

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LEZANT PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT LEZANT CHURCH HALL ON TUESDAY 14th JANUARY 2020**

Present: Councillors, A Armstrong Evans, N Burden, P J Cairns, J Dinnis, I Nash, V Hill, G Holter, G Scott

Clerk: Mrs S Inman

Members of the public: 4

Apologies for absence: C Ayres, T Malcolm

20.001 Declarations of Interest. None

A planning consultant and clients were in attendance to speak about planning application PA19/10564. The consultant explained that the plans were illustrative and the number of houses at this stage were a guide offering a split of affordable and market stock. The plans had been drawn up with the expectation that the plot was a rural exception site. The agent stated that Treburley was well supported by bus links and roads and there was a need for housing in the area – the size of the workforce at the abattoir was given as an example. Plans highlighted all boundaries would be retained and a tree planting area was included. In addition, there was also potential for a play area of which ownership could be transferred to the parish council, at a later stage. In addition, funds would be allocated for a pedestrian crossing (with a central reservation) at Treburley along the A388 (as raised by Cornwall Highways). The client was open to negotiations with housing numbers and was willing to attend further meetings to discuss the application.

It was noted by councillors that funding had already been made available through the Launceston Community Network Fund to provide a pedestrian crossing.

The Chairman of the Neighbourhood Development Plan was in attendance and raised that the plot was not within the village boundary and it would be a matter for CC to decide if the proposal met the criteria for a rural exception site. It was noted that the Lezant NDP was near completion therefore it would be taken note of by the planning department.

(It was agreed by all to move the planning section forward.)

20.002 Planning

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- **Current applications:**
- **Application: PA19/10564.** Outline application with all matters reserved except access for the erection of up to thirteen dwellings, provision of pedestrian access points and footpaths, provision of a tree planting area and the possible provision of a play area. Land South East of Sportsmans Close, Treburley. **The Members of Lezant Parish Council objected to the application on the following grounds:**
 - i) Concern of the road access directly through Sportsmans Close. The area is open plan and is frequently used by children to play outside. Lezant PC is concerned that safety will be compromised.
 - ii) The plot is situated outside of the village boundary and cannot be considered a rural exception site as the purpose of development is not primarily to provide affordable housing. Plans show market housing represents more than 50% of the proposed homes/ land. In addition, there is no proven need.
- Any other consultations received: **None**
- Status of previous applications: **None to update.**

Cllr Cairns asked for further clarification regarding PA19/07594 and the proposed 'discharge of condition 3'.

20.003 Confirmation of the Minutes. The minutes of the meeting held on 10th of December 2019 were approved by all present and signed by the Chairman.

20.004 Matters arising from Previous Meeting:

- **Neighbourhood Plan.** Mr Andrew Hudson (Chairman of the NDP) notified the councillors that the referendum would take place on Thursday the 27th of February 2020. Residents would be asked "*do you want Cornwall Council to use the neighbourhood plan for Lezant to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?*" A copy of the plan could be accessed by residents at the Farm Shop and the Chairman volunteered to also keep a copy. The Chairman thanked Mr Hudson for all his hard work. The clerk had looked into the issue of registering a caution on common land. Unfortunately, CALC was unable to provide advice. The Land Registry suggested completing form CT1 and if not applicable to LPC costs would be refunded (£40 to £60). **It was resolved the clerk should proceed with completion of the form.**
- **Playground Maintenance.** The safety inspection report will be circulated later this week. The contractor had confirmed that the new gate at Trebullett would be in place during the next 4 weeks. **The clerk was to confirm with the contractor that the small gate would be added to the existing post of the larger gate.**
- **Standing Stones at Greystone Quarry.** The Chairman had met with the County Archaeologist and representatives from Historic England. It was believed that the stones were authentic and were not previously known. There was a reasonable likelihood that they were part of the original three stones that were in the field. Councillors discussed ownership and where the stones could be situated in order to best protect them. They could be left in situ or possibly removed to PC owned land such as the Jubilee Field, Trebullett or Rezare in order to ensure their protection long term. Carry forward to 11.02.20.
- **VE Day 75th Celebrations (8th – 10th May 2020).** Councillors discussed ideas such as looking into records of local people at the time and asking for memorabilia. The idea of a picnic at the Jubilee Field was also raised or an event at the Treburley Social Club. Carry forward to 11.02.20.

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20.005 Community Network & Launceston CNA Climate Change Working Group Meeting. Cllr Armstrong Evans updated councillors on the climate change meeting. Overall it had been agreed the aim was to make things more positive and do something practical in the coming year. It was noted that North Hill were holding an event on the 15th/16th of Feb with green active climate change stalls. The Chairman reported on the Community Network meeting which included a presentation by the inspector of police who stated that crime is down 5% in Launceston. In addition, the Health & Care Partnership spoke about social prescribing, which would allow a means of enabling GPs, nurses and other primary care professionals to refer people to a range of local, non-clinical services. The lack of local knowledge by speakers at the meeting was commented upon. The Chairman also explained he had met a representative from Launceston Link and it was agreed to forward LPC's contact details.

20.006 Spring Parish Walk. Possible dates and routes were discussed. Carry forward to 11.02.20

20.007 Finance:

- Approval of financial statements for Current and Taxi Accounts
- **It was resolved to approve the following payments:**
 - (chq 2109) Clerk Expenses (December) £38.40
 - (chq 2111) Data Protection Fee £40
 - (chq 2112) J Braunton (Cleaning Oct to Dec 19) £106.73
 - (chq 2113) Biffa Municipal (Dog Waste Bin) £50
 - (chq 2114) G Holter expenses (gate at Jubilee Field) £35.71
 - (chq 322) M Harris – Taxi Payment December - £28
 - (chq 323) R Steinbichl – Taxi Payment December - £48
 - (chq 324) R Roberts – Taxi Payment December - £96

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20.008 Highways.

- The clerk had contacted CORMAC regarding the road from Trebullet to Larrick. CORMAC stated that it was not a priority for resurfacing and therefore was not on the list for work. The road would be inspected and measures would be looked at regarding the existing drainage as an interim measure. It would then be considered whether this should be added to the forward treatment list. **The clerk was asked to contact CORMAC to see if they would reconsider resurfacing.**

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With regard to Cornwall Council liaising with SatNav providers. CORMAC emailed stating that the Department for Transport (DfT) had created a Summit Group which comprised of representatives from local authorities including Cornwall Council, mapping companies and SatNav (software) companies. The goal was to assess the extent to which SatNav routing is causing any issues on the highway networks and the best way to address it. LPC will be updated on progress.

The Clerk to notify CC/ CORMAC of the following:

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- 1) Condition of the road from Trewarlett Cross to Trewarlett Farm
- 2) Trevoise Cross to Little Comfort. Huge pothole and water.
- 3) Potholes on the road from Trebullet to Larrick
- 4) Openreach manhole cover at Trekenner had sunken down.

20.009 Footpaths.

- Cllr Holter reported damage to a planter by the War Memorial most likely due to hedge cutting contractors.

20.010 Correspondence.

Lezant Church and Launceston Area Methodist Circuit had emailed to thank the Council for their graveyard grant.

20.011 Parish Business

Speed Watch Meeting. Cllr Hill reported back on the meeting held in December.

Rights of Way Treburley. An inspector had been allocated to determine our request for a direction. Cornwall Council had stated that they do not believe that there are any mitigating factors as to why our application should merit attention over other outstanding claims. They believe that the route remains open to the public and available for use, so cases still awaiting their turn for processing where the route is currently obstructed and not accessible will suffer further delay as a consequence of promoting our application. It was noted that the application to the inspector had been made in order to pre-empt future problems and to make sure the application is dealt with in advance of the 2026 cut-off date when unrecorded historical rights of way will be extinguished.

Jubilee Field Gate. Trekenner School notified LPC of an issue with the field gate. Cllr Holter had arranged for it to be fixed.

Dog Waste Bin at Trekenner. Residents had noted that the bin is not being emptied regularly. The clerk had been in contact with Biffa to resolve the issue and it will be emptied later this week. The Chairman suggested that the clerk contact Biffa and ask for a price reduction.

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The bin at Trebullett is not being emptied. Councillors discussed whether it might be better to remove it.

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

The Chairman informed Councillors that Cllr Malcolm would be stepping down at the next meeting in February.

20.012 Date of next meeting Tuesday 11th February 2020, 7:30pm at Lezant Church Room.

The Meeting closed at 21:22 pm.

Signed :

Chairman

Date: