

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LEZANT PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 14th JULY 2020.
DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS THE MEETING WAS HELD ONLINE USING THE VIDEO
CONFERENCING SYSTEM MICROSOFT TEAMS**

Present: Councillors, A Armstrong Evans, C Ayres, N Burden, P J Cairns, J Dinnis, V Hill, G Holter, I Nash, G Scott
Clerk: Mrs S Inman

Members of the public: 3

Apologies for absence: None

20.055 Declarations of Interest. Cllr Dinnis (PA19/10962), Cllr Nash (minute item 20.061)

20.056 Confirmation of the Minutes. The minutes of the meetings held on 9th of June 2020 and 23rd June 2020 were approved by all present and will be signed by the Chairman at the earliest opportunity.

20.057 Matters arising from Previous Meeting:

- Councillor Vacancy. No applicants to date. **Clerk to re-advertise.** **Clerk**
- Neighbourhood Plan – *storage of records*. **Clerk to organise taking documents to Kresnen Kernow.** Councillors asked if the NDP paperwork could be accessed once stored. **Clerk**
- Playground Maintenance – *considering the opening of play areas, tree maintenance, and maintenance of the climbing tower at the Jubilee Field.* Closure of Play Areas. Councillors discussed whether the play areas (with play equipment) at Trebulett and Jubilee Field could be opened safely and in line with guidance from Cornwall Council and CALC. It was agreed that they should remain closed until further notice. Notices were currently in place advising residents. (The playing fields at both locations remain open to the public.) The clerk to look into signage. Climbing Tower at the Jubilee Field. **Cllr Holter had volunteered to complete maintenance** on the wooden sections of the climbing tower identified as potentially slippery by the 2019 safety inspection report. **GH**
- Tree/ Shrub Maintenance. Some shrubs have been identified as needing to be cut back at Trebulett play area and the tree on Rezare green is also in need of maintenance. **The Clerk to look into costs.** **Clerk**
- To Consider the Opening the Toilets at the Jubilee Field. Councillors considered whether the toilets could be reopened safely adhering to recommended safety standards in light of Covid 19. **It was resolved the toilets should remain closed until further notice.**
- To Consider Opening of the Book Swap at Trekener Phone Box. The book swap was considered low risk and councillors discussed if it could be reopened safely.
- Standing Stones at Greystone Quarry. No update.
- Summer Parish Walk – *to be held on Saturday 22nd August 2020.* The clerk had advertised on the Lezant Parish Website and **a notice would be placed in the next edition of the Parish Magazine and on noticeboards.** **GH/ Clerk**
- Registering of Caution (CT1). The Clerk reported that Lezant PC had received a refund for the payment to the land registry. The clerk had contacted the Land Registry but had yet to receive a reply.
- Extra Bus Stop Cleaning at Treburley. The current cleaner would be willing to clean the second bus stop at the same rate. Councillors agreed to go ahead. **The clerk to notify the cleaner of the decision.** **Clerk**

20.058 To formally adopt CALC Standing Orders for Virtual Meetings. Councillors agreed to adopt the additional standing orders.

20.059 Cornwall Council Planning Procedure During the Pandemic. New procedures had been adopted by the planning department during Covid-19. Initially site meetings were not occurring but Cllr Burden advised that some sites were now being visited. The planning committee were not going to sites at this time. The planning department had experienced a number of changes but had issued assurances that procedures were being followed. Councillors questioned how people would be consulted as public meetings were not happening. Some parishioners had commented that they felt ignored and unable to have their say.

20.060 Launceston Community Network Meeting & Climate Change Update.

The aim was to encourage local action and also to engage and educate children of the issues. It was noted that Cornwall Council had been growing saplings and there were some grants available for tree planting.

(Cllr Nash left the meeting)

20.061 Trekenner Green – to consider suggestion by resident of a wildflower haven and whether tree maintenance is required.

A resident was in attendance regarding the matter and was asked by the Vice-Chairman to address the Councillors. The resident explained that the aim was to create an attractive wild flower haven, to encourage wildlife, and to make the green a feature of the village. They appreciated that the area would still need to be maintained and that it would need to be safe in terms of visibility for drivers. September was considered a good time to plant and they were also happy to volunteer for the project. Councillors discussed and agreed that it could go ahead and the Council could pay for the seeds. It was also agreed that the tree on Trekenner green needed trimming back/ thinning out. **The clerk was asked to organise and look into costs.**

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(Cllr Nash returned to the meeting)

20.062 Finance:

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

○ (online) Clerks expenses (June)	£23.48
○ (online) Parish Online (renewal)	£36
○ (online) Bookbusters (audit)	£50
○ (online) Cllr Holter expenses (paint for play tower)	£22.99
○ (online) J Braunton (cleaning)	£113.36
○ (chq 0336) M Harris (June taxi sheets)	£44
- End of Year Accounts & Audit 2019/20. The Clerk reported that Bookbusters had completed the annual audit and confirmed everything was in order. The Chairman signed the accounts & Annual Governance & Accountability Return for 2019/20. **The Clerk was asked to write and thank Bookbusters for their efforts.**
- Overtime Payment for the Clerk. It was agreed that an overtime payment could be paid to the clerk as a significant amount of extra work had been required in June and July in relation to a Freedom of Information Act request.
- Taxi Grant Allocation for 2020/21. Cornwall Council had advised that Lezant PC's grant allocation would be £2,540. It was noted that the grant had been adjusted by Cornwall Council to take into account the impact of Covid-19. Last year Lezant PC's grant allocation was £3,000.

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20.063 Planning

- Letter from resident regarding PA19/10962 and the Parish Council. The clerk was asked to read out the letter. The resident was asked if they would like to address the Council. They stated that they wanted to let councillors know their feelings on how their application had been handled by Lezant PC and the difficult situation they and their family now found themselves in, which they believed had been exacerbated by the Parish Council's response. The resident started by explaining that the assumption Lezant PC had made in terms of the amended building height was incorrect. They also noted that had Lezant PC approached them directly they would have considered making more changes to their plans. They recommended that going forward the Parish Council engaged more with applicants if there were objections to planning applications. The Chairman started by explaining that Lezant PC were not aware of the personal issues raised at Larrick. The Chairman stated that the timing of the application, during Covid-19, had meant that decisions had been made using new protocols and meant the usual face-to-face meetings which would have allowed greater input from the applicant had not been possible. The Parish Council had been consistent in its suggestion of it being single storey which stemmed from the outline planning application and noted that the Parish Council acted in an advisory capacity only to Cornwall Council. Councillors sympathised with the resident and hoped that now the application was agreed the family would be able to settle in within the community.
- **Current applications.** No new applications.
- Any other consultations received. None
- Status of previous applications:
 - PA19/10962 Approved.** Reserved matters. Land north of West Larrick Farmhouse.
 - PA20/03511 Approved.** Array of solar panels. Glynford, Tregada.
 - PA20/04035 Approved.** Replace side extension with two storey extension. Sunnyside Cottage, Trekener.
 - PA20/03938. Planning Permission Required.** Notification for prior approval. Higher Larrick.

20.064 Highways.

Speed reduction on the A388. Prior to the meeting the response from Cornwall Council's Principal Transport Officer to Lezant PC's letter proposing a speed reduction along the A388, had been circulated to Councillors. The email explained that Cornwall Council was currently awaiting the conclusion of the Coroner's report as they needed to be clear on the causes of the recent collisions to ensure the effectiveness of any measures that may be identified and progressed. Whilst they waited for the report they would be reviewing the accident history at the location of the recent fatalities and along the section of the A388 as part of their standard accident investigation process.

It was noted the next Community Network meeting would be looking at speeding and highways. Cllr Hill stated that she would be attending a separate community road safety forum.

Cllr Holter noted that the lanes appeared in good condition at present and the velocity machine worked well on the roads. **The clerk to write and thank CORMAC.**

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Change of signage at Higher Larrick due to road traffic incident. An email had been received from CORMAC, after they had been contacted by a resident notifying them that an ambulance had become stuck on the minor road from Higher Larrick. The ambulance had been stuck for nearly 3 hours and it was only with the help of a local resident and their tractor that the ambulance was rescued. CORMAC had subsequently looked at alternative designs for signage and asked that this was discussed at the July meeting for comments/ support for the proposal. Councillors had been emailed copies of the sign prior to the meeting. Councillors agreed that the sign

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was clearer than the current but felt it should be mandatory not advisory. **The clerk to contact CORMAC.**

20.065 Footpaths. The wooden footpath posts were gradually being put in place.

20.066 Correspondence. Nothing additional noted.

20.067 Parish Business

Letter to David Reardon. It was agreed that the Parish Council would write to the Headmaster of Trekenner School wishing him the best for his retirement.

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Cllr Armstrong Evans mentioned that she had recently had dealings with a representative of the Beavers Trust and he would be happy to talk at our next annual parish meeting if of interest to residents.

Cllr Hill noted that the flower boxes by the war memorial had been planted up and were looking very smart.

Cllr Burden stated that another granite stone which potentially could be a waymarker had been discovered near the war memorial. This was currently being investigated.

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

20.068 Date of next meeting Tuesday 8th September 2020, 7:30pm to be held online using Microsoft Teams.

The Meeting closed at 21:18 pm.

Signed :

Chairman

Date: