

LANREATH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of online Parish Council Meeting held on 16th February 2021
Commencing 19.34

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

The Chair welcomed everyone to the Parish Council Meeting.

1. **Apologies** – Mr Steve Bird and Miss Sue Cave
2. **Members of the public** – five joined meeting
3. **No interests to disclose** by any councillors
4. **Minutes of the meeting 19th January 2021** - unanimously approved.
5. **Matters arising** –
 - Football Pitch – Cllr R. Pugh unable to report any progress as the amended lay out plan had not yet been prepared. He will continue to chase this and report again at the next meeting. The amended plan will be made available to Lanreath Parish Council and thereafter there will be a further preapp with more detail for local consultation before the planning application is lodged.
 - Lanreath Play Area – Chairman reported that he had been able to ascertain that he could repair the roof section on the seating area by purchasing a sheet of Marine Ply at a cost of £200, shape and coat it before replacing it. With regard to the soft impact covering this would also require attention and a suitable repair kit would cost about £75. As for the multiplay net fixture, this is secure. It was resolved unanimously that the repairs be paid for and the Chairman will proceed as he suggests as soon as the weather permits.
 - Bury Down Lane – Cllr R. Pugh reported that there is a replacement for Paul Allen now at Highways and he will send details to Chairman who will contact to seek assistance with the continuing problem with the blocked drains.
 - Gritting Bodinnick Road – Cllr. R. Pugh was able to advise that he and seven other County Councillors are making a group approach to Highways regarding gritting as the system has not been reviewed for 15 years. He will report as to the outcome of this at the next meeting. Chairman stated that having made enquiries it would be possible to purchase a spreader trailer attachment for some £1,500 and that salt would cost about £150, which is not currently allowed for in the budget, but would be less costly in the long term than spending £250 a time on a third party contractor gritting the road as and when required.
 - Smaller Councils meeting – on making enquiries Chairman was informed that this is for Parish Clerks not councillors
 - Community Network Meeting 21st January – bullet points from the last meeting have been circulated. Next meeting will be in June 2021
 - Localism Vision and Strategy Meeting – Chairman had circulated to all Councillors the strategy brochure, and outlined for the meeting the main points. Regarding the proposed Cornwall Plan for 2020 to 2050 there is a link to the draft plan which Chairman will forward to Clerk to circulate. After some discussion, and details given by Cllr R. Pugh of his involvement with another Parish Council's proposed adoption of a car park, Councillors considered no further action required at this time so far as Lanreath Parish is concerned.

- Office of National Statistics – Clerk confirmed that Census posters were ordered and would be received shortly
- Refund of footpaths payment – Clerk has in hand
- Path to Community Shop – Clerk has ascertained from the archived documentation in her possession that the path ownership is retained by Lanreath Parish Council
- Village defibrillators – some discussion regarding cost of maintenance, which is approximately £150 per year for each defibrillator. Resolved to adopt responsibility for the maintenance and insurance of the defibrillator at the village hall in addition to that on the millennium Building, provided that BHIB confirm that cover will not be affected by the position on a third party property.

6. Correspondence

Cornwall Council

- Weekly planning reports – see Planning under section 7 below
- Woodland Management Plan consultation – no areas under consultation in the Lanreath Parish

Other

- Cornwall Waste Solutions – this was an advertising exercise but Clerk will retain for future reference
- Office of Police and Crime Commissioner, request for Clerk or councillor advocate – Clerk volunteered to join scheme and report at a future meetings.
- Letter from resident of Grylls Park ref: objections to PA20/0208/PREAPP – Chairman reported as to the letter, which had been circulated to all councillors, and to which both he and Cllr. R. Pugh had replied in full. The preapp is still awaiting a decision.
- Connon Bridge – Chairman had received an email very recently concerning a meeting about restoration of the land fill site, which Cllr. R. Pugh said that he would be attending and would report back.

7. Planning

PA20/10275 and PA20/10709 – no decisions yet.

PA21/00715 The Granary, Lanreath – after a thorough consideration of the amended plans, shared on screen by the Chairman, it was resolved that Lanreath Parish Council support the application. Clerk will submit consultee comments via Planning Portal.

8. Climate change

Chairman reported in the absence of Miss Sue Cave. Cornwall Council have a draft Climate Emergency Development Plan which is considering amongst other things how the County can become carbon neutral by 2030, and supply Cornwall's energy needs from wind and solar sources. How this impacts on our community appears to be limited as the conclusion from a supporting landscape impact study concluded that the area cannot sustain further wind turbines, but suitable sites for further small scale solar "farms" may exist on the west side of the parish – after appropriate planning applications have been approved. Some discussion regarding the use of buildings for solar panels, and the benefit of land for arable rather than solar use.

9. Path to Village Shop

Mr P Meatyard reported that he was awaiting further information from a tree surgeon to determine whether the protruding tree roots could be removed to allow for selective patching of the path and will report to the next meeting.

10. Publishing of draft minutes – resolved that Clerk will upload draft minutes on Parish Website making it clear that they were yet to be approved, and to replace with approved version in due course.

11. Bury Down Lane

Discussed previously under Matters Arising

12. Finance

Resolved to approve the payment to SWW made since the last meeting, payments due as set out on the Agenda, and a transfer from the deposit account to the current account of £120. Mr P Meatyard volunteered to email meter readings to the Clerk once a month.

13. Bank reconciliation 31st January – all had received this and recent bank statements

14. County Councillor's Report

The legal regulations regarding public meetings end on 7th May 2021, so until then virtual meetings must continue.

The elections will be taking place in May and so Councillors must decide if they wish to stand, and after 22nd March a period of purdah begins.

Cornwall Council will be discussing the budget next week, and a 5% increase is proposed.

The Space port is up and running after a successful test for the Richard Branson backed venture in the Mojave desert recently. This will bring much needed jobs to the County.

15. Parish Problems

Mrs E Lee reported the poor condition of the road to Carwen Farm. Chairman will arrange to visit and take photographs which he will forward to Cllr R Pugh to take up with Highways.

Mr Paul Meatyard reported that a camper van has been sighted at the Village Hall Car Park which a woman appears to be staying in from time to time. Chairman suggested that this should be reported to PCSO Cocks next time the van is seen.

He further reported a badly built wall at Carlyon Close - stepped out of Standing Orders – a member of the public advised that the matter was being dealt with by the residents who had complained to their landlord.

Stepped back under Standing Orders.

Mr P Meatyard enquired as to when there would be a 30mph sign at Meadow Road, and Chairman advised that it was in hand but was a slow process as we were at the end of a list that had four previous years' applications being dealt with in order.

Mr P Meatyard reported that the slope up to the village shop is green and slippery and after discussion he offered to clean the same with a suitable product for the purpose.

16. Conduct of future Parish Council Meetings

Resolved to continue on Zoom whilst the Government regulations regarding COVID 19 remain in place.

17. Any other business

Cllr R Pugh reminded the meeting that the Council elections are on 6th May 2021 and anyone seeking nomination will find all the information they need on the Cornwall Council website. The timetable for nominations and Electoral Commission nomination forms and guidance notes may also be found on the Lanreath Parish Council website.

Clerk will put a link on the Lanreath Parish Council website for the post of Clerk at Duloe for anyone interested to apply.

18. Public Participation

Members of the public were invited to address the meeting, and questions were raised seeking specific information as to the new position of the football pitch, and how this would impact on the residents of Rally Close, concerns being raised about how any damage arising from balls kicked into private gardens would be paid for.

The view that the Highways survey of traffic on the Bodinnick Road was not adequate was again expressed, and comments made regarding safety of the access, and about lack of gritting.

A specific question was asked as to where children in the new houses would be schooled, when, it was suggested, that the local schools had no capacity.

Cllr. R Pugh stated that specific answers were not possible at this time but in due course the proposed plans would be available for the community to be consulted, and that consultation would be part of the planning process. He indicated that in his view the football pitch would be repositioned so that it did not encroach on the Rally Close properties if Cornwall Council developed the site. If another developer purchased the site then the future of the football pitch would be in doubt.

Mr P. Meatyard stated that he had been approached by many residents with concerns about the proposed development. A member of the public agreed and expressed the opinion that the community did not want any development at the football site, and would continue to fight it.

A question was asked about reports of a green burial site in the Parish. The Chairman explained that the land being developed on the B3359 on the way to Penadlake is permitted for the interment of ashes.

Complaints about dog fouling were made, particularly with reference to the football pitch, and Chairman asked if specific details could be provided so the matter could be reported. Clerk will make enquiries with the Dog Warden who should be visiting the site where signs clearly state that dog fouling is prohibited by order of the Parish Council.

A request was made for a public meeting at the Village Hall about the proposed football pitch development. Chairman stated that this was not possible under current regulations. Once the proposed plans are drawn up and there are specific details of what is proposed, the public meeting will be arranged in compliance with the then regulations.

There followed further discussion regarding the football pitch field and whether it could be preserved as a green space for the community and the Chairman stated that it was only a green space currently because of the generosity of the owner as it was all private land, and that the community should consider whether in successfully stopping Cornwall Council developing it, they would lose the football pitch as a different buyer may well make the whole site inaccessible to the community.

He thanked the members of the Public for attending and airing their views for the Parish Council to take into consideration.

19. Date and time of next meeting – Chairman thanked everyone for attending, next meeting online Tuesday 16th March 2021 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 21.34