

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL LEZANT PARISH MEETING
HELD AT TREBULLETT HALL ON TUESDAY 21ST MAY 2019 at 7:30pm**

Present: Cllrs. I Nash, N Burden, G Scott, G Holter, PJ Cairns, V Hill, C Ayres
4 Members of the Public

Clerk: Mrs S Inman

PRESENTATION ON INTERNET SAFETY BY JASON WILLIAMS, CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE AND DIGITAL MANAGER AT CORNWALL COUNCIL.

Cornwall Council's digital inclusion strategy has been designed to make a place where Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly residents and organisations understand the benefits of digital, feel safe and confident online and are supported to develop their skills and thrive in an increasingly digital world.

The positives of the internet include allowing us to shop, research and bank online. However, it is essential when using the internet to use strong, unique passwords, keep systems up to date with antivirus software, be careful what you post and where you post it. It is also important to report any abuse and deal appropriately with spam and 'dodgy' emails.

There are a number of scams to be wary of:

- Unsolicited emails asking for help or to pay a bill.
- Emails with an order or invoice attached.
- Phone calls stating that just your computer is infected. (*Microsoft does not make home calls.*)
- Phishing or fishing.
- Not to send money.
- Look out for links and spelling mistakes.

'If it's too good to be true it probably is!'

Things to remember when online:

- Use strong passwords.
- When shopping use a credit card, if possible.
- Use trusted sites (*browsers should have secure icons*).
- Think before you click.
- Research (*if you think it's a scam search for it*).
- Keep an eye on your accounts.
- Never give out passwords on the phone.

Residents were notified of a site 'haveibeenpwned.com' which allowed people to search across multiple data breaches to see if their email address has been compromised.

Finally, Mr Williams spoke about digital inclusion strategy. This provides a framework to support residents in their communities by training up people to help others in their locality. Digital Champions help others understand the benefits of using the internet, and can show them how to do simple things online. This can make a huge difference to people's lives

The Chairman thanked Mr Williams for his informative presentation.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Cllr(s) Malcolm, J Dinnis

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 15th May 2018 were approved as a true and correct record and signed by the Vice Chairman.

PRESENTATION OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR 2018/19

The Clerk presented the accounts, which have not yet been approved by the internal auditor or the Members of the Parish Council. There were no questions.

The accounts were accepted by all present.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman, Ian Nash gave a report on the events of the year. He started by thanking Councillors and the Clerk for all their efforts. The Chairman then informed those in attendance that Cllr Hill had taken on the role of Vice Chairman, due to the resignation of Cllr Oakley, and that Cllr Ayres was now the new Parish Tree Warden.

The Chairman spoke about planning explaining that the Parish Council worked as an advisory body providing local knowledge to the planning department. Over the preceding 12 months, 19 planning applications had been received. Of those the Parish Council had supported 14 and its opinion was in-line with the planners in all but 1 of the cases.

In addition, at the recent Greystone Quarry inquiry the Chairman along with two other Councillors had attended. The Chairman had given a statement and questioned representatives of the quarry, although the outcome had not been successful.

In terms of expenditure the Community Fund had been used to purchase two new goals for Trebullett playing field, to pay for much needed maintenance to play areas at Trebullett and the Jubilee Field, grass cutting throughout the parish and had also funded work on the gates at the War Memorial. The Chairman took the opportunity to thank Cllr Holter for all his hard work which included the work to the War Memorial gates and for general maintenance work throughout the parish.

The Parish Council had also part-financed a new springer for the Jubilee Field along with the help of Friends of Trekenner School (FOTS) who had applied for a grant.

The Parish Council had awarded a number of grants to the Church, Lezant Horticultural Society and the new Lezant Youth Club.

Over the year the Parish Council had looked into new initiatives such as adopting a Community Emergency Plan and organising the monitoring of the road at Treburley, looking at car speed and volume of traffic. The Parish Council had also applied for and been successful in obtaining a grant to build a new pedestrian crossing at Treburley. This had been facilitated by the Launceston Community Network and Cllr Burden and it was hoped would be in place within the next two years.

Cllr Nash concluded by saying that the Neighbourhood Development Plan was nearing its completion. Mr Hudson, Chairman of the NDP had been in attendance prior to the meeting holding the final public surgery. The Chairman explained that the NDP was important as it has the ability to dictate constraints on planning development in the parish going forward.

Cllr Nash introduced the next speaker, Councillor Neil Burden.

CORNWALL COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORT

Cllr Burden opened by saying that people needed community engagement and he was delighted with the new Lezant Youth Club for those aged 8-13 within the parish.

Last year Cllr Burden chaired a customer digital access to services review. It was important that people were 'digital by choice not by default'. The idea behind digital inclusion is to ensure individuals and disadvantaged groups have access to, and skills to use, Information and Communication Technologies (ICT). This would enable the public to participate in and benefit from today's growing knowledge and information society. Cllr Burden stated that there are now so many social media windows, including Facebook, Instagram, and Snapchat. Facebook is used by parents, but not children. Schools tend to use Instagram. It raises the question 'how do you engage with everyone' – the village shop used to be the best place.

The Community Governance Review gives an opportunity for every parish to make representations if they want to change their boundaries. Currently, 50 parishes want change. The deadline for representations has been extended to July. Lezant wants no change. Cllr Burden felt that it was all too obvious that the public are very confused over pending changes as it is all very complicated.

Cornwall Council has 123 divisions and at the time of devolution made promises via the boundary commission to reduce this number. It is now down to 87 and the new division for this parish is called Altarnun and Stoke Climsland, it stretches from Kit Hill to Jamaica Inn and is much bigger than the old division.

Cornwall Council voted to declare a Climate Emergency in January, practical application needs to happen and they will be reporting in the autumn. Cllr Burden stated we are in a throwaway generation however Cornwall Council is supporting more renewable energy, reducing waste, improving public transport and reducing traffic. Installing in LED street lighting where they can. There are no plastic cups at County Hall. Every Friday 600 children demonstrate about Climate Change at County Hall. What can we do – give guidance.

Children in care numbers are rising. There are fewer foster carers, and it is very costly to the council. The cost of social care is rising partly because Cornwall Council has introduced foundation living wage to make this happen the council has to subsidise company contracts to several £million per annum. No one working for the council will get less than £9 per hour.

Home tutoring is becoming a worry and has risen to over 1000 in Cornwall in 2019.

Planning teams have changed to old district council regions and held public 'meet the planners' events. The planning team will visit all parish councils over the coming year.

Highways budget for members was £8K, now that the Community Network Panels control this, it is set at £200K for four years. Members now get an annual community fund of £2K which can be applied for. The new highway scheme for each network got off to a flying start as the Launceston Network was the first to allocate all the funds of £200k and the siting of the 2 vehicular speed signs have already been designed for Brayshop. Treburley will have a pedestrian crossing.

Next April there will be major changes in refuse collection including weekly recycling, wheelie bins and food waste collection.

Cornwall Council adopted a policy of building houses themselves with the intention of selling some and renting the others 120 nearly finishes in Bodmin. They have been designed with a zinc coated metal sheeted roof. Not allowed to use the loft for

storage as the roof structure is lighter. Can't occupy before all are finished. No sprinklers on new builds.

Cllr Burden concluded by saying that he was disappointed with the stopping of the road as a result of Greystone Quarry. CC wouldn't let it be discussed at the strategic planning meeting. Cllr Burden had written about it.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Burden.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There being no further matters raised, the Chairman thanked those present for attending and closed the meeting at 8.30pm

Signed.....Chairman Date.....