

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LEZANT PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT LEZANT CHURCH HALL ON TUESDAY 10th JULY 2018**

Present: Councillors: I Nash, G Holter, P J Cairns, C Ayres, J Dinnis, N Burden, S Oakley, G Scott, V Hill, T Malcolm
Clerk Mrs S Inman
 1 member of the public – Mr A Hudson

Apologies for absence: None.

18.072 Declarations of Interest. None.

18.073 Confirmation of the Minutes. The minutes of the meeting held on 12th June 2018 were approved by all present and signed by the Chairman.

18.074 Matters arising from Previous Meeting.

- **Neighbourhood Plan & Rural Exception Sites Problem.** Mr Andrew Hudson was in attendance and gave a short presentation on progress of the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP). The committee is currently compiling its consultation document/plan which should be completed over the next 12 months. The policies that are drafted will give guidance to planning officers and will also provide ideas for projects for the parish which include:
 - **Dark Sky policy.**
 - **Parish Hall.**
 - **Allotments.** 28 people in the parish are interested in an allotment. Councillors asked whether anyone knew of any land that could be used, for which the landowner would be paid. Councillors also wondered whether the Church would allow an area. The issue of parking for the allotments was also raised.
 - **Post Office.** 71% of respondents supported the need for a PO in the parish.
 - **Hedgerows.** 88% felt that hedge trimming should be sympathetic to wildlife and should be in-planted with native species.
 - **Permissive paths.** 54% were in support of the development of permissive paths.
 - **Play area in Treburley.** 46% felt Treburley would benefit from the provision of a play area.
 - **Wildlife area.** 74% supported the development of a wildlife area.
 - **Parish speed limit of 30 mph.** Traffic both on lanes, as well as main roads was the principle concern of respondents. Mr Hudson stated that there was a scheme currently being undertaken by CORMAC whereby a location could be monitored for speed and volume of traffic for a two week period (although there is currently a 2 month waiting list). Mr Hudson suggested that the road at Treburley would be suitable for monitoring. The Councillors explained that this had been done in the past, however, unfortunately the results had not been what was expected.

In addition, Mr Hudson was logging open spaces in the parish but explained it was difficult to get a definitive map. Councillor's mentioned other spaces which could be designated such as Treburley Green, the War Memorial and Rezare Green.

Mr Hudson finished by saying that the number of people living on their own was considered noteworthy as over 40% in the parish live by themselves. Cllr Burden raised a 'Health and Well Being Scheme' which was giving £1,000 to communities to try to combat rural isolation. It was suggested it could be put towards the taxi scheme or other projects such as 'Men in Shed's' (if there were any outbuildings that could be used). Cllr Malcolm also suggested a Communal Garden Project, as interest in horticulture was so high in the area.

Mr Hudson let the Councillors know that the NDP Committee had a new email address lezantparishndp@gmail.com. It was suggested that this was more widely publicised.

With regards to the rural exception sites problem, the Clerk had received an email from the Chairman of North Coast Cluster Group explaining that an incident had occurred whereby a new neighbourhood plan had been overridden by a rural exception site application at planning committee. The Group is concerned that this may set a precedent for the future. Mr Hudson explained that no planning consent can contradict the NDP. In this case, his understanding was that planning permission had been given for 45 affordable houses, however, less were now due to be built. Therefore even with additional building it would still be below the original number of 45.

The Chairman thanked Mr Hudson for his informative presentation and asked if there was anything further the Council could do to help the NDP Committee.

The Clerk was asked to put a notice in the parish newsletter asking residents if they would like to get involved with the committee. *(After note: Mr Hudson contacted the Clerk to say that it would not be necessary to add this in the Parish Newsletter. The Clerk notified Cllr Cairns.)*

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- **Playground Maintenance.** The Clerk is currently liaising with the contractor who hopes to complete the work by the end of July. Clerk
- **Tre Pol & Pen Farm Shop & Kitchen Post Office Application.** The Chairman explained that the Post Office had replied stating that when establishing a new Post Office branch it is essential to ensure that the new branch is viable both for Post Office Ltd and the Postmaster running the service. Unfortunately, their analysis showed that within the community at Lezant and surrounding area there would be insufficient customer numbers to make a new Post Office sustainable. For these reasons they were unable to change their decision. The Councillors were disappointed with the response and asked the Clerk to re-contact them to state that the Farm Shop Post Office would not just be used by local trade but also given its location, on the busy A388, it would also be used by passing trade. The Parish Council would like this to be considered in any decision made. Clerk
- **Cornwall Glass Grants Program £400 for 40.** The Clerk had written to the Trekenner School PTA who confirmed they would be willing to apply for the grant to help fund a new 'springer' on the Jubilee Field. The Clerk to liaise and check progress. Clerk
- **Tree Warden.** Cllr Ayres gave a brief outline of the scheme and stated she was happy to take on the role. The Clerk was asked to put a notice in the Parish Newsletter. CA

- **Community Emergency Plan.** The Chairman informed Councillors that a short presentation has been booked to take place at the Parish Council meeting on the 9th October. **Clerk**
- **Launceston Area Network Meeting.** Cllr Burden updated the Councillors on the meeting (at which he had been re-elected as Chairman). Cllr Nash had also been in attendance. Cllr Burden explained that £50K per year is being allocated each year, over a four year period to the network and there is a need to prioritise schemes that will benefit the whole area and community. Cllr Burden was keen that Lezant Parish Council considers schemes that may benefit the parish such as interactive road signs. Carried forward.
Cllr Burden also stated that Speedwatch is now underway with the volunteers training taking place soon. Cllr Hill and Dinnis informed the Council that they had not yet received information regarding this. Finally, Cllr Burden reported that Neighbourhood Policing will be reduced. The numbers of PCSO's will drop from 360 to 150 over a period of five years. The reduction will happen in stages.
- **General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).** The Clerk updated the Council with progress. The privacy updates are currently being written and will need to be approved at the next council meeting in September. The Clerk will send these out for Councillors to review in the summer. With regards to email addresses, the Clerk explained that many parish councils have changed over to '.gov.uk' for their Councillors. The Clerk is waiting on a summary document on how to implement this. **Clerk**

18.075 Finance:

- Approval of financial Statements for Current and Taxi Accounts
- Approval of accounts for Payment **Clerk**
 - Clerk expenses which includes Goals/ Nets/ No Dogs Signs (£724.99)
 - Transfer to taxi scheme account (£872.40)
 - Parish on-line (£36)
 - Judith Braunton Cleaning Apr-Jun 18 (£106.64)
- **Taxi Scheme Grant.** The Clerk explained that Cornwall Council had changed the payment arrangements for the Taxi Scheme. Previously, the payment was made based on the receipt of the Clerks email confirming the amount that has been requested during the period. However, there had been incidences of drivers not returning their job sheets in a timely manner. To prevent these issues continuing Cornwall Council are changing the payment arrangements by calculating the grant based upon our costs for last year. This year they have agreed a grant for 2018-19 of £2,500 which will be paid quarterly. Our grant for future years will be based upon the previous year's costs. The payments will be issued automatically at the end of each quarter. However, we have just received our first payment for the quarter of £625 but we will pay out approx. £1,050. We have some reserves in the taxi account which will cover the short fall for the quarter. The Clerk stated that this needs to be closely monitored.

18.076 Planning

- Planning: No new planning applications had been received.
- **Any other consultations received** **Clerk**
Erection of holiday chalet, to replace existing holiday unit, on land north east of Trekener Mill. The planning department notified the Parish Council that they are minded to recommend approval of the application. They have asked the Parish Council to consider 3 options. All agreed to strongly re-enforce our original decision on the grounds that it is putting a permanent structure where there was not one previously and given the new proposed

structure would be larger than the current footprint. Therefore the applicant is not just replacing the current building/structure but adding to it.

The Councillors are in full agreement that they would like the application to be determined by the Planning Committee (Option 3).

- **Status of previous applications**
 - PA18/04376 Mr D J Watkins. Proposed extension to existing farm stock building. Landue, Lezant. Approved. **Clerk**
- **Enforcement**
 - Alleged construction of piggery. Case closed by Cornwall Council.

18.077 Highways.

The Clerk had reported overgrown verges at Treburley. However, when CORMAC inspected them they determined that they were not an immediate safety hazard. It was further noted that, in the meantime, a resident may have cut them back.

The Clerk reported potholes from Hurdon Road to Little Comfort and work has been carried out.

The Clerk had also spoken with CORMAC to ask that they review the 'structure' at Treburley between Budes Meadow and the A388 in terms of safety. The Clerk was asked to notify Cllr Holter when the inspection was taking place so he could explain the Council's concerns. **Clerk/GH**

Cllr Cairns asked if the Clerk had been notified about when the road between Trebulet and Larrick would be resurfaced. The Clerk had not been given any further information on timings. Cllr Cairns explained that at the moment the road is prone to standing water but if parts of the road could be laid double thickness above the drains this could be avoided. The Clerk was asked to liaise with CORMAC. Cllr Cairns stated that he would be willing to be contacted by them to discuss further. **Clerk/PJC**

18.078 Footpaths.

The Chairman reported that the permissive path had been cut last week.

The Clerk stated that waymarkers have been sent to Cllr Holter who had kindly volunteered to put them up. In addition, Cllr Holter stated that on the permissive path the plastic that was covering the fencing was coming away. The Clerk showed photographs illustrating the problem. Cllr Holter said that he was happy to remove the plastic, however, he was advised to first check with the landowners. The Chairman thanked Cllr Holter for his help. **GH**

The grass cutting contractor had requested Weed Kill. Councillors questioned whether he had a certificate to use it. The Clerk to check. **Clerk**

18.079 Correspondence.

- Cllr Burden raised correspondence from Cornwall Council regarding the Local Government Boundary Commission for England's (LGBCE) proposed division boundaries from 2021. Two events are being held on the 10th & 13th July.

18.080 Parish Business

- The Lezant Horticultural Society requested the annual grant of £90. Approved. **Clerk**
- Speaker for Trebulet Lunch Club. Cllr Ayres said that she would be happy to be a speaker in her capacity as Tree Warden once she's had some experience in the role. **CA**
- Cllr Oakley to liaise with Treburley Social Club about returning of the surplus defibrillator grant money. **SO**
- DJ Watkins has donated £70 for the War Memorial. The Clerk to write and thank. **Clerk**
- **Any other business brought by members**
- Cllr Burden asked about the War Memorial Grant as the writing needs redoing, the railings are rusting and Cllr Cairns mentioned that the gate has **Clerk**

broken. The Clerk to contact The War Memorials Trust about possible funding as they are offering up to 75% of costs as a grant.

- Cllr Malcolm stated that the post box at Landue had been removed by the Post Office due to damage but has not yet been re-instated. The Clerk to contact Royal Mail. **Clerk**
- Cllr Hill stated that the graveyard at Tregada had become very overgrown. The Clerk to confirm ownership and request maintenance. Cllr Burden suggested contacting the Land Registry. **Clerk**
- Cllr Cairns reported that the 'Greenacre' sign at Trebullett had come down. The Clerk to report this to CORMAC. **Clerk**
- Cllr Nash stated that the school had been in contact regarding a wasp's nest on the Jubilee Field. Cllr Nash had taken care of the matter.
- Cllr Nash notified the Council that the School had demolished the garden shed.
- It was reported that a dead lamb had been left in Pengloss Lane which had since been removed.
- The contractor who is completing maintenance at the Jubilee Field had been in contact with Cllr Oakley regarding the rubber matting tiles that have come loose. Cllr Oakley informed the Council that the matting would not be able to be re-stuck down as originally half of each tile had been placed on concrete and the remainder sits on grass. Either the matting could be cut in half (the bit on the grass removed) but this may have safety implications or the grass should be removed to allow the tile to be fully concreted in place. Cllr Oakley to discuss further with the contractor. **SO**
- Cllr Burden asked about the timings of hedges being trimmed. The Clerk to contact Cornwall Council about hedge trimming.

18.081 Date of next meeting Tuesday 11th September 2018, 7:30pm at Lezant Church Room.

The Meeting closed at 21.08 pm.

Signed :

Chairman

Date: