

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LEZANT PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 9th MARCH 2021.
DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS THE MEETING WAS HELD ONLINE USING THE VIDEO
CONFERENCING SYSTEM MICROSOFT TEAMS**

Present: Councillors: C Ayres, J Dinnis, G Holter, I Nash, P J Cairns, N Burden, V Hill,
L Shelley, G Scott
Clerk: Mrs S Inman

Members of the public: None

Apologies for absence: None

A resident was in attendance to speak about applying - in conjunction with Trekenner School and Friends of Trekenner School - for a South West Water grant. The grant could potentially fund new play equipment such as a 'trim trail' (*wooden obstacle course*) for the older children at the Jubilee Field. Alternatively, it could be used to replace one of the existing pieces of equipment such as the play tower which had recently been identified as needing significant work on it. It was explained that if the funding was granted it would need to be used to purchase complete pieces of new equipment and could also include installation. The grant could not be used for repairs. Councillors discussed with the resident where any new equipment could be situated.

Cllr Shelley asked whether the addition of equipment would affect the parish council's insurance policy. The resident assumed that a trim trail was likely to be 'lower risk' as it was low to the ground. The clerk could check with insurers regarding impact on the price of insurance/ liability. The issue of maintenance thereafter was also raised as the equipment once installed would be the responsibility of the Parish Council.

It was noted that the Trustees of Jubilee Field would also need to be notified. The Chairman explained that the Trustees had ultimate responsibility but day to day running lay with the Parish Council.

In principle, the Councillors thought the grant was a good idea but felt more information was needed. The resident agreed to discuss further with Trekenner School and speak with the Councillors at a later date.

21.033 Declarations of Interest. None.

21.034 Confirmation of the Minutes. The minutes of the meeting held on 9th of February 2021 were approved by all present and will be signed by the Chairman at the earliest opportunity.

21.035 Matters arising from the Previous Meeting:

- (a) **Playground Maintenance** – *to discuss & agree maintenance issues: Essential repairs to the play areas.* The clerk had spoken with CORMAC who suggested a meeting on site to discuss recommendations. The Chairman and Cllr Holter expressed an interest to attending. **The clerk to arrange a meeting week commencing 15th March at Jubilee Field.**
- (b) **Damaged Wire Fencing at Trebullett.** The clerk informed Councillors that a contractor had looked at the damage and proposed replacing the netting with horizontal wooden rails. The rails would be placed at close intervals which would be animal proof but would allow children to climb over. The work would be approx. £100. Councillors had safety concerns as the rails could encourage children to climb over. It was suggested that a stile could also be incorporated. Cllr Cairns proposed that a plank through the fence with support on either side

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would be a simple solution. **Cllr Cairns volunteered to liaise with the contractor over the work.**

Proposed, seconded; all in favour.

- (c) **Parish Newsletter Response to additional funding for 10 issues.** The parish magazine had emailed to explain that it was not just the money but the lack of contributions that was an issue. Very few of the local organisations were currently meeting and at the moment they were only receiving enough to fill a bi-monthly issue. It was something that the magazine was happy to consider once lockdown was over and groups were meeting once more.
- (d) **Cleaning Rezare Phone Box.** The clerk confirmed that a notice had been included in the parish magazine but there had been no volunteers to date. **Cllr Shelley volunteered to help clean the phone box.**
- (e) **Annual Parish Meeting.** The clerk reminded Councillors that the meeting would be held on-line immediately prior to the next Parish Council Meeting (13th April 2021 at 7:00pm). A notice had been placed in the Parish Magazine and would also be put on noticeboards and on the Parish Magazine Facebook page.
- (f) **Parish Walk.** Cllr Holter proposed to hold the walk on the 22nd of May but advised it would be dependent on any covid restrictions at the time. It was agreed it could provisionally be put in the magazine. Carry forward 13.04.21.

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21.036 South West Water Community Fund Grant – to consider a joint application with Trekenner School for new play equipment on the Jubilee Field. No further comment.

21.037 To Consider Opening the Toilets at Jubilee Field. The toilets were usually opened to members of the public in March. Councillors considered whether to proceed with opening as usual. The clerk explained a risk assessment would need to be completed and consideration should be given to whether additional measures were necessary to keep those using the facility safe. **It was proposed that the toilets should remain closed at the present time. Carry forward to the May meeting.**
Proposed, seconded; all in favour.

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21.038 To Consider the Return of Physical Meetings from May 7th 2021. The clerk informed Councillors that it was likely that the May Parish Council meeting would need to be held in person. The meeting would be vital in order to elect the Chairman and Vice Chair. The clerk explained that at the moment only meetings held in government buildings were permissible, not community buildings such as the Church Room. The meeting could be held outside, the time of the meeting and date could also change. It would be necessary to complete a risk assessment whether indoors or outdoors. CALC was still pushing to keep online meetings going and would also provide details on schemes of delegation. The clerk would keep Councillors updated.

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21.039 Finance:

- Approval of financial statements for Current and Taxi Accounts
- **The following invoices were approved for payment:**

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Clerk expenses (Feb)	<i>online</i>	£38.41
M Harris – Feb taxi sheets	<i>chq 348</i>	£84.00

- Internal auditor. It was agreed that the clerk could approach Bookbusters.
- LMP Confirmation. It was confirmed Lezant Parish Council would receive £578.99 for 2021.

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- Expenditure on Approved Maintenance/ Work – *to consider setting a maximum expenditure level for approved work without returning to full council.* Councillors agreed that approved work could go ahead up to the value of £150. **Proposed, seconded; all in favour**

21.040 Planning

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PA21/00941. Rear side extension to provide day room, with associated works. Trenowth House, Budge Meadows, Treburley. **The Members of Lezant Parish Council supported the application.**

PA20/07441. Proposed General Purpose Shed. Land East Trewarlett Farm, Lezant. It was noted that the agent had provided revised drawings with a shed of reduced scale and supporting statement to indicate use of the land and proposed use of the shed. With the statement there were additional photos of the site and other existing structures.

The Members of Lezant Parish Council were unable to support the application as they considered it to be over intensification of the land.

Any other consultations received. *To report, for information only, any planning applications and/or pre application planning submissions advised prior to the evening of the meeting.*

PA21/01720. Tree works, Treburley. Councillors commented that they remained concerned about the condition of the tree and considered action should be taken. **Clerk to contact Highways.**

Status of previous applications: *To report decisions of the planning authority for Lezant Parish received prior to the meeting.* Nothing to report

21.041 Highways.

- *To note any issues arising on the roads:*
Water not draining at Trewarlett. The Rural Maintenance team were due to check the site and would arrange appropriate action. Cllr Hill noted that work had started and some trenches had been dug.

Work to the Methodist Chapel road from Little Comfort to Landue.

CORMAC had arranged for an inspection and would organise work as necessary. Cllr Shelley informed councillors that work had already taken place. **Cllr Shelley volunteered to write and thank the Highways Team.**

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Flooding to Springer Spaniel at Treburley. A resident had reported an issue with flood drains at Treburley, at the junction by the Springer Spaniel Pub. The clerk had contacted Highways who said investigations on site had already taken place and action would be taken as necessary.

Cllr Holter had raised that two lanes 1) past Pengloss, linking Trekenner to Trekenner Mill and 2) linking Little Wenfork to Rezare were in need of cleaning/ sweeping. The clerk had informed Highways.

21.042 Footpaths.

- *To note and agree actions on any issues arising on the footpaths.*
Cllr Holter had raised that there was still no finger post at the East Penrest end of the footpath, down to Trekenner Mill. The clerk was waiting for an update.

21.043 To Receive Correspondence (as listed).

- Various Cornwall Council newsletters
- Weekly planning reports
- CALC Briefings
- Request for participation in a short survey about sustainability in Cornwall
- Localism Vision and Strategy launch event - Q&A.
- Launceston Community Network Panel Meeting Link– next meeting is March 18th.
- Climate Emergency DPD Consultation.
- Free signage for play areas and open spaces – Cornwall Council were offering free posters to promote the hands, face, space, message and encourage safe and responsible use of play equipment and open spaces. The clerk had contacted Chris Simms to ask for posters for our play areas.
- Link for Updated Interactive map
- Trebuletts Chapel had written to request funds from the community grant to replace the hand wash basin in the kitchen at Trebuletts hall. **Carry forward to next meeting 13.04.21.**

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21.044 Parish Business

- **Election Declarations – *issue of nomination papers*.** The clerk explained the election process. The election would be called on the 22nd of March and candidate packs were available via the Cornwall Council website. The completed forms should be delivered by hand (can be by a 3rd party) by April 8th.
- **Parish Noticeboards at Trekenner & Treburley – *maintenance required*.** It was reported that both noticeboards were in need of maintenance. At Trekenner the screws were loose on the fixing and at Treburley water was getting in, soaking notices. **Cllr Nash volunteered to look at Trekenner and Cllr Holter to look at Treburley.**
- Cllr Shelley stated that the Methodist Church at Little Comfort was in need of repairs and the area surrounding it had become overgrown. It was suggested that Cornwall Council might be able to assist. **Cllr Shelley to send correspondence to the clerk to follow up.**
- Cllr Nash noted that at the recent funeral of Mr Phillip Daniel residents had come out and supported the family by lining parts of the route at Trekenner.
- Cllr Nash reported that snow drops were now coming out on the wildflower area at Trekenner green.
- Finally, it was noted that the library at Trekenner was being well used.

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Any other business brought by members for the next Parish Council Meeting: None

21.045 Date of next meeting Tuesday 13th April 2021, 7:30pm to be held online using Microsoft Teams.

The Meeting closed at 21:12 pm.

Signed :

Chairman

Date: