

LANREATH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date of Meeting

17th January 2023 commencing 19.35

Present

Cllr Peter Seaman – Chairman, Cllr Eileen Lee, Cllr John Williams, Cllr John Gundry, Cllr Peter Bartram, Cllr Daniel Pugh, Cllr Julie Tamblyn, Mrs Rebecca Warren (Clerk).

One member of the public.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

1. Apologies

Vice Chairman Cllr David Heard, Cty Cllr Colin Martin

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

Mr Peter Hooper said that he would await the County Cllr's report on the agenda item regarding the adoption of Rally Close before addressing the meeting.

Clerk read out an email received from PCSO Steve Cocks:

"Please accept my apologies for my non-attendance at this month's Parish Council meeting.

From 01/12/22 – 31/12/22 there were no crimes however there have been a series of rural thefts from outbuildings in the area this week so please be vigilant and check your security. Report any suspicious activity, persons or vehicles straightaway.

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."

Clerk read out an email received from Marion Facey of Lanreath Gardening Group:

"I am hoping to apply for a Grant from the National Gardens Scheme for the Lanreath Gardening Group to landscape the area by the Village Hall, from the Lanreath sign over to the next telegraph pole, right on the crossroads.

We will need to remove all the brambles, but keep it mainly grass, but with some nice wild flowers back near the hedge for summer flowering, bulbs randomly planted for spring flowering and some autumnal flowering too. The main feature will be a wooden bench on a concrete base with gravel covering with a plaque in memory of my husband Gerald. The big apple tree will remain untouched and will then give good access to anyone wishing to pick up the fallen apples in the Autumn.

This should make a nice feature when finished to the entrance to the village. We would like Parish Council permission to carry on please as funding for the Grant needs to be in by the end of this month."

Chairman said that Mrs Facey's letter could not be considered fully as it had not been received in time to be added to this month's agenda, but would be mentioned under Parish Problems later in the meeting, and added to next month's 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 meetings held on 15th November and 15th December 2022

Cllr Gundry proposed that the 15th November minutes be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Lee and agreed. Cllr Williams proposed that the 15th December minutes be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Lee and agreed. The Chairman signed the minutes.

5. County Councillor's Report

None – although it was queried by councillors whether there could have been a written report submitted in his absence. Chairman reported that he had sent an email to Cty Cllr Martin requesting updates on all those matters upon which he had been asked to investigate further with Cornwall Council. Chairman proposed that the Clerk be tasked with using the Casework Assist system at Cornwall Council to make some headway with regard to those matters, Cllr Gundry seconded, and all agreed (Cllr Williams not voting).

6. Matters arising

- Adoption of Rally Close

As Cty Cllr Martin was not present, nor had he provided a written report, it was not possible to provide an update.

- Lanreath Parish Councillors on the Cornwall Council Website

The Clerk reported that the outstanding Register of Interest forms had been received, and would be submitted to Cornwall Council.

- Downsizing Incentives

In the absence of Cty Cllr Martin there was no update, but Clerk will use Casework Assist as previously resolved to seek further information.

- PA22/09040 NGED

Clerk submitted consultee's comments online on 16th November

- PA22/10506

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- Testing electric socket at Millennium Building

Chairman confirmed that this work has been completed and the report and invoice are awaited. Cllr Bartram will follow up with the electrician. The flex cable at the base of the flagpole is redundant and Chairman will remove. Cllr Williams mentioned that the light under the chestnut tree in the Punchbowl Inn car park was not working, and the Chairman said he would take this up with the electrician.

- “Equality for All”

Following receipt of the communication from Mr Chris Goninan of St Just, Cllr Gundry had completed a detailed report which had been circulated to all councillors ahead of the meeting. He went through it briefly outlining the background, his findings, and conclusions. After some discussion it was resolved that the report would be promulgated to the community, and groups within the community, such as the Church, WI, and Lanreath Community Spirit. Further the Chairman stated that if there were persons in the Parish who could not access the internet, or were unable to attend the Cornwall Council One Stop shops, or libraries, then they could contact him. Clerk was tasked with forwarding a copy of Cllr Gundry’s report to Mr Goninan.

- Empty property at No. 1 Pine Villas

In the absence of Cty Cllr Martin, Clerk tasked with using Casework assist to endeavour to ascertain from Cornwall Housing Department when the property will be brought back into occupation having been empty for a year.

- Carlyon Close Play Area signage

Chairman reported that the signs would be ready on 19th January

- Hedge height Millennium Green

No response from Dunn & Dusted – Clerk to chase and report to next meeting.

- Rust on steelwork Millennium Building

Chairman will attend to this when the weather improves.

- Public footpath signage and stile repair

Due to the weather conditions this is still outstanding. Chairman will report at the next meeting as to progress.

- Mayor for Cornwall – motion to agree Lanreath Parish Council’s feedback to Cornwall Council’s Devolution Questionnaire

Chairman informed the meeting that a number of public meetings had been advertised to take place around the county leading up to 17th February when the public consultation period ends. The nearest locations to Lanreath are at Bodmin on 20th January or Saltash on 26th January. Details of all public meetings can be found: <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/people-and-communities/2022-cornwall-devolution-deal/>

Cty Cllr Martin has offered to present a Q & A session on the Devolution Deal at Lanreath Village Hall and dates when the hall is available have been obtained. A number of councillors expressed their concerns that unless such a presentation could also feature a suitably informed officer from Cornwall Council, then there may be unconscious bias. Chairman reported that it would not be possible to make

arrangements for an officer from the County Council to attend any such meeting. Cllr Gundry proposed that there should be no public Q & A Meeting, and Cllr Pugh seconded. Proposal carried by a majority. Resolved to print off and place in the shop notice board in the village the poster providing details of where to attend public meetings and find the “easy read” document provided by Cornwall Council about the proposed Deal. Clerk tasked with this.

Councillors given details by Chairman of the online consultation questionnaire at: <https://letstalk.cornwall.gov.uk/bigdeal> Chairman proposed that it be left to Councillors to individually submit responses, and Cllr Gundry seconded, all agreed. The Chairman will provide a link on the Parish website. He will also advise Cty Cllr Martin that there will be no public meeting in Lanreath.

- Precept application

Clerk submitted this in December and it was acknowledged by Cornwall Council

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

Chairman reported that this remains a work in progress.

- Coronation commemorative gifts

Vice Chairman was due to report on this, but in his absence, Chairman will follow up with Vice Chairman.

- Community Network Review

Clerk submitted comments, as resolved at the November meeting, to the Community Link Officer on 16th November. The Chairman reported that Cty Cllr Martin had informed him that at the recent Community Network Review meeting with the chairs of the Community Network Areas it was proposed that Lanreath be moved from the proposed Liskeard, Looe, and Cornwall Gateway Community Area Partnership 3 (CAP 3) to the proposed St Austell, Mevagissey, St Blazey, Fowey, and Lostwithiel CAP 8. The intention of the proposed changes is to reduce the number of CAPs within electoral divisions – Lanreath being in the Lostwithiel and Lanreath division. The meeting viewed a map of the proposed new CAP areas. Lanreath Parish Council resolved at the November meeting to oppose the reduction to 12 CAP areas, as being unwieldy and likely unworkable, and that if change was going to happen, it expressed a preference from moving from a geographical to an issues-based model. Further it was noted that there would be challenges for the Divisional member of potentially having to sit on several CAPs.

Chairman reported that despite widespread disquiet at the proposed reduction of 19 CNAs to 12 CAPs, and its potential impact on localism in the County, the proposals appear to be non-negotiable, being principally driven by the need to make staff/cost savings. Chairman received a follow up call from Cty Cllr Jane Pascoe (Chair of the Liskeard and Looe CNA) who advised that the change is currently a proposal and Lanreath Parish Council can provide further feedback.

An email had been received from Steve Foster, Communities Area Manager at Cornwall Council, explaining the rationale behind the proposed change and seeking Lanreath Parish Council’s and Cty Cllr Martin’s views.

Councillors expressed their various opinions regarding the inevitability of the proposed changes, even in the light of previously expressed objection, and the relative merits or not of the position of Lanreath Parish in the currently proposed CAP 8. After discussion Cllr Tamblyn proposed a motion that subject to previous comments, Lanreath Parish Council preferred to be included as originally proposed in CAP 3, having more in common with south east Cornwall, rather than CAP 8. Seconded by Cllr Bartram, and agreed. Clerk tasked with emailing the motion to Sarah Sims the Community Link Officer.

- Grylls Park footpath dedication

Cty Cllr Martin was due to report on this, and in his absence, Clerk tasked with utilising Casework Assist to progress the matter.

- Community Garden steps

Clerk reported that despite requests for quotes for the work having been sent out at the beginning of December, no response had been received. She will chase these up and report to the next meeting.

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
- Cornwall Council Youth Provision review – submissions by 23rd January
- Town and Parish Council Bulletins – 17th November and 14th December
- Town and Parish Council newsletter – 2nd December
- Minutes for Strategic Planning Committee 17th November
- Neighbourhood Development Plan survey – 24th November
- Supplement Committee updates to the agenda for East Sub-Area Planning Committee 28th November
- Action Notes: Liskeard & Looe CNP Extraordinary CN Review Meeting – 28th November
- CALC/Cornwall Council Safeguarding briefing notes – 29th November
- Agenda for Strategic Planning Committee Meeting 15th December
- Minutes for East Sub-Area Planning Committee Meeting 28th November
- Severe weather emergency protocol activation – 7th December
- Highways Winter Service – 12th December
- Cornwall AONB Monumental Improvement Newsletter – 9th December
- Forest for Cornwall National Tree Week newsletter – 15th December
- Agenda Liskeard & Looe Community Network Panel meeting 9th January
- Agenda for Strategic Planning committee meeting 16th January

Other Correspondence

- The Rural Bulletin – 15th, 22nd and 29th November
- NALC Chief Executive's Bulletin – 18th November
- News from the Cornish Buildings Group 'Buildings at Risk' project – 21st November
- Update from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner – 22nd November
- Proud to Care Cornwall – 29th November (Posted to Parish website and Facebook by Chairman and Cllr Gundry)
- Let Cornwall Decide – 30th November, 5th and 21st December
- Police Commissioner survey re: extra funding flexibility – 15th December
- Invitation to focus group discussion on 2023/24 police funding on 5th January

8. Road salting Lanreath, Lanteglos-by-Fowey, and St Veep Parish Councils

Chairman reported that Lanteglos-by-Fowey Parish Council had proposed that Lanreath, Lanteglos-by-Fowey, and St Veep parish councils could collectively fund a precautionary salting run that would include the road through Lanreath village, the road from Lanreath to Bodinnick, and onwards from White Cross to Polruan. This proposal was supported by Cllr Edwina Hannaford (Looe West, Lansallos, Pelynt and Lanteglos Division).

Chairman had contacted CORMAC with this proposal but had been informed that CORMAC are unable to enter into local sub-contracting agreements outside of the Precautionary Salting Network area contract. However, a proposal that this route be added to the main Precautionary Salting Network would be considered when the current arrangements are reviewed later in the Spring. Although CORMAC consider it unlikely that the route will be added because "in order to defend itself in court should there be an accident and claim for compensation, the council needs to treat all similar standards of road in the same way".

During the last cold snap the Fire Engine at Polruan was unable to reach a call out and took four hours to cover the five miles back to the fire station, and immediately after this incident CORMAC did carry out a one-off salting of the roads in question.

Cty Cllr Martin has proposed that the Precautionary Salting Network should be extended to cover routes to and from fire stations, ferries, bus routes, and school bus routes. He also proposed that Town and Parish Councils should develop cold weather plans that would identify which roads should be salted and have a list of volunteers who would be prepared to spread salt from bins in the parish.

Currently Lanreath Parish Council has two salt bins – one in Lanreath village and one in Herodsfoot village. Normally these are refilled free of charge by CORMAC once each Autumn - although this year a second refill was sanctioned.

Some residents of Lanreath village have proposed that there be more salt bins, and these can be obtained from CORMAC for £210.68 (empty, large bin), £227.06 (installed and filled), with additional refills costing £129.56 each. As the route out of Lanreath village by the Hall can be particularly hazardous during icy conditions, Chairman proposed that a second salt bin should be installed and filled and positioned on the verge where St Marnarch's View joins the Bodinnick Road. Cllr Gundry seconded the proposal, and all agreed. Clerk to procure the salt bin, to be paid for from the unscheduled maintenance budget.

Chairman further proposed that he reach out to the community for volunteers to spread salt in icy conditions. Cllr Bartram seconded, all agreed.

9. Parish.UK Network – invitation to provide Lanreath Parish Council’s details

Chairman informed the meeting that he had visited this website, which was very slick, and noted that it listed details of Parish Councils, property transactions, and planning lists, as well as education establishments, local businesses, and had links to the National Census website. It is a private website and Chairman was unable to find any details of the founder or how the facility is funded. Cllr Gundry confirmed that he also had looked at the site and was concerned that it may be a means of getting hold of Councillors details. All the details that the public may require are available on the Parish Website, or via Cornwall Council. Chairman proposed that the invitation be ignored, Cllr Gundry seconded, agreed unanimously.

10. Toilet Cleaning Contract – ending February 2023

Chairman informed the meeting that Financial Regulations state “where the value is between £2,000 and £500 the Clerk or RFO shall strive to obtain two estimates”. However, in view of previous difficulties encountered in finding a willing contractor, and as Dan Northcott is doing a good job, and is willing to continue (with a cost of living uplift to his fee), the Chairman felt that it may be preferable to renew Dan Northcott’s contract at the rate of £114.50 a month, in line with the Lanreath Parish Council Budget for the coming year. This is a 6% increase. Cllr Williams proposed that the contract be renewed on those terms, Cllr Lee seconded – unanimously agreed. Clerk tasked with implementation.

11. Planning – PA22/08102 Land Pt OS 3000 South Park Farm Herodsfoot – Representation to East Sub-Area Planning Committee 23rd January

Chairman proposed that the Vice Chairman be nominated to make representations as agreed at the meeting on 15th November regarding this application when it comes before the East Sub-Area Planning Committee on 23rd January, and if he is unwilling/unable to do so, then the Chairman will attend in his stead. Cllr Williams seconded, agreed unanimously. Chairman will contact Vice Chairman in this regard, and report to the next meeting.

12. Climate Change

Nothing to report in the absence of Cllr Cave.

13. Finances

The outstanding payments due before February meeting (£901), and inter account transfer (£500) – both approved unanimously by the meeting. Clerk advised the meeting that she had received the latest invoice from South West Water which was just short of £47 somewhat less than her estimate of £65. Also noted that Clerk will submit the Dunn & Dusted invoice of £40 to Cornwall Council for a full refund under the Local Maintenance Partnership.

14. Parish Problems

Cllr Bartram reported that a large entrance and a driveway has been cut through the verge and hedge on the road to Penadlake from Bocaddon. There is also a caravan with solar panels and satellite installed there. This seems to be a permanent structure and

yet no planning application has been made so far as he is aware. Chairman said he would carry out investigations and report to the next meeting.

Cllr Lee raised the problem occurring on the lane by her property where the drains are not coping with the rain water, and there is standing water almost across the full width. Chairman confirmed that he has reported this to CORMAC via the website, and that an engineer has been out to inspect and it is being actioned. Cllr Lee stated that there was a similar problem on the road to Carwen Farm, and the Chairman said he would report that also.

Cllr Williams reported that the school and scheduled buses are having some difficulty navigating through Lanreath village because of parked cars on both sides of the road. It was suggested that double yellow lines down one side of the village road may alleviate the problem, but this would have to be raised with Highways at the appropriate time. There may be no support for this from residents. Clerk tasked with ascertaining when the next round of the CAN Highways Scheme for funding road works will be sought by Highways, and in the interim, residents and visitors to the village are asked to park their vehicles with consideration, so that the buses can get through without difficulty.

Regarding Mrs Facey's email, this would have to be discussed at the next meeting, and Chairman indicated that in the meantime she should proceed with her application for funding, and advise the Clerk when this had been done.

15. Any Other Business

It is with much sadness that the Parish Council records the recent passing of Bridget Clark a longstanding member of our community and commemorates her contributions to the community through her work with the Village Shop, the Flower Club, and the WI, as well as through her many friends.

16. Public Participation

None, Mr Hooper having left the meeting.

17. Date and time of next meeting

Tuesday 21st February 2023 at 7.30pm.
The Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

The meeting closed at 21:00