

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LEZANT PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT LEZANT CHURCH HALL ON TUESDAY 14th MAY 2019 – 7:30pm**

Present: Councillors: I Nash, P J Cairns, G Scott, V Hill, C Ayres, G Holter, J Dinnis, T Malcolm, N Burden

Clerk: Mrs S Inman

Members of the public: 12

Apologies for absence: Cllr Oakley

19.045 Declarations of Interest. None.

A number of residents were in attendance to speak about planning application PA19/03794 at Larrick. The following concerns were raised about the development:

- Road access is severely restricted into the settlement and unsuited for the increased traffic that this development will bring. In recent times planning has been granted for 3 additional properties and the road infrastructure cannot support the increase in traffic, which would also include deliveries and trucks for building work.
- There currently is no mains drainage in the settlement, with at least one borehole supply to a neighbouring property below the contours of this and other recent applications, increasingly at risk of effluent pollution.
- Residents consider the application to be purely motivated by speculative profit and with no need for a further property in the vicinity.
- PA16/08350 (07-09-16), approval for replacement of the caravan. This application was for one dwelling on the whole site. PA19/03794 is an incremental application on an area previously considered as a sustainable area for the replacement of a 'permanent' mobile home.

The Chairman thanked the residents for attending and suggested that they also log their objections with the planning department. The residents were informed that the Parish Council would discuss the application in full at the next meeting in June and they would be welcome to attend.

19.046 Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman. Cllr Nash was re-elected unanimously as Chairman. Cllr Hill agreed to stand for Vice Chairman and was elected unanimously.

19.047 Confirmation of the Minutes. The minutes of the meeting held on 9th of April 2019 were approved by all present and signed by the Chairman.

19.048 Matters arising from Previous Meeting:

- **Neighbourhood Plan.** Mr Andrew Hudson, Chairman of the Neighbourhood Development Plan Committee was in attendance. Mr Hudson reported that it was nearly the end of the consultation period. Going forward some additional details would need to be agreed such as boundaries. Currently, there are 6 settlements in the area and remaining houses were noted as 'individual dwellings in the countryside'. Cornwall Council had advised that the boundaries may need to be re-considered. Mr Hudson explained that the altering of boundaries could result in land being viewed as infill which could lead to further building in the parish. **It was agreed that Mr Hudson would draw up the boundaries and bring to the next meeting to be reviewed.** Mr Hudson also discussed additional reports that would be necessary such as a character assessment of Lezant Parish looking at its ecology. The Chairman suggested Mr Hudson speak

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with the local nature group as it may be able to assist. The Chairman thanked Mr Hudson for attending and reminded Councillors that the second of the two consultation surgeries was due to be held in Trebulet prior to the parish meeting later in May.

- **Playground Maintenance.** Cllr Holter reported that he had made safe the slide at the Jubilee Field and as agreed was also completing additional maintenance as some of the timbers were rotten. Cllr Holter had spoken to Mr Phil Knight about wood preservation treatment. Councillors agreed that this work could take place. The Chairman thanked Cllr Holter for his hard work and offered to assist if needed. Cllr Cairns noted that the gates of the Trebulet Playing field had been left open and raised whether larger signs were necessary reminding people to close them. Cllr Cairns noted that the grass was very long on Trebulet playing field and asked how frequently it was cut. (*Afternote: Trebulet football pitch and surround is contracted to be cut monthly from April to November.*)
- **Emptying the bins at Trebulet playing field and chapel.** Cornwall Council stated that it was not responsible for collecting the rubbish at the two sites. If the Parish Council wanted to have the refuse collected regularly it suggested contacting Biffa to arrange a contract. (Cornwall Council believed the cost for emptying would be in the region of £3 per bin per collection.) **No further action.**
- **Parish Walk Update.** Cllr Holter, who had led the walk, stated that 31 people had attended. Councillors suggested that another walk be arranged for either later in the year or in the spring of 2020. **The Clerk to carry forward to the meeting in September.**
- **Parish Meeting (Tuesday the 21st May 2019 at 7pm).** The Chairman reminded Councillors of the upcoming meeting.
- **Highways Engagement Session Update.** The Chairman had attended the session and reported that it had been informative. Cormac was responsible for four and a half thousand miles of road, with a network highways budget of £50 million. Cormac had 4 divisions and its aim going forward was to be more proactive and not just react to issues as they occurred. It had engaged in focus groups with parish councillors and appreciated the need for local knowledge. The Chairman reported that the most efficient way to log issues was on the Cornwall Council website and Cormac stated that 95% of issues reported were dealt with within 2 days. Cormac currently uses 3 velocity machines in Cornwall which are particularly good for potholes and on minor back roads. The machines are capable of filling up to 150 potholes a day. Finally, the Chairman advised that Cormac had a Volunteer Toolkit scheme which was designed to assist community groups and volunteers in cleaning up their local areas. It could provide everything from secateurs to shovels, bin bags to wheelbarrows and could be used for anything from tidying up a flower bed to doing a litter pick.
- **Road Safety & Community Speed Engagement Event Update.** Cllr Hill had attended the event and gave a brief update. A number of subjects were covered including road safety initiatives, policing our roads, Cornwall road casualty reduction strategy, use of mobile speed signs/visors and community involvement. The main topic of the meeting was the Community Speedwatch programme. There are currently 70 teams covering over 300 sites with 300-350 volunteers throughout Devon and Cornwall. The issue of which sites to monitor had been raised and going forward the Speedwatch team co-ordinator and assigned PCSO will agree the best site locations using local knowledge. Cllr Hill concluded by saying in Cornwall there are 10 fixed camera sites, 4 average speed systems and 6 mobile camera vans and it is hoped that in the future the French system will be adopted whereby a mobile speed unit patrols our roads. The Chairman thanked Cllr Hill for attending.

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- **Planning Area Team 8.** The Planning Department emailed to confirm that over the next 12 months they would visit all the parish councils in their area. The Clerk had emailed our availability.

19.049 Finance:

- Approval of financial statements for Current and Taxi Accounts
- Approval of accounts for Payment
 - Clerks expenses (£51.86) **Clerk**
 - Zurich Insurance (£585.64)
 - AED Heartsafe (£58.80)
 - Lezant Youth Club (£300)
 - Cleaning (£187.92)
 - Q4 Taxi Scheme Transfer (£625)
 - Cllr Nash travel expenses (£23.85)
 - Cllr Holter expenses (£337.61)
 - Taxi Grant Scheme Driver Payments (£156)
- The Lezant Horticultural Society requested their annual grant of £90. **Clerk**
Approved.
- Accounts Audit. The Clerk reported that the Annual Governance & Accountability Return had been completed and accounts were currently being audited ready to be signed off at the June meeting. **Clerk**

19.050 Planning

- Current applications: **None.**
- Any other consultations received:
- **PA19/03794** Mrs M Canarn. The proposed formation of a vehicular access, the erection of a detached dwelling, a detached single storey garage and the installation of a septic tank. Land North West of Highview, Trebulet. **To be discussed on the 11.06.19.**
- Status of previous applications
- **PA19/02225.** Proposed porch and garage extension; includes to replace lean-to roof over garage with pitched tiled roof. Treburley. **Approved.**
- **PA19/02074.** Erection of a new industrial building on vacant site at Treburley industrial estate. **Approved.**

19.051 Highways. The Clerk confirmed that potholes raised at last months meeting had been dealt with. **It was resolved that the Clerk should write and thank Cormac on behalf of the Parish Council.** Cllr Holter stated that work had not been completed on a section of road at Old Treburley which had previously been marked out for resurfacing. **The Clerk to follow up.** **Clerk**

Cllr Malcolm asked the **Clerk to report blocked drains from Hexworthy to Landue.** **Clerk**

19.052 Footpaths. The idea of having a footpath running alongside the A388 to the Farm Shop had been raised at the previous meeting and carried forward to when Cllr Malcolm was present. It was agreed that the verge would be wide enough to allow a footpath, however, the issue of ownership of the verge was unclear. **Cllr Malcolm agreed to further clarify with Mr Watkins.** In addition, Cllr Malcolm reported that the footpath to Penscombe Cross was due to have stones laid and the stile was going to be replaced with a gate. **TM**

Cllr Holter advised that the bench as East Penrest footpath had been removed.

19.053 Correspondence.

Resignation of Cllr Oakley. The Chairman notified the Councillors that Cllr Oakley had resigned from the Parish Council. All agreed that Cllr Oakley would be missed and agreed the **Chairman should write on behalf of the Council thanking him for all his efforts.** Currently Cllr Oakley was responsible for monthly inspections at the Jubilee Field and Cllr Malcolm volunteered to take on the role and complete the safety inspection report. **The Clerk to forward a copy of the inspection sheet.** The Chairman advised that in the future a volunteer would be needed to update the community website but Cllr Oakley had stated he was happy to continue in the interim.

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Improving Fibre Broadband Access for Lezant. The Chairman read out a letter from a resident regarding broadband issues in the parish and how access could be improved. The resident was hoping that the Parish Council would write a letter of support. Cllr Cairns suggested that a notice be placed in the parish magazine asking residents their experience of broadband coverage and trying to better understand how many people were having issues with the quality and speed of the broadband service they receive. Cllr Malcolm mentioned that a programme called Superfast Cornwall might be useful. **It was resolved that the Clerk would write to the resident notifying them of the Parish Councils support. In addition, the Clerk to write a notice for the parish magazine to help to establish issues.**

Clerk

Lezant Youth Club wrote to thank the Parish Council for its grant donation.

Lezant War Memorial. A resident had emailed to notify the Council that the Imperial War Museum was building a register of all War Memorials in the country and but didn't have a photo of the Lezant War Memorial. The resident had emailed a photo and advised that it will be included on the Lezant page.

19.054 Parish Business

Grasscutting at Rezare. A resident contacted the Clerk stating that a number of residents had an issue with the grass cutting on the green, in particular, that the grass cuttings were not being removed. The Clerk had explained that this was not part of the current contract. The resident had volunteered to cut Rezare green free of charge and take away the cuttings. **It was resolved that the 2019/20 contract should be honoured and the Clerk should convey this to the resident. It was also suggested that the resident may wish to tender for next year's contract. The Clerk to look at whether disposal of grass cuttings at Rezare was appropriate for the contract in 2020/21. In addition, the Clerk volunteered to visit Rezare after the next grass cut to monitor the situation.**

Clerk

Lezant Horticultural Society request for grant funding. The Chairman explained that the Horticultural Society was applying for a grant from the Community Fund for new chairs to use in Jubilee Field on its Show Day. The aim was to buy enough chairs to prevent the need from borrowing from Lezant Church and Trebulet Hall. To this end it was applying for a grant of £750 to purchase 15 chairs (each chair costing £50). The Members of Lezant Parish Council discussed the application in full. Councillors appreciated that it would be useful for the LHS to have their own chairs, however, it was felt that given the frequency that they would be used a more modestly priced chair would be more appropriate. **It was resolved that the Clerk should write to the LHS and suggest it looked at other options that the Council could support.**

Clerk

Trebulllett Playground Issues. A resident contacted the Clerk asking whether the Parish Council had in place any restrictions on the usage of Trebulllett play area and field such as times it should not be used after or age restrictions. The resident stated that recently the playing field had been in use late into the evening and by adults not just children. Councillors stated that no restrictions were in place and they did not feel that it was currently necessary. **It was resolved that the Clerk should contact the resident to explain the situation and that the resident was welcome to raise the issue again if necessary.**

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Books in the box – Trekenner Phone Box. The Clerk had been emailed by Mary Synott to see how things were proceeding with painting the phone box at Trekenner. She also advised that Cllr Holter had looked at the phone box and had agreed to fix internal shelving. Ms Synott indicated that costs would be in the region of £300 and she would be applying to the Community Fund for financial assistance.

Larrick Phone Box Maintenance. The Clerk had applied to Cornwall Council Volunteer Scheme to ask for help painting Larrick phone box. It stated that the scheme appeared to be viable subject to securing volunteers and clarification about working adjacent to the highway. Cornwall Council also wanted to know if the parish council had been in contact with the owner of the oil tank directly next to the phone box to advise them of the work. **It was resolved that the Clerk should complete the necessary forms and risk assessment which was necessary before a final decision could be made.** Furthermore, it was noted that 2 residents attending the meeting would be prepared to help with the renovation.

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It was noted that Mary Crew had been presented with her Civic Award on the 1st May. This award was given following a citation by Councillor Neil Burden.

A resident had volunteered to make a new signpost to replace the broken one at Trekenner. The signpost would be made out of oak but would require a sign writer for the lettering. **It was agreed the Clerk should contact Cornwall Council and see if the replacement was possible.**

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Finally, it was noted that the windows and frames at the Church room were in need of cleaning.

19.055 Date of next meeting Tuesday 11th June 2019, 7:30pm at Lezant Church Room.

The Meeting closed at 21:43 pm.

Signed :

Chairman

Date: