

LANREATH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date of Meeting:

15th February 2022 commencing 19.30

Present:

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

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Meeting

1. Apologies:

Cllr Julie Tamblyn, and PCSO Cocks

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

PCSO Steve Cocks had submitted a written report which was read out by the Clerk:

“From 01/01/22 – 31/01/22 I am pleased to report that once again there were no crimes. 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:

Cllr Bartram declared an interest in the Lanreath PCC request (Item 11 in the Agenda) to be discussed later.

4. To approve the minutes of the meeting 18th January 2022:

Cllr Gundry proposed that the minutes be accepted, seconded by Cllr Lee and carried by unanimous vote. The Chairman signed the minutes.

5. County Councillor's Report:

County Cllr Colin Martin addressed the meeting. He referred to his telephone call from the Chairman regarding the planning application submitted by Bocaddon Farm (PA21/10618). At some length he detailed his and other councillors' frustration regarding lack of specific information for the consideration of proposed spending cuts in the Cornwall Council Budget. He gave the example of some £5.7 million proposed to be cut from children's services. He felt strongly that the lack of detail made proper scrutiny of the proposed budget nigh on impossible, and on Tuesday 22nd February the full Council is to vote on whether to accept the cuts. There has been a massive increase in the adult social care budget in an effort to address the current year's £30 million over spend. He made a direct association with the level of grants made available to second home owners registered as businesses, and the amount of the adult social care overspend, but following questions from Cllr Heard, conceded that not all businesses providing tourist accommodation are second homes. He also, upon being asked by Cllr Bartram, agreed that Planning at Cornwall Council is self-funding, but that it was also subject to cuts, with planning officers being made redundant. He speculated that perhaps any surplus from Planning

would be distributed to other departments within the Council. He further conceded that there are increased revenues due to population increase, but that these were mainly from older people moving into the County, which would, in his view, in turn put further pressure on the adult social care budget in due course. He felt that young working age people were being put off coming to the county because of poor rates of pay and lack of housing. There are details of what Cornwall Council is doing to address the housing crisis on their website – under Cornwall Housing Action Plan.

Following further questions County Councillor Martin left the meeting at 20.00 hours

6. Matters arising:

- Landmark Tree Plaque

Chairman reported that Royal British Legion manufacturing were offering tree plaques for “The Queen’s Jubilee Canopy” at a cost of £119.99 plus shipping. Atlantic Signs – who provided the new Toilets sign – could provide a slate plaque for £75. Cllr Cave reported that Forest for Cornwall are considering requesting that tree plaques are of a consistent design across the county, and may have funding available to contribute towards the cost of a tree plaque; she will know more by the next meeting.

- Lanreath Parish Councillors on the Cornwall Website

Chairman and Clerk reported that there had been no progress on this, and that Cornwall Council, have still not changed the details on their website. Chairman and Councillors agreed that Clerk should send out Register of Interest forms to those not on the website for them to complete and email back to her for submission online to Cornwall Council.

- Jubilee Celebrations H M Queen Elizabeth II

Chairman reported that there had been a community meeting on 8th February when Sarah Johns for Lanreath Community Spirit outlined plans for Friday 3rd June including ‘rolling in’ this year’s Mayday celebration with a dedication of Green Canopy trees, a ‘Jubilee Queen’ parade, maypole dancing, photograph, flower arranging, and “best pasty” competitions, bell ringing, and the annual ‘Lanreath Village Personality’ award. This will be followed by a ‘bring your picnic food’ street party. Activities in village hall grounds to include 1950’s fairground attractions, as the day is to be 1950’s themed, with everyone asked to dress accordingly. There may be children’s activities and a BBQ in the Community Garden, a thanksgiving service and, possibly, a concert, after the street party, on Millennium Green. It is proposed to have bunting and replica Coronation posters in the village. The first such posters are expected to be displayed shortly with further updates to follow. There will be a further meeting on Tuesday April 25th. Furzedown Turbine Fund have agreed to provide financial support. Various action points regarding road closure procedures, bunting permits, Public Liability insurance checks etc. have been considered and Lanreath Parish Council Chairman has already contacted the bus company to ensure that there will be no service through the village on 3rd June to facilitate Cornwall Council agreeing to the road closure. Councillors were supportive of the proposed plans, although concern was expressed as to why Lanreath Spirit had not made representations to Lanreath Parish Council when this had been an Agenda item on more than one previous occasion.

- Budget documentation

Chairman has uploaded this to the Parish website.

- Draft letters to Turbine Funds

Clerk’s draft to Furzedown Community Fund requesting a grant towards the repair of the Village Shop path to be sent out with one alteration, and then to be sent to Bocaddon Turbine fund when they advertise for applications in March 2022.

- PA21/12430

Clerk submitted consultees comments online 19th January 2022

- Additional web page on Parish site

Chairman has created this and uploaded anything of information to the community. Cllr Gundry asked that items be dated.

- Football Pitch land

Chairman had no further news, but will endeavour to contact the land owner for an update. Cllr Williams reported that the football club needed to apply to join the Duchy League by the end of January, so may have missed that deadline due to the uncertainty. Cllr Heard informed the meeting that the Rural Funding Digest had a section dealing with sporting grants, that may be of use regarding the possible move of the pitch and associated costs.

7. Correspondence:

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

Cornwall Council Correspondence

- Weekly planning reports
- Town and Parish Council Newsletters – 14th January and 14th February
- Planning News for Local Councils and Agents – 26th January
- Liskeard and Looe Community Network Panel Meeting scheduled for 31st January
- Highways scheme 2022 expressions of interest – it was under this scheme that the request for the extension of the 30mph limit in the village was submitted last year and which is yet to be implemented.
- Notice of the cancellation of the Strategic Planning meeting on 17th February – 3rd February
- Cornwall Council Local Maintenance Partnership – Clerk has received the invitation to participate in this scheme for funding towards the cost of keeping public footpaths in the Parish clear of vegetation. Last year no invoice was submitted due to there having been no work carried out by Dunn & Dusted. Chairman will arrange to walk along the public footpaths to check access and report back. Cllr Heard proposed that the invitation to participate in the scheme be accepted, Cllr Williams seconded, unanimously agreed. Clerk to return the completed form by the deadline of 1st March

Other Correspondence

- Speed watch – request from PCSO Cocks for volunteers – deadline now expired
- Police cameras, response from Devon and Cornwall Police following reports nationally of broken or malfunctioning speed cameras
- Walking England – article with information and links, which Chairman has uploaded to the Parish website
- Notification of the Devon and Cornwall Police and Crime Commissioner panel meeting 28th January
- Rural Funding Digest February 2022
- Lanreath WI Quiz – taking place on 4th March. Lanreath Parish Council will be represented by the Chairman, and Cllrs Gundry Heard, and Williams
- Cornwall Housing Crisis – proposed “manifesto” received from Lanteglos-by-Fowey Parish Council – this may be a subject for a future meeting of Lanreath Parish Council as a separate agenda item

8. Planning:

Consultees comments on PA22/00170

Consultees comments on proposed conversion of an existing agricultural building to a residential dwelling to include extension of curtilage (previously approved under class Q reference PA19/05544)

Chairman and Cllrs Bartram and Heard had carried out a site visit. The Chairman and councillors considered the position of the site with reference to aerial photographs, and the Chairman went through the NPPF, Cornwall Local Plan, and Lanreath Neighbourhood Plan policies with respect to this type of application. The Councillors reviewed the proposed plans, in the light of the previous approved class Q application. The current application makes no changes to the design of the conversion itself, but does increase the curtilage of the plot to allow for amenity land for the dwelling – proposing that there be an orchard and “Devon” hedge planted along the perimeter. Details of proposed planting scheme have been lodged with the application. The previous application bat survey had lapsed, so another had been commissioned and had found no evidence of bat habitation, although possible day roost, so required an alternative roost and bat tiles for the finished dwelling. Also an owl box for a barn owl, which appeared to have used the property as a day roost. Cllr Bartram informed the meeting that he calculated that the internal area would be 46 m² which is below the national standard requirement for a dwelling (50 m²). He was also concerned about the poor quality access, which passes through the farmyard, and is extremely muddy in parts. Cllr Heard expressed his opinion that with the extended curtilage the finished property would be more acceptable than the previous class Q approval would have been, but he shared Cllr Bartram’s concerns regarding the access. He enquired as to whether there would be a Cornish Hedge constructed along the boundary, but the application documentation made reference to Devon standards. The Chairman proposed that comments be submitted to planning as follows:

“The building as proposed would appear to be of a size that will be less than the national space standard for a single storey, two person, one bedroomed property (50m²) - Lanreath Parish Council calculate the internal space at 46 m². The detail for the hedge enclosure refers to “Devon standard” rather than a Cornish hedge. The access surface and position is problematic, but as approval has been granted under class Q Lanreath Parish Council does not object to this application.”

Seconded by Cllr Heard and unanimously approved. Clerk will submit online via the planning portal on Cornwall Council website.

PA21/10318 proposed conversion of former American Cookhouse at Bocaddon

Lanreath Parish Council had responded to Planning Officer under the five day protocol with a detailed request asking that the application be referred to the Planning Committee. The application has now been withdrawn.

9. Climate Change:

Cllr Cave stated that she had nothing to report at this time.

10. EDF price rise:

Standing charge has risen to £725 a year, so this is something that will need to be addressed. Chairman and Clerk both reported having carried out some research into alternative energy providers, and this matter will be deferred to the April meeting when Clerk will report as to the outcome of her research following the removal of the energy price cap.

Clerk informed the meeting of her difficulties in responding to repeated requests from EDF for a smart meter to be fitted. Not considered appropriate to peruse this when the mobile signal

to that area in Lanreath is problematic, and Clerk has been told by EDF that they are not fitting in the area yet.

Cllr Gundry agreed to send meter readings to the Clerk for submission to EDF as the most recent bill received yesterday is estimated.

11. Lanreath PCC request for financial assistance:

To be deferred to the April meeting, when Parish Council year-end figures will be available.

12. Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL):

Meeting resolved that Clerk is to draft a letter for the councillors' approval to be sent to the administrative officer for CIL at Cornwall Council enquiring as to when Lanreath Parish Council will receive the payment due from the owner of the Punch Bowl Inn, as works have commenced on the new buildings.

13. Finances:

Chairman and Councillors had received the bank reconciliation and statement. Clerk informed the meeting that the Cornwall Council electoral charges invoice arrived shortly after the last meeting – having been incorrectly addressed, and a day later an overdue reminder was received. She had therefore paid the bill £255 under the Parish Council Financial Regulations and was seeking retrospective approval.

EDF bill has been received £139 plus VAT, but this will change once meter readings submitted.

VAT reclaim for £198.80 has been submitted to HMR&C.

Clerk anticipates payments of £686.25 in the next four weeks, and seeks approval for those.

No inter account transfer required.

Approval of the £255 payment proposed by Cllr Williams, seconded by Cllr Lee and unanimously agreed. Approval of payments to be made before the next meeting, as detailed on the agenda, proposed by Cllr Bartram and seconded by Cllr Gundry, unanimously agreed.

14. Parish Problems:

Cllr Lee reported that there had been complaints about lack of care by drivers in the village, specifically coming out of the junction between the Punch Bowl Inn and the Church. There appears to be a disregard of the give way lines on the junction, and there is insufficient space to erect a Give Way sign. Chairman will report to Cormac and enquire as to whether a give way sign could be painted on the road.

15. Any other business: none

16. Public Participation: none

17. Date and time of next meeting - Tuesday 15th March 2022 at 7.30pm. Chairman thanked everyone for attending. The meeting closed at 21:15