

LANREATH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of online Parish Council Meeting held on 16th March 2021
Commencing 19.31

Present: Mr P Seaman – Chair, Cllr R Pugh (County Councillor), Mrs E Lee, Miss J Tamblyn, Miss Sue Cave, 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 – none received

2. Members of the public – none at this time, although two joined later in the meeting. PCSO Cocks unable to attend but emailed his report:

“From 01/02/21 – 28/02/21 there were 5 crimes inc. 2 of harassment, 2 Public Order and 1 other.

I have been informed of abandoned vehicles around the village which are on private land which unfortunately I cannot deal with.

Numerous patrols have been conducted around the Parish and all was found to be in order.”

3. No interests to disclose by any councillors

4. Minutes of the meeting 16th February 2021 - unanimously approved.

5. Matters arising –

- Football Pitch – discussed later in the Planning section
- Lanreath Play Area – Chairman reported that he has ordered for delivery marine ply to complete the replacement of the damaged section of the seating area roof, and also a securing metal nut that is missing. Will report as to repairs at next meeting.
- Bury Down Lane – Chairman not yet made contact with Highways pending outcome of the request regarding the road to Carwen
- Gritting Bodinnick Road – Cllr. R. Pugh will be attending a meeting with Highways on 22nd March and will report back next month. Chairman reported correspondence from Peter White at Court Barton Farm suggesting, most helpfully, that they could provide a quad bike (that has no PTO) and rider to tow a gritter but the Parish Council would have to buy, store, clean and maintain an axle driven, towed spreader. Alternatively, he suggested that there was a contractor in Pelynt who could do the work. It was resolved to await the outcome of Cllr R. Pugh’s meeting with Highways.
- Smaller Councils meeting 5th March 2021 – Clerk reported that she was sent the incorrect Zoom details for the meeting and was unable to attend, but the copy slides have been emailed to her, and she will attend the next meeting and report back in due course
- Village defibrillators – Clerk will use best endeavours to secure written confirmation from BHIB of insurance cover before the next meeting
- Cannon Bridge – Chairman reported that there are plans to create a public amenity site of scrub and woodland with paths and a viewing point. The land is not likely to be returned to farming.

- Path to community shop – Chairman confirmed that cleaning of the slope had been carried out. Mr P Meatyard reported that the tree surgeon was able to confirm that cutting the tree roots to repair the path would not adversely affect the trees.
Mr Meatyard will now obtain a quote for cost of repair. Following a request from the shop Chairman and Mr Meatyard will carry out a site visit to ascertain exactly what the problem is (if any) with the incline on the path – the shop considers it may be too steep.
- Road to Carwen Farm – Chairman confirmed that he had sent a report with photographs and a location map to Highways on 8th March and was awaiting a full response. He will report back at the next meeting
- Dog fouling – Clerk reported that she had emailed the Dog Warden whose reply had been circulated. The advice was to get as much detail as possible about the offending dog owners and to pass this onto the Dog Warden, or use the report card system. There will not be a dog warden visit, and they can issue fixed penalty notices or send warning letters only if they have full details.

6. Correspondence

Cornwall Council

- Weekly planning reports – see Planning under section 7 below
- Devon and Cornwall Police Volunteer Awards 2021 – Lanreath Parish Council will not be making any nominations for these awards
- East Cornwall Police Partner Update – Chairman has printed off and laminated the poster for the appropriate way to communicate with the police and will place in the notice board
- Looe Valley Trails – email concerning this has been circulated to all councillors
- St Austell China Clay restoration and tipping consultation – nothing of note for Lanreath Parish Council

Other

- Website accessibility practitioner Jeff Manning – the Chairman outlined in some detail the legal requirements for website accessibility, and how compliance can be complex and expensive. Mr Manning has emailed the council offering his services in this regard. After some discussion it was resolved that the Clerk will do some research into Mr Manning's bona fides and report back to the next meeting.
- Prickles and Paws – a request for votes on the My Giving Circle site for this organisation. After discussion councillors decided that this was a matter of personal choice, and that Chairman should include an item on the website stating that they are seeking support.
- Women's Centre Cornwall – a request for funding assistance that arrived too late to be added to the Agenda for this meeting but can be discussed at the next
- Exeter University survey on sustainability– repeated requests from a PhD student to complete the survey, which the Chairman has done on the clear understanding that he was responding as an individual councillor and not on behalf of Lanreath Parish Council

7. Planning

PA21/00515/PREAPP - Land encompassing the football pitch at Lanreath

Plans have now been submitted as part of this preapp and the Chairman was able to screen share them with the meeting to show the outline of the proposed development of nine house (all to be rented/affordable) and the two alternative possible relocation positions for the football pitch, both of which have problems with gradient, and the North/South site would also require ball netting between the goal and Bodinnick Road.

Chairman provided details of the highways survey for the access onto Bodinnick Road – carried out in October when the roads would be relatively quiet, and reporting mean average speeds of 43 mph.

The re-siting of the football pitch will be expensive if ground works are required to address the gradient issues to make it compliant for FA regulations, and if netting is needed, and Cornwall Council have not offered to pay for this. Grant funding may be available from the FA, but only if there is a long lease to Lanreath Football Club – which cannot be done at this stage.

The ideal time to re-site the pitch is June/July in the off season but it would be prudent to wait and not move the pitch until after comments have been received on the Preapp from Planning and there has been a public consultation – just in case the development does not proceed.

Chairman has requested from the Housing Development and Delivery Team at Cornwall Council what they propose to include by way of changing facilities for the football club in the final planning application, and also what their intentions are regarding the rest of the land outside the development area.

Due to purdah and the forthcoming elections any public consultation will not take place until after May.

Mr John Williams raised concerns regarding the amount of ragwort on the land, and if it were to come into the Lanreath Parish Council's ownership it could be costly to effectively remove it for the safety of animals, particularly dogs. It cannot be sprayed and must be pulled up and burned to completely eradicate it.

The site will need landscaping and trees would screen it from the road and the Rally Close houses.

Further discussion regarding the importance of the Football Club to the community, where the funding for re-siting would come from, and whether an informal comment should be made at this stage. Resolved to await the outcome of the preapp.

8. Climate change

Miss Sue Cave made a full report of her attendance at a webinar entitled Back the Future. The webinar provided an update on Cornwall Council's Carbon Neutral programme, including Forrester for Cornwall. It also provided information on a new initiative which is a partnership between Cornwall Council and Crowdfunder to establish a public donation fund, that would be match funded by Cornwall Council, for projects that aim to tackle climate change. She will ensure that a typed copy is circulated to all councillors for their perusal together with the slide pack.

9. Lanreath Parish Council and Cornwall Council Elections 6th May 2021

Chairman reported that due to changes in Divisional boundaries, Lanreath will move from 'Trelawney' Division to a new division 'Lostwithiel and Lanreath' for the upcoming Cornwall Council Elections on 6th May.

Nomination packs have been sent out to all Parish and Town Councils at the end of last week so Clerk should receive this week. Chairman ran through the full particulars of who is eligible to stand and requirements for nomination. Nomination forms must be hand delivered and addresses for delivery will be in the packs. They must be in by 4pm on 8th April.

Nomination forms can also be downloaded and Chairman will circulate the details. If there are only as many nominations as there are places for councillors then the election will be deemed 'uncontested' and there will be no poll.

Clerk will make enquiries if nomination pack not received by 22nd March.

A query was raised regarding the conduct of the election on the 6th May given the current COVID restrictions. Cllr R. Pugh advised that the elections will be conducted as usual but with social distancing and PPE provisions in place. There is also an option of submitting a postal vote for those not wishing to go to a polling station.

- 10. Finance** - resolved that payments made since the last meeting and due to be made in March are all approved, including the additional £40 due to Dunn & Dusted for hedge cutting. Further resolved that Clerk may transfer £650 from the deposit to the current account.

- 11. Bank reconciliation 28th February 2021** – everyone had received this, no questions arising

12. County Councillors report

Cllr R. Pugh reported that Cornwall Council are seeking Polling Station staff at £170 per day, and counters at £10 per hour, and £15 per hour over night. PPE will be provided.

Cllr Pugh made a report about the car on the Village Hall car park. Cornwall Council issued a notice that it would be removed, as a consequence of which the owner had driven it to another location in the village, presumably without insurance, an MOT or having paid road tax. PCSO Cocks is aware and he and a local resident will be pursuing the matter further as the owner now has possibly five unroadworthy vehicles parked in the village.

There will be a massive police presence for the forthcoming G7 conference at Carbis Bay but fortunately this will be paid for by Government. Newquay Airport will reopen on 30th April 2021.

Chairman thanked Cllr. R. Pugh for his service as County Councillor.

13. Parish Problems

Chairman reported that there had been infilling of deep ruts on Potford Lane with logs. This is a private right of way running along the Giant's Hedge. It may have been done to facilitate use by 4 x 4 green laners. He will keep the lane under review.

Parish notice board has a broken hinge and requires repair/replacement. Mr Paul Meatyard offered to make enquiries of the original supplier and report back as to cost of repair to the next meeting.

Mr. J. Williams commented on how good the play area at Carlyon Close was looking. Mr P. Bartram reported that having looked at wall at Carlyon Close it did not appear to be in breach of planning – just poorly constructed.

14. Conduct of future Parish Council Meetings

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

15. Any Other Business

PA20/020808/PREAPP – Land to the rear of Grylls Park. Chairman reported that the concerns about access had been acknowledged by planning, and Cllr Pugh surmised that without direct access to the proposed site Highways would have to consider the issue of pressure on the road through Grylls Park.

Unfortunately, the Affordable Housing team's comments are not available on the planning portal and therefore the team's view on whether the affordable housing element of the development is supported by local need on the Homechoice housing register is not known.

16. Public Participation

Mrs M. Knight was able to inform the meeting that the Lanreath Football Club will be meeting this Sunday to discuss the possible re-siting of the pitch.

She informed the Parish Council that she too had seen the logs filling the ruts on Potford Lane but that these had now been removed and replaced with branches cut from the Giant's Hedge. She believed that a large vehicle had been attempting to use the lane, but it was far too rutted and narrow for any vehicle. She was unable to assist with who the owner of the lane was, despite her having conducted Land Registry searches in that regard.

At the request of a member of the public Chairman recapped regarding dog fouling which had been discussed earlier.

17. Date and time of next meeting – Chairman thanked everyone for attending, next meeting online Tuesday 20th April 2021 at 7.30pm