

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LEZANT PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 13th APRIL 2021.
DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS THE MEETING WAS HELD ONLINE USING THE VIDEO
CONFERENCING SYSTEM MICROSOFT TEAMS**

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

Members of the public: 2

The Chairman started the meeting by offering condolences to the Royal Family on the death of Prince Phillip.

Apologies for absence: Cllr C Ayres
Absent: Cllr G Scott

A resident was in attendance to speak about PA21/01758. The applicant explained that their aim was to build an energy efficient, accessible and safe dwelling. The dwelling would be situated lower down the plot with improved access including a greater visibility splay. The resident believed the ridge height had been sensitively considered and the plans looked to avoid cutting trees and hedgerows. The property had experienced a number of structural issues including the collapse of the gable wall and damage due to long term water ingress. Councillors asked the resident if they had plans to recycle any of the original building material. The applicant stated they were looking to recycle as much as they could including stonework and timber.

In light of the applicant being in attendance the Chairman proposed to bring forward the planning section to the start of the meeting. **Proposed, seconded; all in favour.**

21.046 Declarations of Interest. Cllr Burden (item 21.052)

21.047 Planning

PA21/01758. Construction of a 1.5 storey timber frame dwelling with new access, parking and turning area and rear external terraced patio area (demolition of the existing cottage and extension). Sunnyside Cottage, Trekenner.

The Chairman asked the clerk to read out a letter of objection from a resident.

The application was discussed and the following comment agreed:

**The members of Lezant Parish Council support the application but would like it noted that they consider the bottom gate should only be used on an occasional basis (to leave the site).
Proposed, seconded; all in favour.**

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.

PA21/02499. Prior notification for a proposed general purpose agricultural building. Boscarn, Lower Larrick Farm, Trebullett. The Chairman reminded Councillors that as a permitted development application Lezant PC had not been asked to submit comments.

PA21/02977. Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling. Trekemletts Lodge, road from junction south of Rosevallen to Trewarlett Cross.
Carried forward 11.05.21.

Clerk

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

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

21.049 Matters arising from the Previous Meeting:

- (a) **Playground Maintenance** – *to discuss & agree maintenance issues:* The clerk along with Cllr(s) Nash and Holter had met with CORMAC at the Jubilee Field to discuss repairs. The play tower had been identified as in need of most work and it was suggested that it may not be cost efficient to repair it (repairs could be in the region of £2,500 to £3,000 and only extend the life for a few years).

Whilst the play tower was considered usable in the short term CORMAC was concerned about the top section of the play tower and slide. Whilst options were being considered the school had been advised that the play tower should not be used until certain areas were cordoned off.

Prior to the meeting CORMAC provided a quote to carry out the repairs to the moderate risk rated defects.

Work at Jubilee Field Play Area – to include work on the spring rabbit, multi play (small junior), multi play (large junior) and pressure wash the safety surface. Total cost of £1,481.04 (plus VAT).

Councillors discussed various options to repair or replace the play tower. **It was resolved that the upper section, including the slide and climbing ramp would be cordoned off. The clerk to contact CORMAC to ask for a quote excluding the work to the play tower. The clerk to look into costs for new play equipment. Carried forward 11.05.21.**

Clerk

Work at Trebulet Play Area – to include work on the balance beam and pedestrian gate. Total cost of £545.05 (plus VAT)

Cllr Cairns volunteered to speak with an alternative contractor about work at the Trebulet play area. Carried forward 11.05.21.

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Progress on the fencing/ stile at Trebulet play area. Cllr Cairns reported he was in contact with the contractor about the work.

PJC

- (b) **South West Water Community Fund Grant** – *update from Trekener School.* The clerk notified Councillors that Trekener School had applied for the grant but now intended to use it to fund a music project. Mr Marc Wheeler, Head of Trekener School, had kindly volunteered to help identify other potential grants for play equipment on the Jubilee Field.
- (c) **Cleaning of Rezare Phone Box.** A resident had contacted the clerk to offer assistance. Cllr Shelley reported that he had met with the resident and cleaned the exterior of the phone box in the previous week.
- (d) **Spring Parish Walk.** A provisional notice had been placed in the magazine. Cllr Holter had circulated details of the walk prior to the meeting. Proposed date Sat. 22nd May, starting 10:30 am. Starting from West Penrest, following the footpath down to Trecarrell Bridge, back up the lane to Trebulet and back to West Penrest. Participants to bring their own refreshments for a break down by the river at Trecarrell Bridge.

Councillors discussed the issue of parking. Cllr Holter suggested that if the church was agreeable the walk could start from their Trebullett car park and walk back along the lane to West Penrest and on round.

- (e) Maintenance of Parish Noticeboards at Trekenner & Treburley. Cllr(s) Nash and Holter had repaired both noticeboards.

21.050 Jubilee Field Maintenance by Trekenner School. The Chairman reported that the school was currently in the process of tidying up the area by the polytunnel. The following areas had previously been highlighted by the Trustees of the Jubilee Field as in need of attention: (1) the water containers currently placed on wooden pallets needed levelling and the pallets replaced by something that would not rot; (2) the flower boxes (next to the water containers) were in need of tidying; (3) the bramble area, by the polytunnel, needed cutting back; (4) the polytunnel was in need of refurbishment or removal.

In addition, Trekenner School had liaised with Lezant PC regarding: (1) a section of the hedge (behind the polytunnel) having been removed. The school identified it as a health and safety risk to children and proposed to put up a fence to ensure the safety of pupils; (2) as a result of the removal of the hedge, 'spoil' had been dumped behind the tunnel - the Chairman had confirmed that Trustees did not expect this to be removed by the school; (3) the apple tree, in the area, would also be removed.

Councillors considered that the Landlord of the rental property that had removed the hedge should be approached and asked to replace it.

Clerk

21.051 Trekenner School Request for Community Grant Funding for Outdoor Learning Area/ Sensory Garden. A letter had been circulated prior to the meeting outlining the proposal. The Chairman reported he had met with Mr Marc Wheeler (Head of Trekenner School) who explained the school's plans for the area including a mini sensory garden, portable fire pit and seating. It was hoped that it could be an area that could also be used by the community in the future. Councillors supported the school's plans but agreed that before making a decision on the grant the site should be cleared and a plan be drawn up of the layout of the proposed area. **The clerk to notify the school.**

Clerk

21.052 Trebullett Chapel Request for Community Grant Funding for New Sink. Cllr Burden declared an interest and did not take part in discussions. **It was resolved to award Trebullett Chapel £120 from the community fund. Proposed, seconded; all in favour.**

Clerk

21.053 Launceston Community Network Meeting Update. Cllr Burden updated Councillors on the most recent Network meeting which included discussions on the work to the proposed pedestrian bridge at Newport, the Launceston Forest and the purchase of 2 mobile interactive speed cameras for use by parishes in the Launceston network.

21.054 Future Meeting Arrangements from May 7th 2021 - to consider the return of physical meetings from May 7th 2021. To agree date/ time/ place of the May Parish Council meeting. The clerk explained that CALC was still waiting to hear about the possibility of continuing online meetings. It was agreed to hold the next Lezant Parish Council meeting outside at the Jubilee Field on 11th May (starting at 7:00pm). **The clerk to complete a risk assessment.**

Clerk

21.055 Lezant Parish Council Scheme of Delegation – to agree whether to continue the scheme introduced at the start of the pandemic and decide if any amendments were necessary. At the beginning of the pandemic Members had agreed that the Council would delegate authority to the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chair to take any actions necessary, with associated expenditure, to protect the interests of the community and ensure council business continuity

during the period of the Coronavirus pandemic. The decisions were ones on behalf of the council which could not reasonably be deferred and must be made in order to comply with a commercial or statutory deadlines. All councillors would be notified and consulted as appropriate.

Any decisions made under this delegation must be recorded in writing and must be published in accordance with the relevant regulations. (This delegation does not extend to matters expressly reserved to the council in legislation or in its standing orders or financial regulations.) **Councillors resolved to continue the Scheme of Delegation with a review date of September 2021.**

Proposed, seconded; all in favour.

21.056 Finance:

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

Clerk

13.04.21	CALC Membership	online	£380.12
13.04.21	Clerk expenses (March)	online	£55.77
13.04.21	TEEC - website hosting	online	£144.00
13.04.21	Judith Braunton (cleaning)	online	£113.36
13.04.21	John Davies (cleaning)	online	£226.72
13.04.21	Eon (bus stop electricity)	online	£71.47
13.04.21	Taxi - M Harris (Mar)	chq 0349	£72.00
13.04.21	Taxi - M Nolan (Feb)	online	£84.00
13.04.21	Taxi - M Nolan (Mar)	online	£64.00

- To Note Increase in the National Living Wage for Cleaners. From 1st April 2021 the hourly rate had increased to £8.91.

21.057 Highways. *To note any issues arising on the roads:*

- (a) Update on the pedestrian crossing at Treburley. It was confirmed that the pedestrian crossing was at preliminary design stage with the aim to get client approval for consultation once Purdah and the elections had finished.
- (b) The clerk stated that pot holes on the road to Rezare had been reported.
- (c) Potholes on the road to Larrick were noted. **Clerk to contact CORMAC.**

Clerk

21.058 Footpaths. *To note and agree actions on any issues arising on the footpaths.* Cllr(s) Holter and Nash reported that the footpath post at East Penrest was still missing. **Clerk to notify CORMAC.**

21.059 To Receive Correspondence (as listed).

- Various CALC Updates: including
 - Cornwall Book of Condolence and donations in memory of Prince Phillip
 - Operation Forth Bridge - Death of Prince Phillip.
 - Returning to the Workplace Guide
 - Guidance for the safe use of council buildings
 - Remote meetings update
 - Reopening shops and businesses from April 12th, 2021
- Town and Parish Council Newsletter
- Launceston Community Network Panel Meeting 18th March 2021 Draft Notes
- Weekly planning reports
- Cornwall Council - Community Governance Review changes
- Cornwall Council - Notices of Election
- Cornwall AONB - Farming, Nature and Sustainable Tourism: 2 surveys available
- Cornwall Council Climate Emergency Development Plan Document (DPD) Pre-Submission draft - proposed amendment
- Cornwall Council - European Sites Mitigation Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) Adoption Draft.

21.060 Parish Business

- Update from Cornwall Council on Tree Work at Treburley. Prior to the meeting responses from CORMAC and the Tree Surgeon completing the work had been circulated to all Councillors.

The responses noted that the tree was considered 'an historic, notable landscape feature of increasing ecological value. The works proposed (phased crown reduction) will remove the majority of the 'sail'. Reducing the likelihood of further failure and the risk of public harm to acceptable levels - allowing retention, the tree will then be managed with a reduced canopy going forward. Additional tree planting was also being considered at this location to provide larger canopies for the future.'

- Election Business. The Statement of Persons Nominated had been published. 6 candidates had stood for Lezant Parish. Where there was the same number or fewer candidates as seats, the notice would name all those standing for election and therefore deemed to be elected without contest.

At the meeting in May (after taking office) Councillors could elect to advertise and co-opt to fill the seats. If the power of co-option was not exercised within 35 days Cornwall Council could exercise its discretionary powers to hold a further election or take appropriate action to fill the vacancies. The clerk remind Councillors of key dates including completing the register of disclosable pecuniary interests and the declaration of election expenses.

**All
Councillors**

- Cllr Nash noted that the organiser of the Trekenner free library would be willing to stock a free standing library at Larrick if there was interest.
- Cllr Holter noted that a resident had brought to his attention the gates of the cemetery at Treburley had been removed.
- Cllr Holter noted that the sub base on the permissive path was being eroded.

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

21.061 Date of next meeting Tuesday 11th May 2021, 7:00pm to be held outdoors at the Jubilee Field.

The Meeting closed at 21:15 pm.

Signed :

Chairman

Date: