

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LEZANT PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE JUBILEE FIELD ON TUESDAY 11th MAY 2021.**

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

Members of the public: 1

Apologies for absence: Cornwall Cllr A Parsons

All Councillors signed their Declarations of Office.

The Chairman, Cllr Nash, congratulated all Councillors on re-election and passed on commiserations to Cllr Burden who had been unsuccessful in standing as Cornwall Councillor representing the Altarnun and Stoke Climsland Division.

It was agreed a letter of congratulations should be sent to the newly elected Cornwall Councillor for the ward, Adrian Parsons.

(21.062) Election of a Chairman It was RESOLVED that Cllr Valerie Hill be elected as Chairman. Cllr Hill duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Election of a Vice Chairman It was RESOLVED that Cllr Julie Dinnis be elected as Vice Chairman. Cllr Dinnis duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

A resident was in attendance with an interest in standing as a Councillor for Lezant Parish Council. They stated they had a particular interest in green issues and green technology. The Chairman advised them to email the clerk after the meeting to register an interest.

(21.063) Declarations of Interest. None.

(21.064) Councillor Vacancies – to decide on co-option. Lezant Parish Council currently has 4 councillor vacancies. Councillors resolved to co-opt to fill the vacancies. **Proposed, seconded; all in favour. The clerk to advertise on notice boards and in the parish magazine.**

Clerk

(21.065) Confirmation of the Minutes. The minutes of the meeting held on 13th of April 2021 were approved by all present and were signed by the Chairman. In addition, the following minutes which had been verbally approved at the online Parish Council meetings were signed by the Chairman: 9th June; 14th July; 8th September; 13th October; 10th November; 8th December; 12th January; 9th February; 9th March.

(21.066) Matters arising from the Previous Meeting:

- (a)** A revised costing for work at the Jubilee Field, which excluded work to the play tower, had been provided by CORMAC (£961.04 (+VAT)). A cost to remove and dispose of the play tower had also been provided (£780 (+VAT)). Councillors discussed whether the play tower could be repaired and if not whether grants would be available for new equipment. **It was resolved that the clerk should contact Alistair Guy & Sons, who had previously installed play equipment in the parish, to see if they would quote for repair work. Carry forward 08.06.21.**

Clerk

It was noted that prior to the meeting the clerk had circulated examples of play equipment from recycled plastic. Prices started at approximately £5,500 (including delivery and installation).

- (b) Cllr Cairns noted he had been in contact with the contractor fitting the new fence and stile at Trebuletts play area. Cllr Cairns stated that the same contractor would also complete the work needed on the small gate post.
- (c) Spring Parish Walk (22nd May 2021). **The clerk to put up notices and post on Lezant Parish Newsletter Facebook Page. The clerk to contact Trebuletts Methodist Church to confirm use of their carpark for the event.**
- (d) Removal of Hedge/Bank at Jubilee Field. The clerk is in the process of obtaining contact details for the Landlord in order to ask that they re-instate the hedge or provide a fence. **Carried forward 08.06.21.**

GH/Clerk

(21.067) Code of Conduct – to decide whether to adopt the newly updated code.

Cornwall Council had circulated a revised Code of Conduct for local councils to adopt. The Chairman explained the Cornwall Association of Local Councils strongly supported this single code for all elected members in Cornwall. **It was resolved to adopt the newly updated code. Proposed, seconded; all in favour.**

(21.068) Future Meeting Arrangements from May 7th 2021 – to note the High Court ruling on virtual meetings. To agree date/ time/ place of the June Parish Council meeting. Councillors discussed options for the next Parish Council meeting in June. The clerk stated that she would prefer an outside meeting until after her second vaccination, which was due imminently. If an indoor meeting was to go ahead it was suggested that the Trebuletts Methodist Church Hall may be more suitable due to the size and layout of the building. It was resolved that a final decision would be made nearer the time. **The clerk to liaise with the Chairman and Vice Chair regarding location. The clerk to check the size and cost of room hire at Trebuletts Methodist Church Hall.**

Clerk/
VH/JD

(21.069) Finance:

- (e) Approval of financial statements for Current and Tax Accounts
- (f) **The following invoices were approved for payment:**

Clerk Salary (May) (10hrs Hols)	online	***
Clerk expenses (April)	online	£59.04
Trebuletts Chapel Community Grant	online	£120.00
Taxi Grant Q4 Transfer to Taxi Account	online	£635.00
M Harris (April) Taxi	chq 350	£112.00
R Steinbichl (Feb) Taxi	chq 351	£12.00

- (g) AGAR Certificate of Exemption - *to consider and approve by resolution.* It was resolved that Lezant Parish Council would be declared as exempt from having a further audit with PKF Littlejohn for 2020/21. **Proposed, seconded; all in favour.**

(21.070) Planning

PA21/02977. Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling. Trekemletts Lodge, Road from junction south of Rosevallen to Trewarlett Cross. It was resolved to submit the following:

The Members of Lezant Parish Council do not support this application on the grounds that it is a larger development than the existing footprint.

Proposed, seconded; all in favour.

Clerk

PA21/02133. Outline application with some matters reserved for the erection of up to 13 dwellings, provision of pedestrian access points and footpaths in connection with the development, provision of a tree planting area and the possible provision of a play

area. Land SE of Sportmans Close. It was noted that a resident had emailed regarding the time period given for public consultation, lack of site notices and lack of relevant location for searching online given by Cornwall Council.

It was resolved to submit the following:

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The Members of Lezant Parish Council are unable to support the application and would ask for further clarity on the following points:

- (i) Highways/ road access to the site. Would access be bought from Cornwall Council as it would cross council land? Concerns over proximity of the junction to the A388. Concerns that children from Sportmans Close frequently use the road to play on.**
- (ii) Would the affordable homes be for sale or rent? How would the homes be administered e.g. a housing trust?**
- (iii) Where is the proven need for this housing?**
- (iv) Is it to be classed as a rural exception site?**

In addition, Members consider:

- (i) there are insufficient parking spaces allowed for each property**
- (ii) the play area provision should be a definite not a 'possible'. Who would maintain the play area?**

Furthermore Councillors would like to see a design guide and refer the Planning Officer to the Lezant Neighbourhood Development Plan which indicates that the plot is situated outside of the village boundary.

Proposed, seconded; all in favour.

PA21/03584. Reserved matters in respect of PA19/00262 dated 26.02.2019 (Outline planning permission with all matters reserved: Replace caravan / mobile home with a dwelling). Land north west of Highview Larrick. A summary of objections from a resident had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting. **It was resolved to submit the following: The Members of Lezant Parish Council do not support the application on the basis it was a single storey dwelling (as per previous submission PA16/08350).**

Clerk

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.* Nothing to report.

Status of previous applications: *To report decisions of the planning authority for Lezant Parish received prior to the meeting.*

PA20/07441 Land East Trewarlett Farm. Cornwall Council had requested that Lezant Parish Council consider the following options as set out within the Protocol for Local Councils. Councillors were asked whether they wished to agree with the planning officer's recommendation to approve the application, agree to disagree or request that the application was determined by Planning Committee. **It was resolved that the Members of Lezant Parish Council would respectfully like to 'agree to disagree' (Option 2 within the Protocols for Local Councils). Proposed, seconded; all in favour.**

Clerk

(Mr Marc Wheeler, Head of Trekenner School arrived and it was agreed that he could address the Councillors.)

Mr Wheeler took the opportunity to outline the proposed plans for the area around the polytunnel at the Jubilee Field. He stated that the school was looking at ways to fund the project and hoped Lezant Parish Council would be willing to make a contribution. **Carried forward 08.06.21.**

(21.071) Highways. *To note any issues arising on the roads:* Pot holes to be reported on the road to Larrick.

(21.072) Footpaths. *To note and agree actions on any issues arising on the footpaths.*

The clerk reported she was still waiting to hear regarding the missing footpath post.

(21.073) To Receive Correspondence (as listed).

- Weekly planning reports
- Various CALC Updates: including Guidance on returning to physical meetings Remote meetings court case, Elections and Co-options to fill casual vacancies
- Cornwall Council - Notices of Poll, Code of Conduct training
- Freedom of Information request – Fixed penalty notices. The clerk reported that the request was not relevant to Lezant Parish Council as it did not issue fixed penalty notices. The clerk had replied suggesting an alternative source of information.
- Email regarding post-pandemic Celebratory Parish Picnic on the Jubilee Field. Permission was being asked by the organisers to use the Jubilee Field. Councillors agreed that it was a good idea and would provide more help if asked.
- Cornwall Cllr Adrian Parsons had emailed sending his apologies for missing the meeting. He was looking forward to a positive working relationship with the members of Lezant Parish Council working together to bring benefits to the whole community of Lezant

(21.074) Parish Business

- To note reports of possible overnight usage of Jubilee Field. Noted.
- Shed at Trebulet Green – *to consider removal*. Councillors agreed that the shed could be removed but wondered whether any volunteers could help in order to avoid incurring additional costs. **It was resolved the clerk should write to the resident outlining the Councillors thoughts (as above).**
- Band Stand at Jubilee field – *to consider maintenance*. **It was resolved the clerk should write to the Trustees of Jubilee Field and ask them to contact the school regarding maintenance.**
- Longstones at Greystone Quarry – *to consider how to progress*. An email had been received asking how the matter of moving the stones could be progressed with the Quarry. It was also noted that a resident had suggested that the stones be moved to the edge of the quarry out of the line of excavation. It was suggested that Councillors visit the site to assess the location.
- It was noted that the gate at Treburley cemetery, which had previously been reported as missing, was back in situ after having been re-painted.

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Any other business brought by members for the next Parish Council Meeting:

- War Memorial Bench – the grass cutting contractor had reported it as broken and had cordoned it off.
- It was reported that lights had been seen at Tregada Chapel at night. Councillors were concerned with the state of the building and safety issues.

(21.075) Date of next meeting Tuesday 8th June 2021, 7:30pm Details to be agreed.

The Meeting closed at 21:15 pm.

Signed :

Chairman

Date: