

## LANREATH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

### Date of Meeting

21<sup>st</sup> February 2023 commencing 19.30

### Present

Cllr Peter Seaman – Chairman, Cllr David Heard – Vice Chairman, Cllr Eileen Lee, Cllr John Williams, Cllr John Gundry, Cllr Sue Cave, Cllr Peter Bartram, Cllr Julie Tamblyn, Cty Cllr Colin Martin, Mrs Rebecca Warren (Clerk).

Three members of the public.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

### 1. Apologies

None

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

PCSO Steve Cocks informed the meeting that during the period 1<sup>st</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023 there had been one reported crime in the Parish – an assault. However there had been a series of thefts around the south east area of the county where tools and two quad bikes had been stolen. He said that this appeared to be the work of an organised group who were cutting locks and using a large van to transport the stolen items away from the victims' premises. If anyone has seen anything suspicious, or may have information about these thefts they should contact PCSO Cocks, or telephone 101. One quad bike has been recovered after it was abandoned at the gravel pit near Boconnoc.

He next described the ongoing problems in this Parish and countywide with out of control dogs, the police are getting two or three reports each month. He urged members of the public to help by ensuring that their dogs are always kept under close control on a lead, and muzzled, if they are known to be a problem. There are an increasing number of reports of dog on dog, and dog on human aggressive attacks, and owners must be more responsible. If an attack is in process then call 999, or, to report an attack that has already occurred, then call 101. As with any crime report give plenty of information to assist the police.

Devon and Cornwall Police are still seeking volunteers for their Speedwatch campaign, and applications can be found online, As it seems likely that many more 20 mph zones will be brought in around the county, more enforcement will be required, which Speedwatch can assist with at community level.

Mrs Williams then addressed the meeting concerning the delay in the adoption of the road at Rally Close, which is causing problems for the residents. There are no street lights (which Ocean Housing states the residents did not want, but this is not the case certainly so far as Mrs Williams knows), and all rubbish and recycling has to be carried to the main road because the dust carts will not enter the Close, this can be difficult for elderly and infirm householders. The garbage is piled up outside a property on the roadside, and can often be there for many hours awaiting collection.

On the same subject (adoption of Rally Close) Mr Peter Hooper thanked the Chairman, Cty Cllr Martin, and Lanreath Parish Council for their efforts to resolve this issue, and

informed the meeting that he had a copy deed relating to the sale of the original site of Rally Close, which may contain the missing easement that Cornwall Council say is required before the road adoption can proceed. He gave the copy to the Chairman to peruse after the meeting. He went on to ask whether the Parish Council would be willing to write to the householder at No 7 Rally Close, and ask to see their deeds, as it is believed that the easement that the local authority require may be detailed there. The Chairman stated that this would be considered when the matter was discussed under item 6 of the agenda.

### **3. Disclosure of Interests**

As a resident of Rally Close, Cllr Williams declared an interest in the agenda item regarding adoption of that road.

### **4. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

Cllr Williams proposed that the minutes be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Lee and agreed. The Chairman signed the minutes.

### **5. County Councillor's Report**

Cty Cllr Martin informed the meeting that the Cabinet has now approved the new Community Area Partnership network, and that consequently he now must cover three areas.

Cornwall Council has approved a 5% increase in Council Tax for the coming year, and he expressed his opinion that a balancing of the county accounts had been achieved at the expense of the cap on adult social care, which is yet to be put in place, despite promises made 3 or more years ago.

The Climate Emergency Development Plan (CEDP) has been adopted by Cornwall Council and will impact the design of new houses in the county – solar panels, domestic EV charging points, no gas central heating – and planners will be looking to see that applications for rural housing are sustainable regarding proximity to work, and public transport availability, amongst other things to consider.

As for Rally Close, he has been happy to try and assist the residents, but the Council file is closed and the matter will only be re-opened once the easement that they require is proven to be in place with reference to the deeds.

Cllr Bartram asked if the double Council Tax of second homes had been approved, and Cty Cllr Martin confirmed that it had, but could not be implemented until legislation was passed by Parliament. It seemed that this was going through and the extra funds would start being collected from April 2024 onwards. This would amount to approximately an additional £25m in Council Tax each year. Cty Cllr Martin expressed his view that those extra monies should be ring-fenced for affordable housing, and upgrading of the current stock of social housing in the county.

The Chairman asked if the adoption of the CEDP would require a new Cornwall Local Plan, which Cty Cllr Martin confirmed would be the case, although it should be possible to utilise the existing plan, and make amendments to bring it into line with the CEDP.

In response to a question from a Councillor, Cty Cllr Martin confirmed that there is no decision yet as to whether there will be a referendum about devolution for Cornwall. The Council will vote in April, and the referendum, if voted for, would take place in October. Chairman thanked Cty Cllr Martin for his public meeting about devolution.

Cty Cllr Martin left the meeting 20.11.

## 6. Matters arising

- Adoption of Rally Close

Chairman confirmed for the meeting that Cty Cllr Martin had kindly contacted Cornwall Council's Infrastructure Adoption Team to request advice on why Rally Close was not adopted. They had reported that they had been unable to verify that there was an easement for a soakaway located within a resident's garden and that the relevant Section 38 legal file had therefore been closed.

In response to a follow-up email from Cty Cllr Martin stating that he had been advised that the easement is reported to exist, the Adoption Team responded that the Developer would need to submit a new Section 38 application with proof of the easement. When Cty Cllr Martin queried whether the residents could apply independently for a Section 38 Agreement, he was advised that they would require a copy of the easement agreement and the relevant deeds for the property from the owner of the property subject to the easement.

Mr Hooper had asked whether the Parish Council would consider approaching the owner of the property thought to be the subject of the easement to seek a copy of the easement and deeds. A Land Registry search had not revealed a specific easement, although some unspecified restrictive covenants were referred to when it was transferred to the current owner.

After some discussion around the topic, Chairman proposed that he would write and ask if the owner would be willing to provide a copy of his deeds for the purpose of ascertaining if the required easement existed. Vice Chairman seconded and it was so resolved. (Cllr Williams did not take part in the discussion, or vote.)

- Lanreath Parish Councillors on the Cornwall Council Website

The Clerk reported that the outstanding Register of Interest forms had been submitted to Cornwall Council.

- Downsizing Incentives

Clerk is in the process of using Casework Assist as previously resolved to seek further information.

- Testing electric socket at Millennium Building

Certificate has been received and the invoice paid.

- "Equality for All"

Clerk had written to Chris Goninan, and forwarded a copy of Cllr Gundry's report to him, for which he had expressed his thanks to Cllr Gundry for his work.

- Empty property at No. 1 Pine Villas

Chairman reported that there is scaffolding up at both Nos 1 & 2 Pine Villas, so it would appear that the works are ongoing, hence why No 1 is still unoccupied. Clerk

is in the process of using Casework Assist to ascertain when the property will be brought back into occupation.

- Carlyon Close Play Area signage

Chairman has obtained and fixed.

- Rust on steelwork Millennium Building

Chairman will attend to this when the weather improves.

- Public footpath signage and stile repair

Chairman thanked John Philp for permission to locate a way marker post and signs in Tresawson Lane, which are now in place. Signs have been installed by the stile to Tresawson Farm. The stile was not renewed but some repairs have been completed and the area around it cleared. Renewal of the other faded way marker signs on the footpath is ongoing, and due to the weather conditions is still outstanding. Chairman will report at the next meeting as to progress.

- Mayor for Cornwall

Chairman reminded the meeting that the period of public consultation has now closed. The next steps:

22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023 - Cabinet will consider the feedback from the public consultation and Overview and Scrutiny will make a recommendation to the Council on ratification of the proposed Deal including the required governance change.

18<sup>th</sup> April 2023 - Full Council will consider the merits of holding a referendum on the proposal to change the Council's governance.

- Cornwall Council's Climate Emergency Development Plan Document (CEDPD) impact on Lanreath Neighbourhood Plan (LNDP)

Chairman proposed that any further work on this be suspended until such time as Cornwall Council has reviewed/rewritten the Cornwall Local Plan. This should be in 2024 which is when the National Development Management Policies, proposed in the current draft of the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill, are intended to be published. All existing 'made' Neighbourhood Development Plans will remain in force until 2030, however, it is expected that many Neighbourhood Development Plans will also be revised to accord with the new Local Plan and, possibly, have greater influence thereafter when planning decisions are considered.

Cllr Gundry seconded the Chairman's proposal, and it was so resolved.

- Coronation commemorative gifts

Chairman proposed that at this stage a target age group needed to be confirmed, say up to 11, and then the Parish Council would need parents to nominate children of the target age group in the Parish via Village Shop and Facebook. Mrs Sandra Pipe has emailed the Clerk to advise that she can assist with the names of those children in the Parish that attend the Ladybirds Group. Parents can then add their child's name to the list in village shop or via a 'contact us' page on the Parish website.

Chairman proposed as above, Cllr Cave seconded, and all agreed.

Silverline Ltd currently have the least expensive commemorative mug which would include the reference 'presented to the children of Lanreath Parish' as well as the coronation crest and photo of HM the King. Meeting agreed to approach Silverline for design and costings once numbers known.

- Community Network Review

Chairman had submitted the Lanreath Parish Council feedback from the January meeting that having more in common with SE Cornwall it should be in that area. Steve Foster (Communities Area Manager) advised that he would make arrangements to ensure Lanreath was placed in the proposed Liskeard, Looe and Cornwall Gateway Community Area Partnership.

- Grylls Park footpath dedication

Clerk is in the process of utilising Casework Assist to progress the matter.

- Community Garden steps

One quote has been received from Kevin Libby and another is awaited from Dunn & Dusted. Chairman is meeting with Anthony Dunn on 23<sup>rd</sup> February at the proposed site of the steps. Clerk to write to Mr Andrew – owner of the Community Garden – to seek his permission to install steps. Both quotes should be available for discussion at the next meeting.

- New salt bin

Clerk has placed an order with CORMAC for this, but needs a site plan for positioning. The Chairman reported that he had as yet made no progress regarding volunteers to spread salt/grit, but he will report further to the next meeting. Chairman had contacted Marion Facey regarding placing of the bin, given her proposed plans for developing a garden area at the top of the village. The best place would be on the verge by the Village Hall between the skimmia shrubs. Chairman will draft a plan for the Clerk to send to CORMAC.

- Renewed Toilet Cleaning Contract

Clerk has recorded the renewal of the contract, new rate of pay, and date of the meeting that this was all agreed on the back of the old contract.

- Planning PA22/08102 Land Pt OS 3000 South Park Farm Herodsfoot – representation to East Sub-Area Planning Committee 23<sup>rd</sup> January

Chairman reported that he attended the Planning Committee meeting that discussed the application, and had three minutes to make representations. The Committee voted in favour of the application (one voted against). Vice Chairman thanked the Chairman for attending. Cllr Bartram expressed his disappointment that Cty Cllr Martin had emailed the Planning Officer supporting the application, thereby going against Lanreath Parish Council.

- Caravan on site beside road to Penadlake

Chairman had prepared a short report, and taken photographs of the site, which he went through with the meeting. There is one very small caravan parked on the site, and a rough track leading up to it from the road. There appear to be sheep on the land surrounding, there is a metal construction outbuilding, and a polytunnel. Cllr Cave was able to confirm that the land had been purchased by the current owner from her and her partner, and that the access was not a new one, it had just been very overgrown. The new owner had cleared the access onto the site, and then put a rubble track down, not just for access but to help with drainage, as that area becomes flooded when water runs off the adjacent fields, and then makes the lane beside it very muddy. The new owner had advised that he intended to build up a flock of sheep and maybe have a polytunnel. He had also advised Cllr Cave's partner that he was arranging shelter for him to tend both and shelter for equipment.

Chairman took the meeting through the planning requirements, and it seemed that during lambing the owner would not need planning permission for overnight stays, rather than permanent residence. He proposed that Lanreath Parish Council keeps a watching brief on this matter, which was seconded by Cllr Williams, and with one abstention, agreed.

## **7. Correspondence**

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

### Cornwall Council Correspondence

- Weekly planning lists
- Local Council Planning Training – helping councils understand planning changes 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023 – 17<sup>th</sup> January
- Liskeard & Looe Community Network Panel Meeting invitation for 24<sup>th</sup> April – 26<sup>th</sup> January
- Action Notes: Liskeard & Looe Community Network Panel Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023 – 26<sup>th</sup> January
- Liskeard & Looe Agreed Highways Schemes 2022-2025 – 31<sup>st</sup> January
- Minutes for East Sub-Area Planning Committee 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 – 6<sup>th</sup> February
- Agenda for Strategic Planning Committee, 16<sup>th</sup> February 2023 – 6<sup>th</sup> February
- Agenda for East Sub-Area Planning Committee 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023 – 9<sup>th</sup> February
- Invite to Safeguarding Event 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023 – 10<sup>th</sup> February

### Other Correspondence

- Rural Cost of Living Survey – Your Help Needed to Encourage Participation – 17<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> January
- RCHT Patient Leader Programme Launch – 17<sup>th</sup> January
- Fly Tipping Cameras – 19<sup>th</sup> January
- NALC Chief Executive's Bulletin – 20<sup>th</sup> January
- ALERT – Cyber Protect Officer Devon and Cornwall – 25<sup>th</sup> January

- The Rural Bulletin 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023
- The Rural Funding Digest January 2023 – 2<sup>nd</sup> February
- Enquiry regarding Ladybirds (Chairman forwarded to Sandra Pipe) – 6<sup>th</sup> February
- Councillor Advocate Update February 2023 – 8<sup>th</sup> February
- NALC Newsletter – 8<sup>th</sup> February
- Public Meeting organised by Cty Cllr Colin Martin re Devolution Deal/Mayor for Cornwall on 16<sup>th</sup> February – 10<sup>th</sup> February
- NALC Chief Executive’s Bulletin – 10<sup>th</sup> February

#### **8. Gardening Group Request** – email from Marion Facey 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Chairman referred the meeting to section 96 of the Highways Act 1980:

‘Subject to the restrictions for the time being imposed by any enactment on their expenditure, the council of a parish or community may, with the consent of the highway authority for a highway maintainable at the public expense in the parish or community, exercise with respect to that highway any of the powers conferred by subsections (1) and (2) above on the highway authority.’ i.e. plant trees and shrubs.

In the light of this Chairman proposed that he contact Marion Facey for an outline plan, particularly of the proposed location of the memorial bench, and then contact Cornwall Highways (CORMAC) to seek the relevant permission. He further proposed that Lanreath Parish Council approves the planned planting and seat subject to permission being granted by Cornwall Highways – which he would endeavour to secure on behalf of the gardening group, if they agreed.

After some discussion about not creating a possible future maintenance commitment on behalf of the Parish Council, and subject to the outline planting scheme and seat position being acceptable, Cllr Lee seconded Chairman’s proposals, and all agreed.

#### **9. Village Hall Meeting Report**

Vice Chairman informed the meeting that he had attended the Village Hall Committee meeting, which had appointed a new Chairman, and was a very positive, vibrant, and well attended meeting. Bernie Douglas is the new Chairman, and he gave a PowerPoint presentation to the meeting. There were lots of ideas about engaging the community in appreciating this asset, fund raising for the massive repairs and maintenance requirements (which will cost in the region of £50,000). There are hopes that use of the Hall can be expanded, possibly including as an occasional cinema, and with more groups having meetings there. He has an invite to the April meeting and will report thereafter.

Cllr Williams asked if the Hall extension would still be pursued, but that had not been discussed at the last meeting, and seemed unlikely in view of the cost of repairs.

#### **10. Climate Change**

Cllr Cave advised the meeting that she had nothing to report this month.

#### **11. Finances**

Payments approved 17<sup>th</sup> January, or prior, and paid since last meeting:

South West Water	£46.86
Trewin Electrical	£80
Dan Northcott	£108
EDF – electricity	£43.28 (includes £2.07 VAT)
Clerk's salary January	£334.80
Lanreath Village Hall – rent January	£25
SLCC – Clerk's training course	£144
D. Hilton	£10
Clerk's Tax January	£10.60
Inter account transfer	£500

Outstanding payments due before the March 2023 meeting, for approval:

D.Northcott	£108 (£114.50 from March)
Clerk's Feb. salary, expenses, tax	£345
Village Hall hire	£25
D. Hilton – PAYE work	£10
Defib Pads (reimburse Chairman)	£116.39 (includes £19.40 VAT)
A2Z Signs (reimburse Chairman)	£36 (includes £6 VAT)
CORMAC salt bin	£227.06
Web hosting for Neighbourhood Plan	£171.30 (includes £28.55 VAT)
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,038.75</b>

Bank Balances as at 10<sup>th</sup> February:

Deposit A/C 07083384	£5,811.22
Current A/C 00105609	£354.98

Bank reconciliation for end January and bank statements – circulated to all Councillors

Inter A/C transfer approval for £700 required

Clerk has applied for and is awaiting reimbursement under the Local Maintenance Plan from Cornwall Council for £40 invoice from Dunn & Dusted for public footpath works.

Vice Chairman proposed that the payments and inter account transfer be approved, Cllr Lee seconded, all agreed.

Chairman mentioned that he will enquire of NHS that the Defibrillators are both registered, and ask for the codes to be confirmed.

## 12. Parish Problems

Manhole Cover – soakaway – Football Pitch Field. Chairman showed the meeting a photograph of the badly damaged, and possibly hazardous, soakaway manhole cover. Chairman proposed that he would put together a note to be sent to the landowner about this, that the Clerk can then send on. Cllr Cave seconded – all agreed.

Chairman will ask Anthony Dunn to thin and cut back the hedge on the Millennium Green when they meet this week. This needs to be done before the birds begin nesting.

Chairman reported that the Callywith College bus is stopping on Punch Bowl corner and not at the revised 'Lanreath Bus Stop', by the Church layby. Cornwall Council's Interactive Map erroneously shows the bus stop by the Punch Bowl. Chairman has contacted Cornwall Council's Community Infrastructure team to ask what action needs to be taken to update the Interactive Map. Nick Truscott advised that he has contacted Go Cornwall Bus to amend the bus stop when their schedules are updated in April. CIS team cannot update the Interactive Map until all bus services are scheduled to the new bus stop location. Chairman will keep this under review. Cars are parking along the road sides waiting for children to get off the bus, and this is making it difficult to get through the village at certain times of the day.

Cllr Tamblyn reported that large tractors passing along the lane towards Beara, and then Botelet, have gouged out a gully on one side of the lane. Chairman asked if she would forward to him a photograph which he can then use to make a report to Highways.

### **13. Any Other Business**

None

### **14. Public Participation**

None, members of the public having left the meeting earlier.

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

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2023 at 7.30pm.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

The meeting closed at 21:30