

**DRAFT MINUTES of the MEETING of LEZANT PARISH COUNCIL  
held at TREBULLETT METHODIST CHURCH HALL on  
TUESDAY 13 JULY 2021 at 7:30PM.**

**Present:** Cllrs: Neil Burden, Peter J Cairns, Val Hill (Chairperson), Godfrey Holter, Ian Nash, Steve Simmons, Tom Unwin

**In attendance:** Cllr Adrian Parsons, CC: Sam Inman (Clerk); 1 member of the public

Apologies for absence: Cllrs: Julie Dinnis, Rupert Armstrong Evans

The Chairperson opened the meeting by informing Councillors that a letter of condolence had been sent to Cllr Armstrong Evans and his family on behalf of the Council.

**(21.090) Declarations of Interest.** None.

**(21.091) Representations from the Public.** A member of the public was in attendance with the intention of standing as a Councillor at Lezant. In addition, they wanted to raise a number of issues surrounding the proposed pedestrian crossing at Treburley. Having looked at the plans the resident explained certain aspects had not been fully considered. Issues included: the omission of marking the position of the tree (opposite the Springer Spaniel); incorrect description of the area labelled as a disused bus stop; speed of traffic; width of the carriage way; concern over safety of pedestrians on the refuge itself.

**(21.092) Cornwall Councillor's Report.** Cllr Parsons started his report by mentioning the current public consultation for the proposed pedestrian crossing at Treburley. He appreciated that concerns had been raised but the refuge still gave a place to cross.

The new administration at Cornwall Council was currently carrying out a review asking all Town and Parish Councils for their views on operational matters, what needed changing and how the new administration could work better for local councils and communities.

Cllr Parsons reported that in mid-June the first East Planning Committee meeting was held in person for over 12 months at County Hall, Truro. It was the first hybrid meeting so any outside speakers, applicants, agents, objectors, and supporters were able to join the meeting remotely. This brought the challenge of communicating with those inside and outside the meeting room, so all could hear the proceedings. Further hybrid meetings were planned.

Cllr Parsons had raised the issue of the condition of Tregada Chapel with Cornwall Council. Building Control were due to look into it further and Cllr Parsons would chase this up.

Complaints had been made regarding overgrown verges as they posed a safety issue. Cllr Parsons stated that people wanted to support the environment but it must also be sensible.

Any questions? Cllr Parsons was asked which areas he was involved in with Cornwall Council. Cllr Parsons explained that he was involved with the Planning Committee and that there were not many committee places currently available.

**(21.093) Confirmation of the Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on 08 June 2021 were approved by all present and were signed by the Chairperson.

**(21.094) Councillor Vacancies – to co-opt.** Two residents had written to the clerk expressing an interest in the Councillor vacancy at Lezant. As one candidate was unable to attend the meeting, due to a prior commitment, it was agreed that the matter of co-optation would be carried forward to September's meeting. **Proposed, seconded; 5 in favour, 1 abstention.**

**(21.095) Matters arising from the Previous Meeting:**

- Playground Maintenance – *to discuss & agree maintenance issues.*  
 The clerk was waiting to hear when CORMAC would complete maintenance on the play equipment at Jubilee Field and Trebullett.  
 It was agreed the play tower at Jubilee Field should be removed as the cost to repair was too high given it would only extend the life for a few years. Cllr Burden asked whether the slide could be sold i.e. put on Ebay? **The clerk to look into additional quotes to remove the play tower. Carried forward 14.09.21. Proposed, seconded; All in favour.** Clerk
- The issue of grants to replace the tower was raised. Cllr Hill asked whether Treburley Abattoir and Greystone Quarry could be approached for help? **The clerk to look for grants for replacement equipment and contact Greystone Quarry and Treburley Abattoir.** Clerk
- Removal of Hedge/Bank at Jubilee Field. The school had responded with the cost of the new fence. The materials totalled £466.31. The school was unable to breakdown the cost for labour as it was part of a number of other pieces of work being completed at the time. The School had suggested the landlord paid for the materials whilst the School covered labour costs. **Councillors discussed the issue and it was agreed the clerk should approach the landlord to ask that he pay for materials and also contribute towards labour. Proposed, seconded; All in favour.** Clerk
- Longstones at Greystone Quarry Update. The quarry had confirmed it was willing to move the stones to a new location/ secure holding. The clerk had emailed details of the proposed location and was waiting for the Quarry's response. Councillors discussed the proposed positioning of the stones and the immediate area surrounding them. There were a number of issues to consider not only the location, but whether the stones would be fenced off, if so who would maintain the area, the height, alignment and relative distance from each other. Councillors were keen that the stones were preserved and placed correctly in the first instance. **It was proposed the clerk arrange a meeting between the quarry and interested parties to discuss the relocation in more detail. Proposed, seconded; All in favour.** Clerk
- Broken Bench at the War Memorial. The clerk gave an indication of costs for a replacement bench in both wood and recycled plastic. It was noted that costs would also be incurred: to remove the old bench; install the new; for hard ground anchor kits. It was agreed to opt for a recycled plastic bench and costs would be in the region of £500 for the actual bench. Cllr Burden asked whether it would be possible to lower the plinth. **It was proposed that the clerk and Chair organised the new bench prior to the September meeting. Proposed, seconded; All in favour.** VH/ Clerk
- Ownership of Verge at Treburley. The issue of ownership over a small strip of land that could potentially be used for additional parking at Treburley had been raised at the last meeting. **Councillors agreed that the clerk should contact Land Registry/ Highways to clarify ownership before any action be considered.** Clerk
- Tregada Chapel Update. Cllr Hill reported that Tregada was in a terrible state despite still being a living graveyard. The clerk had contacted the Land Registry and it remained listed as the previous land owner the 'Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes'. When contacted they responded '*the situation remains that the property was sold by the Methodist Church in 2005 and unfortunately the owner did not update the Land Registry to have the title changed. They do not hold any contact*

information for the present owner and so are unable to offer any further update at this time other than the property is not under Methodist ownership'. **The clerk was asked to: (1) contact the Launceston Area Methodist Circuit to confirm the status of the graveyard; (2) contact Cornwall Council to see if they would take on maintenance of the graveyard; (3) contact Building Control regarding the state of the chapel.**

Clerk

**(21.096)** Opening the toilets at the Jubilee Field. **Councillors resolved that the toilets should be opened. The clerk to arrange for liquid soap to be provided.**

Clerk

**(21.097)** To Report on Local Council Planning Induction Training. Cllr(s) Hill and Nash had attended the following training sessions: National, Local and Neighbourhood Planning Policy; Development Management Getting Involved; Enforcement and Compliance Appeals. Councillors gave a brief report. A link was available for those interested.

**(21.098)** Launceston Community Network Panel June Meeting Update. It was noted that the meeting had taken place to elect the new Chair Adam Paynter and Vice Chair.

**(21.099)** Request for Views by Town and Parish Councils on Cornwall Council. Cornwall Councillor Barry Jordon had been charged with asking all Town and Parish Councils their views on Cornwall Council. Cllr Cairns asked that we report back that Cornwall Council should take note of the Neighbourhood Development Plans (NDP) as currently design guides do not seem to be taken into consideration. It was essential that the Planning Department supported the NDPs and ensured applicants complete the design guides. Cllr Burden asked that we also raise issues regarding Cornwall Housing. Issues included the failure to carry out landlord responsibilities such as electric checks, repairs, the removing of good furnishings and leaving the property bare of any comforts. In addition, Cornwall Housing had failed to adhere to the Council allocation policy of housing local people rather than importing people, often with no local connection, from far away. **The clerk to draft a response and also include as an agenda item at the next meeting for further consideration.**

Clerk

**(21.100) Finance:**

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

Clerk

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| Hire of Trebullett Church Hall (June 21)                        | chq 2147 | £20.00  |
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| Clerk expenses (June)   | online   | £45.10  |
| Parish Picnic Community Grant                                   | chq 2148 | £100.00 |
| J Braunton (Cleaning)   | online   | £115.83 |
| P Knight (work at Trebullett)                                   | online   | £378.38 |
| M Harris Taxi Grant (June)                                      | chq 353  | £188.00 |
| R Steinbichl Taxi Grant (June)                                  | chq 354  | £72.00  |
| Transfer of Taxi Admin Fee from Taxi Account to Current Account | online   | £120.00 |

- The clerk explained that a renewal invoice from Parish Online for its annual subscription (£40.50) had been received. It was previously used for the development of the Neighbourhood Development Plan. As the clerk did not make use of it, it was agreed not to continue with the subscription.
- To confirm Lezant Parish Taxi Grant for 2021/22. Cornwall Council recognised that the Covid-19 pandemic impacted on Community Transport Services and therefore had confirmed it would be paying the same amounts for 21/22 as in 20/21 (£2,540).

### (21.101) Planning

**Application: PA21/05555.** Proposed field shelter. Trekelland Farm, Lezant. . **It was resolved that the clerk should respond to the Planning Authority (Cornwall Council) stating that the Members of Lezant Parish Council supported the application. Proposed, seconded; All in favour.** Clerk

**Application: PA21/04594.** Variation of condition 2 in respect of E1/2004/01681 (Conversion of barns to five dwellings to include studio and workshop use) dated 04.02.2005 to provide better access for parking spaces and garaging. Penscombe Barns, Lezant. . **It was resolved that the clerk should respond to the Planning Authority (Cornwall Council) stating that the Members of Lezant Parish Council supported the application. Proposed, seconded All in favour.** Clerk

**Amended Application: PA21/04909.** Lezant Parish Council received amended plans for the conversion (and extension) of barn to dwelling including extension to barn, detached plant room, solar PV ground array, sewerage treatment plant Rezare Barn, Rezare. **It was resolved that the clerk should respond to the Planning Authority (Cornwall Council) stating that the Members of Lezant Parish Council supported the application. Proposed, seconded; 4 in favour, 2 abstentions.** Clerk

Any other consultations received. None

Status of previous applications:

**PA21/01758. Approved.** Sunnyside Cottage, Trekenner. 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 new existing cottage and extension).

**PA21/04909.** Rezare Barn, Rezare. Conversion (and extension) of barn to dwelling including extension to barn, detached plant room, solar PV ground array, sewerage treatment plant. **To ratify Lezant Parish Council's previous consultee comment to Cornwall Council. The Members of Lezant Parish Council voted to support the application.**

**(21.102) Highways.** *To note any issues arising on the roads:*

*Consultation Letter & Plans for Pedestrian Crossing at Treburley.* Councillors discussed the plans and resident concerns. It was noted that the crossing would be subject to regulations, highways and pedestrian safety and if a refuge was built it would be better than the alternative. Councillors were supportive of the crossing, but wanted to be assured it was the best place to put it. **It was agreed that a meeting be arranged between CORMAC, Lezant Parish Council and interested residents to address the issues raised. The clerk to arrange and liaise.** Clerk

*Road Safety on the A388 - Letter from Resident.* Cllr Hill had been invited to meet with a group of residents regarding the issue of speeding on the A388. The group had launched a petition to ask that CORMAC install signage and average speed cameras for a 40 miles per hour speed limit on the A388 between Launceston and the Stoke

Climsland junction, in addition to a 30 miles per hour limit where the road passes through Treburley. The petition would be online with a hard copy at Tre, Pol & Pen. The Chair asked everyone to sign and support it.

Aggregate Industries UK Proposing to Commence Enabling Works Associated with the Permitted Southern Extension of Greystone Quarry on Monday, 5th July 2021. Councillors questioned whether the road would be constructed before the other road was removed.

A resident had called about drainage ditches being filled in at Treburley. Cllr Holter explained that the redesign was for a concrete gully and the flow of drainage water should be improved.

**(21.103) Footpaths.** *To note and agree actions on any issues arising on the footpaths.* Obstructed Footpath at Rezare. A resident had brought to the council's attention that the gate to the footpath had been blocked by a secondary gate placed across it. Cllr Holter had inspected it and said it was a temporary measure due to lambing in order to sheep proof the field. Cllr Holter considered the footpath was still accessible.

It was noted the first cut of the parish footpaths had taken place.

**(21.104) To Receive Correspondence (as listed).**

Dog/Litter Bin Emptying in Trekenner. Although the bin had continued to be emptied Lezant Parish Council had not been invoiced for services for a couple of years. Biffa emailed to notify that no outstanding charges will be billed for services prior to April 19 but invoices will be raised soon for April 20 onwards.

Landmark Tree Application: The Forest for Cornwall team was offering a free Landmark Tree to all Cornish communities. The aim of this initiative was to offer people the opportunity to celebrate their community through planting a 2-2.5m (6-8') tree which would be supplied free by the Forest for Cornwall. **The clerk to register an interest for next winter (2022).**

Clerk

Teams Meeting Invitation 14th July at 2pm regarding The Platinum Jubilee Celebrations.

Forwarded email from Launceston Town Council - Petition for Councillors Disqualification or Suspension for breaches of a Code of Conduct.

**(21.105) Parish Business**

Lezant Parish Celebratory Picnic. **To ratify grant decision. Councillors agreed £100 to be donated by Lezant Parish Council towards the picnic. The clerk to organise payment.**

Clerk

Painting the phone box at Larrick. It was hoped the work would be completed by the end of July. The clerk had notified an interested resident in the hamlet of the work. They volunteered to organise the area to be strimmed and tided and would also allow the contractor to park on their drive to prevent any parking issues.

Request for Councillor Profiles for Parish Magazine. A resident had been in contact with the Parish Magazine to say that they enjoyed Cllr Hill's profile piece in the recent magazine. They hoped that other Councillors would also complete a short profile that could go in the next edition. If Councillors were interested they should forward their profile piece to the clerk for submission.

Trekenner School reported dog mess on Jubilee Field. **The clerk to put a notice in the parish magazine.**

Clerk

Lezant Parish Council September 2021 Meeting Arrangements. It was agreed that the next meeting would take place at Trebullett Church Hall. However, it was noted that due to a combination of social distancing and the acoustics of the room it was hard for all participants to hear what was being discussed.

Clerk

Cllr Nash noted that flowers were coming up on the wild flower area at Trekenner green.

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

**(21.106) Date of next meeting Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021, 7:30pm Trebullett Methodist Church Hall.**

The Meeting closed at 21:27 pm.

Signed :

Chairman

Date:

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