guidance that smaller authorities with budgets of less than £250,000 a year, should hold a full 12 months budget in reserve.

It was noted that last year an allowance was made in the Budget for a donation to the Cornwall Air Ambulance, which has not been paid. This will be discussed at the November meeting.

Consideration also to be given to a training allowance for Councillors and Clerk, NALC membership, celebrations of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, and other items that Councillors put forward for inclusion, which will be incorporated in the next meeting Agenda. The Clerk will send out copies of last year's Budget to all Councillors.

12. Parish Problems:

Mr J Williams reported a couple of issues with the play area, which the Chair advised he was aware of and were recurring. He will attend and repair as required.

The Chair reported that only one Parish Councillor appears on the Cornwall Council website – and that person is no longer on the Parish Council. Clerk will investigate and report to next meeting.

Mr D Heard commented that there was a considerable amount of litter along the roads of the Parish. Enquiries will be made of Cornwall Council Highways about road side litter collection in the parish.

Mr J Williams reported that the bamboo is coming up again in the Community Garden. The Chair will mention this to Dave Moore of the Gardening Group, but it is likely to be a recurring problem.

Mr D Heard mentioned areas of spot flooding in dips on the roads into the parish – individual reports of such problems can be made to the Highways Department via the online reporting tool on the Cornwall Council website.

13. Any Other Business:

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee is next year and consideration should be given as to how to celebrate. Clerk will include this as an agenda item for the next meeting.

The Chair reported that he has supplied and fitted the new display screen for the Village Notice Board and at the next meeting will be seeking approval for reimbursement of the cost £175 + VAT.

14. Public Participation: None

15. Date and time of next meeting:

Tuesday 16th November 2021 7.30pm. The meeting closed at 21:00