

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LEZANT PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT LEZANT CHURCH HALL ON TUESDAY 9th APRIL 2019 – 7:30pm**

Present: Councillors: I Nash, P J Cairns, G Scott, V Hill, C Ayres, G Holter, S Oakley
Clerk: Mrs S Inman

Apologies for absence: Cllr(s) J Dinnis, T Malcolm, N Burden

19.034 Declarations of Interest. None.

19.035 Confirmation of the Minutes. The minutes of the meeting held on 12th of March 2019 were approved by all present and signed by the Chairman.

19.036 Matters arising from Previous Meeting:

- **Neighbourhood Plan.** It was reported that Mr Andrew Hudson had held the first of the public consultation surgeries immediately before the evening's Parish Council meeting. The second consultation will take place before the parish meeting on the 21st May at Trebulet Hall.
- **Playground Maintenance.** The Chairman advised that two metal supporting legs at the foot of the slide on the Jubilee Field were rusted through and one had broken off. Cllr Cairns raised whether when an issue with playground equipment was brought to the attention of the Parish Council a notice should be put up warning users. It was also suggested that safety/hazard tape could be used to cordon off any areas that may be unsafe to the public. The Chairman explained that in this instance the equipment was not unsafe to use but the suggestion would be considered in the future if appropriate. **It was resolved that Cllr Holter would assess the slide and it was agreed any necessary maintenance or securing of the site could go ahead.** In addition, the issue of general maintenance of the play equipment was discussed such as pressure washing the equipment and addressing areas highlighted in the annual safety report. **Cllr Holter agreed to look at general maintenance when inspecting the slide.** Cllr Cairns reported that the bins had not been emptied at Trebulet, although they were not currently full. **The Clerk to contact Cornwall Council and confirm the procedure/ frequency for the bins being emptied.**

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- **Parish Walk.** Councillors were reminded that the walk would take place on Monday 22nd April.
- **Parish Meeting (7pm, Tuesday 21st May 2019).** It was confirmed that Mr Jason Williams from Cornwall Council would attend to talk about internet safety. Mr Williams would speak about areas to be mindful of when using the internet. He would provide a basic overview and give examples of things to look out for. Time permitting, Mr Williams would also talk about the digital inclusion strategy and the digital champions framework where local volunteers could help the community in getting online.
- **Meet the Planners Meeting.** Cllr Cairns had attended the meeting and explained that the planning department was being re-organised to provide an area team approach. Lezant parish would come under Area Team 8 which would cover the Bude, Camelford and Launceston Community Network Areas. Cllr Cairns stated that the team would be in contact with local councils and attend one of their parish council meetings. **It was resolved that the Clerk should contact Area Team 8 and arrange a meeting.**

Clerk

19.037 Community Network Meeting. The Chairman had attended the meeting and gave an overview of what was covered including: (i) an update on Kensey Food which is currently undertaking a formal consultation with workers which is expected to be completed by the end of March; (ii) the Workspace Development Programme which represents a council intervention to support the development programme in Cornwall. The activity is comprised of either direct development by Cornwall Council on sites owned or working with businesses to meet a specific need for growth which is constrained by the current premises and cannot be met by existing stock. The business must be able to repay the council's borrowing cost and deliver a 3.5% return. In the Launceston area there is the potential development at Kennards House of an Agri Hub, workspace and trunk road service area; (iii) Police update by Inspector Lynden Hughes who gave an update on policing in the Launceston area stating that their resource is stretched and the closure of the Launceston custody centre has increased pressure on this. The Chairman noted that only about 16% of incidents the police deal with are actual crimes, with the rest relating to health, traffic, sudden deaths, neighbour disputes, mental health etc. Other areas that were discussed were Cornwall Council climate change action plan, the start of building work on the medical centre and Cornwall Alert.

19.038 Finance:

- Approval of financial statements for Current and Taxi Accounts
- Approval of accounts for Payment
 - Clerks Expenses (£42.98)
 - Cllr Ayres Travel Expenses (£15.30)
 - CALC subscription (£323.03)
 - Cleaning Toilets Jan – March 2019 (£101.79)
 - Taxi Grant Payments – (Feb £52, March £232)
- The Chairman stated that the rate for cleaning the toilets at the Jubilee Field and the bus stop at Treburley had increased from the 1st April 2019 to £8.21 per hour in line with the new National Living Wage (which is a legal requirement).

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19.039 Planning

- Current applications:
- PA19/02225. Mr & Mrs Robbins. Proposed porch and garage extension. Treburley. **It was resolved to support the application.**
- PA19/02074. Mr Werring. Erection of a new industrial building on vacant site at Treburley industrial estate. **It was resolved to support the application.**
- Any other consultations received: None.
- Status of previous applications
- PA19/00182 Mr Paul Finch. Marlee. Treburley. Outline planning permission with some matters reserved: Construction of two detached bungalows with single garages and large amenity space. **Application withdrawn.**

Clerk

19.040 Highways.

The Clerk notified the Councillors that Cormac would attend to the ditches around the abattoir and surrounding roads to make sure the drainage features were clear and working. Cllr Holter had volunteered to meet with Cormac to discuss the issues on site.

The Clerk to report potholes noted at; (i) Trebulet Farm between Trecarrell Manor and Trebulet; (ii) the 's' bends on the road to South Petherwin; (iii) on the road from the A388 to Lezant.

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19.041 Footpaths. Cllr Holter stated that the bench at East Penrest was in a state of disrepair. Councillors discussed whether to remove or replace the bench. **It was resolved that Cllr Holter would remove the bench.** **GH**

19.042 Correspondence.

Parish Youth Club. The new parish youth club had asked for a donation of £300 to go towards setting up costs such as advertising, electric & heating and to help with some basic equipment to get the project started. **It was resolved to support the application for funds from the Community Grant.** **Clerk**

Policy E-Briefing PC6-19 – Audit Code of Practice – sent by CALC. The National Audit Office had issued a consultation on the new Code of Audit Practice which was due to come into force by April 2020. NALC will be responding. **No action.**

Invitation to road safety and community speed engagement event (14th May 2019 Truro). Cllr Hill agreed to discuss further with the SpeedWatch Coordinator and attend if appropriate. **VH**

Invitation to Cornwall Council highways engagement sessions (8th May Redruth or 9th May Bodmin). The event is designed to seek feedback on what Cornwall Council could do better and to launch some of the forthcoming changes. **Cllr Nash volunteered to attend the Bodmin session.** **IN**

Rural services network call on government for a rural strategy. Parish councils in rural areas are being asked for their support and to sign up to support the campaign. **It was resolved to sign up.** **Clerk**

Housing Supplementary Planning Document. Cornwall Council is publishing the document for a four week consultation period. The document explains how Cornwall Council will implement the policies in the adopted local plan with regards to housing and the provision of affordable housing. **It was resolved that the Clerk should reply asking the Council to take note of our Neighbourhood Development Plan.** **Clerk**

19.043 Parish Business

Great British Spring Clean 22nd March – 23rd April 2019. A resident had contacted the Parish Council to ask if it was planning on organising a litter picking activity in the parish. Councillors stated that previous initiatives had not been well supported. A number of Councillors volunteered to pick up litter on roads in their immediate local area.

Cllr Hill notified the Councillors that she had attempted to clean the lettering at the War Memorial but reported that the lettering would need to be repainted. Cllr Hill volunteered to look into the appropriate paint and was willing to do the painting. **VH**

Cllr Holter stated that he had been approached by Mary Synott to fit shelves in the phone box at Trekenner. Cllr Holter asked whether the Parish Council would be willing to pay for shelving. It was agreed the Council would pay the necessary costs.

A resident had contacted the Chairman regarding providing a more 'dog friendly' stile on the Penscombe Cross footpath. Councillors discussed whether a footpath could be put in place running alongside the A388 to the Tre, Pol & Pen Farm Shop. It was resolved to add to the agenda for May's meeting where it could be raised with Cllr Malcolm. Carried forward.

19.044 Date of next meeting Tuesday 14th May 2019, 7:30pm at Lezant Church Room.

The Meeting closed at 20.59 pm.

Signed :

Chairman

Date:

