

**DRAFT MINUTES of the MEETING of LEZANT PARISH COUNCIL
held at TREBULLETT METHODIST CHURCH HALL on
TUESDAY 12 OCTOBER 2021 at 7:30PM.**

Present: Cllrs: Neil Burden, Peter J Cairns, Julie Dinnis, Val Hill (Chairperson), Godfrey Holter, Ian Nash, Tom Unwin.

In attendance: Cllr Adrian Parsons (CC); 4 members of the public.

Apologies for absence: Cllrs: Steve Simmons; Tim Minson. Sam Inman (Clerk).

Due to the ill health of the clerk, Cllr Dinnis agreed to take the minutes of the meeting.

(21.124) Declarations of Interest. None.

(21.125) Representations from the Public.

A resident was in attendance regarding the positioning of plant pots outside of their property. They notified Councillors that the Highways Steward had visited the site that day and would contact the clerk. The resident asked if they would be able to paint the tyres and install lights in the pots.

(21.126) Cornwall Councillor's Report. Cllr Parsons was happy to report that the MIU at Launceston Hospital had now re-opened and stated that staffing issues had been the cause of the closure. It was noted that £400K had been agreed for the provision of a new x-ray machine.

Cllr Parsons commented on the proposed closure of Launceston Leisure Centre. Its operators GLL stated that they were no longer able to afford the running of the facility along with 3 other sites at Saltash, Falmouth and Wadebridge. A consultation period was now in place to decide the future of Launceston Leisure Centre and those interested in maintaining its running had until 2023 to secure a takeover. Cllr Parsons stated that GLL, under the terms of its lease, had to return the building to the Council in the same state of repair as when they took it over (repairs will have to be carried out to its roof).

Cllr Parsons also encouraged Lezant Parish Council to contact Oliver Jones (Highways Manager), relaying an expression of interest in the 20mph speed limit on country roads (20's plenty initiative).

Councillors were deeply concerned to hear that emails to Cornwall Council from Cornwall Councillor Adrian Parsons were going unanswered.

Concern was also raised over the reasons why the ticket machines were not being emptied especially when Cornwall Council were reporting a shortage of funds.

(21.127) Confirmation of the Minutes. The minutes of the meeting held on 14 September 2021 were approved by all present and were signed by the Chairperson.

(21.128) Councillor Vacancy. Following the resignation of Cllr Armstrong Evans the clerk had posted the 'Notice of Vacancy' on parish notice boards and on the website. Cornwall Council would confirm, in due course, whether an election had been called by residents or if Councillors could co-opt. **Carried forward 09.11.21.**

Clerk

(21.129) Matters arising from the Previous Meeting:

- **Playground Maintenance** – *to discuss & agree maintenance issues.*
Maintenance work. Cllr Cairns asked whether a detailed breakdown of the costs for the recent maintenance work at Trebulet and Jubilee Field had been received. Cllr Cairns stated that no new pieces of wood were evident on the balance beam. Cllr Cairns reported that the waste bin on site at Trebulet needed to be emptied and Councillors were asked who was responsible for this. Cllr Nash advised that in the past a member of the public had taken on this task and placed the rubbish on the roadside to be collected with the weekly collection. Cllr Cairns stated he was willing to do this. Cllr Cairns also reported that he had carried out repairs to the goal nets and had oiled the hinges on the gate.

Clerk
PJC

Cllr Nash had been unable to carry out a full inspection of the play equipment at Trekenner but stated on a recent visit he saw nothing that required attention. Cllr Nash offered to have a closer look and report back if necessary. Cllr Nash also noted that the work CORMAC had recently completed was to a good standard.

New Play Equipment – *to provide any update on grants.* It was noted that the Quarry had responded saying it was unable to offer a monetary donation towards new equipment but would be able to supply concrete/aggregate should it be required. Awaiting reply from the Abattoir.

Clerk

- **Longstones at Greystone Quarry Meeting** – *to provide an update on the proposed meeting.* It was confirmed that a site meeting had been arranged for Wednesday 20th October at 10am. Those attending were asked not to park in the entrance to Greystone Farm. The clerk had emailed all interested parties to confirm details.
- **Tregada Chapel** – *to provide an update from Building Control & decide next steps.* No reply had been received from the Head of Building Control. It was reported that that the grass in the graveyard had been recently cut.

Clerk
- **Queen's Platinum Jubilee** – *to consider whether to make plans (June 2022).* A resident responded to the notice in the Parish Magazine saying that 'the Queen and Prince Charles have encouraged people to plant a tree to honour the Queen's Diamond Jubilee'. They suggested each village/large hamlet planted a tree and residents in that village/large hamlet organise a celebratory event around the tree. Cllr Burden asked that we ascertain exactly when the celebrations were taking place in London before we decide when to hold our event as it is a long bank holiday weekend (Friday to Monday). It was suggested that a few ideas for the day could be placed in the Parish Magazine asking residents for their thoughts/views. Ideas included: inter-hamlet games; a celebratory cake making competition; afternoon tea. A number of issues would need to be considered: marquee hire; any grants/funding available; what are other parishes doing; should the parish provide commemorate gifts for the occasion for the children?

(21.130) To Provide an Update on the Launceston Community Network Meeting.

Cllr(s) Burden and Nash had attended the online meeting and gave an update. Areas covered included: (i) Launceston Leisure Centre. An announcement was imminent on its future; (ii) Launceston MIU. Re-opening on the 1st October. Apologies had been made to the Public and Elected Members for the poor communication surrounding the closure; (iii) Launceston Medical Centre. The Practice Manager provided an update, explaining due to unprecedented pressure on staff they had opted for a triage option prior to appointments. Their main contractor had gone into administration but it had not greatly impacted on them as they were only dealing with 'snagging' issues; (iv) Launceston Library. Hub proposals and plans were imminent; (v) climate change. The working group was being reignited after the pandemic and they were looking to organise a local event.

In addition, feedback had been requested for future events and topics for the network meeting. An extra-ordinary meeting was to be held about the future of the Leisure Centre.

Councillors discussed the proposed Hub in Launceston. Cllr Unwin offered to access the proposed plans and advise Councillors accordingly. TU

(21.131) To Discuss Whether to Provide an Additional Dog Waste Bin at Treburley. Previously raised by Cllr Unwin. In view of the costs involved (£100 a year to empty and approximate costs of the waste bin £250 + VAT) it was decided to postpone the decision to the next meeting. **Carried forward 09.11.21** Clerk

(21.132) To Discuss Whether to Provide Recycling Facilities. Previously raised by Cllr Unwin. It was suggested that Trekener School could be contacted and other councils could be asked how they manage recycling in their areas. **Clerk to contact South Hill parish clerk.** Clerk

(21.133) To Agree Whether the Clerk Could Attend Training on Agenda's and Minutes with CALC. It was resolved the clerk could complete the training (cost of £65 +VAT). Proposed, seconded; All in favour.

(21.134) To Discuss Issue with Acoustics in the Hall. Following a complaint by a resident regarding the sound quality at the previous meeting. Councillors discussed how the acoustics could be improved. The Clerk had asked for input from other Councils. Two solutions had been suggested: (1) provision of a microphone system; (2) purchasing of 'acoustic clouds' - costs were in the region of £6,000 to £10,000. Councillors considered this too expensive an option. **It was agreed that a quote should be obtained for a microphone system/ use of blue tooth technology.** Clerk

(21.135) Finance:

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

Clerk

12.10.21	Clerk expenses (Sept 21)	online	£62.60
12.10.21	Judith Braunton (cleaning)	online	£120.81
12.10.21	P Knight (Larrick phone box)	online	£700.00
12.10.21	P Knight (noticeboard at Larrick)	online	£94.00
12.10.21	P Knight (Jubilee Field play surface)	online	£96.00
12.10.21	P Knight (War Memorial bench)	online	£38.88
12.10.21	R Steinbichl (Taxi Costs – Sept 21)	chq 359	£80.00
12.10.21	M Nolan (Taxi Costs Aug £36, Sept 21 £116)	online	£152.00

(21.136) Planning

Application: PA21/08532. Variation of condition 2 of decision PA21/04909 dated 21/07/2021. 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 contact the Planning Authority (Cornwall Council) asking for further clarification over the terminology 'Condition 2'. No decision made.** (Afternote: the Planning Officer provided clarification and Councillors agreed to support the application.) Clerk

Application: PA21/07958. Proposed 2no. pole barns and open dung store. Landue Farm, Lezant. **It was resolved that the clerk should respond to the Planning Authority (Cornwall Council) stating that Members of Lezant Parish Council supported the application. Proposed, Seconded. All in favour.** Clerk

Any other consultations received. None

Status of previous applications:

Application PA21/04549. WITHDRAWN. Penscombe Barns, Lezant. Variation of condition 2 in respect of decision notice APP/C0820/A/05/1180756 Conversion of barns to 5 dwellings to include studio and workshop

Application PA21/04594. WITHDRAWN. Penscombe Barns, Lezant. Variation of condition 2 in respect of E1/2004/01681 barns to five dwellings to include studio and workshop use) dated 04.02.2005 to provide better access for parking spaces and garaging.

Application PA21/08788. APPROVED. Trehane Cottage, Trekenner. NMA to decision PA20/08049 - addition of two roof windows.

Application PA21/07367. APPROVED. Keswick Road from Trebullet to junction south of Trekenner. Construction of a detached single wooden garage.

(21.137) Highways. To note any issues arising on the roads, including:

Proposed Pedestrian Crossing at Treburley – to respond to any plans and note email from Cornwall Council Highways. The Assistant Highway Asset Manager at Cornwall Council had emailed to say that a meeting had been held with Oliver Jones and the Head of CORMAC's Safety Audit Team. He was satisfied the proposal was the appropriate option for this location. No further information regarding plans had been received from the Scheme Designer. **It was resolved that the clerk should write to Cornwall Council to ask for an update, the reason for the delay and to confirm that Lezant Parish Council were still in agreement that the scheme should proceed.**

Clerk

To Confirm Ownership of a Section of Highway Currently Obstructed by Plant Pots at Old Treburley and Respond to CORMAC Regarding Action. The site meeting had been held with the resident. At the meeting the clerk was asked to check if a licence covered liability and whether the current condition of the road surface was considered an actionable defect. CORMAC replied that the licence holder would be liable for the area in question and the Highway Safety Inspector would visit the site and inspect the area. The resident had been notified of all responses from CORMAC. As previously noted the Highway Safety Inspector had visited the site. **It was agreed the matter was to be carried forward to wait for the response from CORMAC.**

Clerk

Parking by the Trebullet Methodist Church Hall. A copy of the police response had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. A response from the resident raising the concern was read out. Cllr Parsons suggested that Oliver Jones (Highways Manager) was contacted to ask whether it would be possible to install double yellow lines along the side of the pavement. Councillors agreed that this was a tricky issue that would be difficult to solve. **The clerk to contact the Highways Manager.**

Clerk

Aggregate Industries. An email had been circulated from the Estate Manager, setting out the time scale for the final works to be carried out. Cllr Burden asked why Aggregate Industries needed to apply to Cornwall Council for another 'Temporary Traffic Regulation Order' it was suggested that perhaps the time limit had lapsed and therefore new permission was needed.

Councillors asked that the clerk contact Oliver Jones to register interest in the '20 is Plenty' initiative being introduced by Cornwall Council.

Clerk

(21.138) Footpaths. To note and agree actions on any issues arising on the footpaths. It was noted that the clerk had emailed regarding the missing footpath post at East Penrest and was waiting for a response.

(21.139)To Receive Correspondence (as listed):

- Email from a resident referring Councillors to an article in the Parish Magazine and calling for a speed limit for all Cornwall's single track roads.
- Consultation on Licensed vehicles in Cornwall. No action required.
- Survey for Cornwall Housing Strategy. No action required.

(21.140) Parish Business

Replacement Parish Tree Warden. Cllr Simmons had volunteered to take on the role.

Remembrance Sunday Plans (14th November). Councillors were advised that 3 wreaths have been ordered. **The clerk to contact the Churchwarden to enquire whether the Vicar was able to take the service this year.** The decision on who should play the CD to be carried forward. Cllr Cairns asked whether the flower tubs at Landue were to be left for the service or changed. **It was agreed that if they were still looking good they could be left. Cllr Cairns to advise resident.**

PJC/Clerk

Lezant Parish Council October 2021 Meeting Arrangements. It was agreed the November meeting would be held at Trebulet Methodist Church Hall.

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

Cllr Hill asked if anyone knew who was responsible for clearing debris from rivers, particularly the bridges. It was suggested that if anything was next to the bridge it was the responsibility of the Environment Agency whilst anything under the bridge was Cornwall Council. Cllr Hill thanked those Councillors who were able to advise.

Cllr Nash asked that the Council's best wishes be passed on to the clerk and hope that she made a speedy recovery.

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(21.141) Date of next meeting Tuesday 9 November 2021, 7:30pm Trebulet Methodist Church Hall.

The Meeting closed at 21:20 pm.

Signed :

Chairman

Date: