



**MINUTES of the MEETING of LEZANT PARISH COUNCIL held at TREBULLETT METHODIST CHURCH HALL on TUESDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2023 at 7:30PM.**

**Present:** Cllr(s): Neil Burden; Peter J Cairns; Julie Dinnis; Val Hill (Chairperson); Godfrey Holter; Ian Nash; Steve Simmons; Tom Unwin; Irene Wood

**In attendance:** Adrian Parsons (CC); Sam Inman (Clerk); 3 members of the public

Item No		Action by
23.019	<b>Apologies for absence:</b> Cllr(s): Tim Minson	-
23.020	<b>Declarations of Interest:</b> None declared	-
23.021	<b>Representations from the Public:</b> Three members of the public were in attendance regarding Item No. 23.023 - PA22/11189. The Planning Agent addressed the Councillors and responded to questions.	-
23.022	<b>Confirmation of the Minutes.</b> It was proposed by Cllr Cairns, seconded by Cllr Nash and <b>RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 10 January 2023 should be approved and signed by the Chair.</b>	-
-	<i>(It was agreed the planning section should be brought forward.)</i>	-
23.023	<p><b>Planning Applications and Related Matters.</b></p> <p><b>a) To consider a response to consultation by the Planning Authority: Application PA22/11189.</b> Outline application with some matters reserved: Erection of up to 14 dwellings, provision of pedestrian access points and footpaths in connection with the development - all matters reserved other than access. Land south east of Sportsmans Close, Treburley. After discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Cairns, seconded by Cllr Unwin and <b>RESOLVED that the clerk should respond to the Planning Authority (Cornwall Council) stating that the Members of Lezant Parish Council support, in principle, the application (PA22/11189) – subject to the following:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the housing provision is predominantly affordable housing</li> <li>- a sizeable play area is provided (not to be maintained by Lezant Parish Council)</li> <li>- consideration is given by Highways to the access road to the site - due to the very real concerns by the Parish Council over the safety of children local to the site (at Sportmans Close)</li> </ul>	Clerk

23.024	<p><b>Cornwall Councillor’s Report – to receive a report from Cllr Parsons.</b> Cllr Parsons gave a report which included: the Cornwall Council resolution to ask for the power to charge Council Tax premiums for empty properties and second homes; an update on Launceston Library, which will likely need to go back to tender due to the proposed development costs; the devolution deal; information on the 20mph pilot, Launceston will be Stage 4 of the scheme; the re-opening of Launceston Leisure Centre – a contact number for the centre was given and <b>the clerk was asked to put it in the Parish Magazine in case residents had any queries.</b></p> <p>Cllr Parsons also raised the proposed pedestrian crossing at Treburley. No information had been forthcoming on its progress. <b>The clerk and Cllr Parsons were asked to contact Cornwall Council to ask for an update and also clarify why it was not considered to be a CNP Highways Scheme project.</b></p>	Clerk  Clerk
23.025	<p><b>Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting:</b></p> <p>a) <b>Cutting of Permissive Pathway Hedge – to report response from landowner.</b> It was confirmed the landowner cuts the hedge.</p> <p>b) <b>Plaques for Jubilee Trees – to confirm purchase.</b> The clerk had received confirmation that the writing on the plaques was laser etched and therefore permanent. After liaising with Cllr(s) Holter and Hill the clerk went ahead with the purchase as agreed at the previous meeting.</p> <p>c) <b>Butter Well at Larrick – to report response from landowner.</b> Cllr Cairns had spoken with the landowner who confirmed they were happy for repair work to take place on the structure. Cllr(s) Cairns and Simmons would look into obtaining roof slates and it was <b>RESOLVED that up to £100 could be spent on new timber for the structure</b>, proposed by Cllr Dinnis, seconded by Cllr Unwin.</p> <p>d) <b>Preventing Damage to Planters at War Memorial &amp; Rezare Green – to provide any update regarding meeting with the Quarry.</b> The Chair reported the Quarry had yet to provide dates for a site meeting. <b>The clerk to follow up and liaise with Cllr Cairns.</b></p> <p>e) <b>Damaged Gate at War Memorial – to provide any update.</b> The Manager from GAP had confirmed quotes for the work were currently being organised.</p>	PJC/ SS  PJC/ clerk
23.026	<p><b>Playground Equipment &amp; Maintenance – to agree any action/ associated costs.</b> It was noted the monthly safety inspections had been completed at both play areas. Cllr Nash reported the following at Jubilee field:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The wooden road access gate was showing signs of rot on the top section</li> <li>- the sand pit was mostly full of soil</li> <li>- the willow tunnel had a number of plastic crates left around it</li> </ul>	

	<p>Councillors discussed possible treatment work to timbers on the gate and also to the benches on site. <b>It was agreed the clerk should include a notice in the Parish Magazine asking for volunteers to help clean and treat the gate and three benches.</b></p> <p>At Trebulet play area it was noted that the contractor considered the spring on the gate should not be adjusted further as it may adversely affect the closure of the gate. Cllr Cairns confirmed the gate had been checked and considered the closure to be acceptable.</p> <p>It was reported that Lezant Parish Council had been successful with its National Lottery funding bid. £10,000 has been awarded towards a new play tower at Jubilee field. <b>The clerk will review the contract and confirm quotes for the installation.</b> Details to be considered at the March meeting. <b>The clerk was asked to check whether any examples of play towers could be viewed.</b></p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
23.027	<p><b>To Consider Plans for the King's Coronation – to agree any action/ associated costs.</b> A notice had been placed in the parish magazine and two responses received. Councillors discussed options and agreed that <b>the clerk should look into commemorative items for the children of the parish - such as a mug or coin.</b> Carried forward</p>	Clerk
23.028	<p><b>To Consider Replacing Damaged Grit Bin at Rezare – to agree any action/ associated costs.</b> A resident had reported that a bus had accidentally hit the grit box at Rezare, destroying it. The clerk contacted Cornwall Council to ask for it to be replaced but they responded that any new bins or replacements are the responsibility of the parish council. After discussion <b>it was agreed the clerk should contact the bus company to request that they replace it.</b></p>	Clerk
23.029	<p><b>To Consider Request for Provision of a Grit Bin at Treburley – to agree any action/ associated costs.</b> After discussion, <b>it was agreed that the clerk should look into the cost of bags of salt/ grit which could potentially be distributed in the parish. The clerk to speak with Cllr Minson regarding options.</b> Carry forward.</p>	TM/ Clerk
23.030	<p><b>Launceston Community Network Extraordinary Meeting - to receive any report on the meeting regarding CNP Highways Scheme &amp; Plusha Junction A30.</b> Cllr(s) Nash and Hill had attended the online meeting. Cllr Nash gave a brief update including information on the Leisure Centre; Launceston Library; the proposed increase/ change to car parking charges - including charges on a Sunday. It was proposed by Cllr Burden, seconded by Cllr Cairns and <b>RESOLVED that the clerk write to Cornwall Council objecting to parking charges being made on a Sunday. The clerk was also asked to write to the Launceston Leisure Centre Committee to thank them for all their efforts.</b></p>	Clerk
23.031	<p><b>Jubilee Field Trustees Meeting - to receive any report on the meeting.</b> The annual meeting had taken place. No issues were raised.</p>	-



23.035	<p><b>Planning Applications and Related Matters:</b> Any other consultations received:</p> <p><b>Application: PA23/01128.</b> Erection of a 1.5 storey side extension to replace an extension to the original building; a single-storey front extension to enlarge a Dining Room; and a single storey rear extension to replace an inadequate existing extension - with internal alterations to suit the new arrangement. Lowley Cottage, Rezare.</p> <p>An extension to the date to submit comments had been asked for by the clerk - to enable it to be discussed at the March meeting.</p> <p><b>Status of previous applications.</b> <i>To report decisions of the planning authority for Lezant Parish received prior to the meeting.</i></p> <p>It was noted that an Enforcement Case regarding a development at Rezare had been concluded.</p>	Clerk
23.036	<p><b>Highways</b> – <i>to agree actions and expenditure on any issues arising on the roads.</i></p> <p>a) Update from CORMAC regarding signage at Rezare. CORMAC’s proposition had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting, along with comments from interested residents. The Highways Manager had explained that only text and signs as shown in the Traffic Signs Manual could legally be used. After discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Nash, seconded by Cllr Dinnis and <b>RESOLVED that the clerk should respond to the Highways Manager stating that Councillors supported the proposition. The comments from residents should also be passed on for CORMAC’s consideration.</b></p> <p>b) Issue with Mud on the Roads. A resident contacted the clerk to raise that there is a great deal of mud on the roads from Larrick through to Trekenner.</p>	Clerk
23.037	<p><b>Footpaths</b> - <i>to agree actions and expenditure on any issues arising on the footpaths.</i></p> <p>a) Request to Block Short Footpath from Sportmans Close onto the Road Facing the Springer Spaniel – <i>to provide an update from meeting with Willow Tree Housing.</i> Cllr Hill and the clerk met with representatives from Willow Tree Housing. Cllr Hill explained that the housing association was receptive to the idea of closing up the footpath. They are looking into it further and will contact the occupiers of Sportmans Close for their opinions.</p> <p>b) Footpath Post. It was reported that the newly installed footpath post (close to Walston Farm) was loose in the ground. <b>The clerk to notify the Countryside Access Team.</b></p>	Clerk



23.038	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>a) <b>Hedgehog Highway Project</b> – emailed request to purchase a box of hedgehog highway surrounds and make them available for residents. No further action.</p> <p>b) <b>Tamar Toll Action Group</b> – emailed request for support for the campaign to abolish the tolls on the Tamar Bridge and Ferry. <b>The clerk to respond that the Councillors supported the campaign.</b></p>	Clerk
23.039	<p><b>Parish Business:</b></p> <p>a) <b>Defibrillator at Larrick</b> – <i>to provide any update.</i> Cllr Simmons reported that his grant application had not been successful. Cllr Simmons to consider how the Lezant Parish Council could provide further support.</p>	SS
23.040	<p><b>Any other business brought by members for the next Parish Council Meeting.</b></p> <p>Cllr Cairns asked about claiming expenses for printing council documents. <b>It was agreed the clerk should contact CALC to ask for advice and report back.</b></p> <p>Cllr Cairns asked whether he should liaise with the previous supplier of plants for the War Memorial planting. All agreed.</p> <p>Cllr(s) Burden and Hill raised issues with road closures in the parish and the lack of coordination. <b>The clerk was asked to pass on comments to both Cornwall County Council and Devon County Council.</b></p>	Clerk PJC Clerk

**Next Parish Council Meeting 14 March 2023. Trebulett Methodist Church Hall**

There being no further business to transact the Chairperson closed the meeting at 21.45pm

Signed .....Chairperson

Dated.....

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