

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LEZANT PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT LEZANT CHURCH HALL ON TUESDAY 10th SEPTEMBER 2019 @
7:30pm**

Present: Councillors, P J Cairns, G Scott, J Dinnis, G Holter, T Malcolm, N Burden, I Nash, V Hill, C Ayres

Clerk: Mrs S Inman

Members of the public: 3

Apologies for absence: none

A resident spoke to notify the PC that they intended to apply for planning permission for the erection of an agricultural building to store equipment. The resident currently owns a field at Treburley and intends to work the land growing crops, fruit etc.

A planning consultant was in attendance regarding PA19/07424. The Chairman stated that the application would not be discussed until the following meeting as it had not been on the noticeboards for the minimum amount of time required and therefore had not been listed on the agenda for tonight's discussion.

19.082 Declarations of Interest. None

19.083 Confirmation of the Minutes. The minutes of the meeting held on 9th of July 2019 were approved by all present and signed by the Chairman.

19.084 Matters arising from Previous Meeting:

- **Councillor Vacancy.** No applications had been received. **It was resolved that the Clerk should re-advertise on noticeboards and in the magazine.** Clerk
- **Meeting with Oliver Jones.** The Clerk and Cllr Holter met with Oliver Jones to discuss highways/footpath issues within the parish. Cllr Holter updated the councillors. Matters covered at the meeting included:
 - **New posts needed on the footpaths.** CORMAC do not have funding to replace but will sell LPC posts cut to size at cost, with plastic caps. CORMAC would need the size of each post. Cllr Holter had compiled a list with the location of highway signposts, on which their condition/ height could be entered onto the form. Cllr Holter outlined options:- i) do nothing; ii) see if CORMAC will quote for supply and fitting new posts where needed; iii) buy posts from CORMAC and obtain quotes from local labour sources to fit.
 - **Grit size on the A388 through Treburley.** Cllr Holter explained that the road through Treburley was especially noisy due to the size of the grit used. Oliver Jones confirmed that surfaces varied and that stone mastic asphalt (SMA) was now being used as opposed to hot rolled asphalt which was the surface course at Treburley. Oliver Jones would check when Treburley was due to be re-surfaced.
 - **Phone box at Trekener.** CORMAC will install 2 hazard marker posts to protect the phone box from vehicles reversing.
 - **Pedestrian Crossing.** The crossing point on the A388 at Treburley is a Year 3 Community Network Scheme project and design work will commence post April 2020.
 - **Visibility at Treburley Crossroad.** The grass verges need to be more regularly cut as they cause an issue with visibility when pulling onto the A388. Oliver Jones explained that going forward CORMAC intended to prioritise certain locations and cut less in others – biodiversity Vs safety. This would be agreed in conjunction with PCs.

- **Sunken Manhole Cover.** The manhole cover between the A388 and the abattoir had sunk. As it is a BT cover the Highway Safety Inspector had raised it as a defect and asked that it be reinstated.
- **Drainage at Trekenner Mill.** Cllr Holter had agreed to meet with the Highways Steward to discuss further the surface water issues on the road.
- **Tregada Bottleneck.** It was noted that on the A388 at Tregada the road narrows and can be dangerous. Oliver Jones stated that the warning signs on the approaches of the road narrowing had slipped down the posts. They will be repositioned and the vegetation on the approaches would also be trimmed back, which would hopefully assist matters with regards to large vehicles passing.
- **Sportsman Close.** Cllr Holter had suggested closing up the footpath cut through as a safety measure. Oliver Jones suggested installing a staggered barrier.

A map of the road sections currently nominated for future surface treatment was presented. Oliver Jones had explained it was a 5 year programme and CORMAC would be happy to discuss any parish priorities or sections that weren't currently included.

Cllr Cairns, had regretfully, been unable to attend the meeting but raised the issue at Ruses Mill where large vehicles and machinery regularly get stuck. Cllr Cairns had recently towed 3 vehicles out. The sign is currently advisory but Cllr Cairns stated that it should be mandatory to stop larger vehicles using it. **The Clerk to raise with Highways.**

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In addition, the issue of hedgerows was discussed. The base of hedgerows were being eroded away and at some stage the hedge will come down into the road.

- **Neighbourhood Plan.** Mr Andrew Hudson was in attendance and reported the Lezant Neighbourhood Development Plan had been signed off as legally compliant. Mr Hudson was now in the process of choosing an external examiner. The Chairman thanked Mr Hudson for his ongoing work.
- **Playground Maintenance.** Cllr Holter had completed renovating the slide at the Jubilee Field. Cllr Malcolm reported that the sandpit at the Jubilee Field needed the rocks removing and new sand added. **It was resolved to move this to a meeting in spring 2020 to action.** It was also reported that the second springer may be in need of maintenance. At Trebulet one of the rails is cracked **Cllr Cairns volunteered to screw it back in.**
- **Footpath Access along A388 to Tre, Pol & Pen – Ownership of Verge.** At the previous meeting Cllr Malcolm agreed, in his capacity as Manager of the Farm shop to complete the application. To date there had been no update from the Highways Department. **It was resolved that the Clerk should contact highways stating that LPC supported the application.**
- **Dog Waste Bins.** The Clerk had looked into the costs for a fortnightly collection (although it was noted that Biffa recommend a weekly pickup). The Clerk had been quoted £100 per year, per bin. In addition, the PC would have to provide the dog waste bins (in the region of £130 to £260 (excl VAT). As there is only half of the contract year left LPC would pay approx. £50 per bin for the rest of this financial year. **It was resolved to purchase a dog waste bin, which would be situated on the green at Trekenner and the Clerk to arrange a fortnightly collection.** LPC will trial a fortnightly collection for the next 6 months.
- **Climate Change.** The Clerk provided a link to CC's website regarding its climate change plans. Proposals included planting carbon-absorbing woodlands across the Duchy, powering all new homes in Cornwall with alternative energy sources and making energy efficiency improvements to existing Council-owned homes. Launceston Community Network Panel was looking to facilitate a working group for the Launceston area whereby parish councils and individuals could look at how they could do their bit to make a difference. Cllr Malcolm stated his interest in any further meetings on the

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issue. Cllr Burden reported that climate change would be on the agenda of the next Community Network Meeting on the 26th of September.

- **Rezare Defibrillator.** There had been an issue with access to the phone box which had resulted in the defibrillator being offline to the ambulance service. The Clerk and the guardian had resolved matters and it was now fully operational. The Clerk had organised a new key.
- **Defibrillator at Higher Larrick Phone Box.** Residents at Larrick were still keen for the phone box to be renovated and house a defibrillator. The issue remained how to get the box renovated as there were no volunteers for the project. **The Clerk was asked to contact other parishes to see whether they had used a contractor during their renovations in order to get an idea of cost.** Clerk
- **Phone box at Trekenner.** Cllr Holter had completed the renovation of the phone box including fitting internal shelving for the free book shop. The organiser of the project had requested £50 from the Community Fund to cover the cost to produce leaflets to promote the project within the parish. The Councillors thought instead it may be better to publicise it using the Parish Magazine. It was suggested having a full page feature with illustrations and details of how the free book shop would work. It was agreed to cover any costs charged by the magazine. **It was resolved the Clerk should contact the resident to see if they were agreeable and with Rob Petch to discuss any costs involved.** Clerk
- **Rights of way issue at Treburley.** Since the PC application was made it had dropped from 113 on their list to 129 because other cases had been prioritised. The additional short term funding which had been provided to the department had been put towards handling new applications in advance of the 2026 cut-off date when unrecorded historical rights of way will be extinguished. The Clerk stated that as our application has not been dealt within 12 months the PC can appeal to the secretary of state. **It was resolved the Clerk should appeal.** Clerk

19.085 Parish Walk. It was resolved to carry forward to discuss in January with the intention of the 2nd Parish Walk being held in the spring. Clerk

19.086 Speed Watch. Cllr Hill had previously emailed regarding suggestions of places to monitor. Two new locations had been added in the Launceston area - Western Road and Tavistock Road. Treburley was raised as a possible site, however, Cllr Hill stated that it has to be a 30mph road and Treburley is 40mph.

19.087 Community Governance Review Stage 2. Our submission for stage 1 was for 'no change'. Stage 2 invited all PC's to comment on submissions received from 3rd parties affecting their parish. No submissions listed affect the parish of Lezant.

19.088 Finance:

- Approval of financial statements for Current and Taxi Accounts
- **It was resolved to approve the following payments:** Clerk
 - i. (chq 2082) Clerk Expenses July £58.08
 - ii. (chq 2082) Clerk Expenses Aug £23.20
 - iii. (chq 2080) Complete Business Solutions £67.49
 - iv. (chq 2081) Q1 Taxi Grant Transfer £750
 - v. (chq 304) Taxi payment R Steinbichl (June) £24
 - vi. (chq 304) Taxi payment R Steinbichl (Aug) £12
 - vii. (chq 306) Taxi payment M Harris (July) £32
 - viii. (chq 306) Taxi payment M Harris (Aug) £24
 - ix. (chq 307) Taxi payment M Nolan (Jul/Aug) £24
 - x. (chq 308) Taxi payment R Steinbichl (Jul/ Aug) £32
 - xi. (chq 309) Taxi payment R Roberts (July) £132
 - xii. (chq 309) Taxi payment R Roberts (Aug) £124
 - xiii. (chq 208) G Holter expenses phone box £174.05
 - xiv. (chq 2085) G Green flowers/ compost £70

19.089 Planning

- **Current applications:**
 - PA19/05693.** Polytunnel and general purpose shed. Land East Trewarlett Farm, Lezant. **The members of Lezant Parish Council objected to the application on the basis that not enough information had been provided, including:**
 - i) purpose of the polytunnel and shed
 - ii) the block plan does not identify the rectangular area shaded in black
 - iii) more information on the size. *(Afternote: the Planning Department wrote stating that they were inclined to support the application as the proposal is not considered to be visually harmful to the wider landscape character given the size of the proposal polytunnel and shed and the existing boundary hedgerows which provide some screening. In addition, the Planning Department provided further clarification stating that the applicants intention was to use the land to grow fruit and vegetables as a small holding with chickens and the like. The polytunnel would be used for growing plants and the shed would be for machinery and storage. The shaded area was a mobile home that has been used as temporary shelter/store on the land, it was not used as sleeping accommodation, and once the shed has been built this could be removed from the land. The polytunnel is to measure 20m in length and be 5m in width, with a height of 3m. Furthermore, the agent had been asked to remove the mobile home from the existing and proposed block plan and the amended plans had been received. The Councillors were asked to further consider 3 options (to support, agree to disagree or request that the application is determined by the Planning Committee). The Members of Lezant Parish Council agreed to support the application (Option 1) with the condition that the mobile home would be removed from the land.)*
 - PA19/07139.** Demolish store/ workshop & replace with garden room. Old Well Cottage, Lezant. **Proposed, seconded and agreed to support the application.** Clerk
 - PA19/06748.** Extension and conversion of an existing bungalow to a 2 storey house. Trekelland Vean, road from junction south of Rosevallen to Trewarlett Cross, Lezant. **Proposed, seconded and agreed to support the application.** Clerk
 - Any other consultations received:
 - PA19/05175.** Conversion of stone barn to annexe/ancillary accommodation. Trekelland Farm Lezant. **Carried forward to 08-10-19.**
 - PA19/07424.** Application for outline planning permission with some matters reserved for the erection of two dwellings (access only). Land west of Marlee, Treburley. **Carried forward to 08-10-19.**
 - PA19/01872/PREAPP** advice for installation of asphalt (roadstone coating) plant at Greystone Quarry. **It was resolved that the Clerk should contact the planning department and ask for a joint meeting with Lawhitton PC to discuss matters further.** Clerk
- Status of previous applications.
 - **Application PA19/04739.** Proposed replacement outbuilding at Lowley Cottage, Rezare. **APPROVED.**
 - **Application PA19/03748.** Proposed Conversion and Extension of Barn to Form Dwelling. Rezare Barn, Rezare. **APPROVED**
 - **Application PA19/03785.** Listed Building Consent for lime render with lime wash on the gable end instead of slate hanging. Rose Larrick, Higher Larrick. **APPROVED.**

19.090 Highways.

- Cllr Holter raised that the vehicle activated sign at Treburley indicating speed (A388 heading towards Launceston) comes on at any speed not just if speeding. **The Clerk to notify highways.**
- Cllr Hill suggested extending the 30mph zone on the A388 heading out of Launceston at Stourscombe as people drive out of town too fast. **Clerk to contact Oliver Jones.** **Clerk**

19.091 Footpaths.

- Handrail at Clam End. Cllr Cairns considered a handrail necessary due to the steepness of the steps. A resident had volunteered to help if posts were provided. **It was agreed that 10 posts could be provided by the PC.** **PJC**
- Cllr Cairns reported that one of the wooden benches is missing a slat. **Cllr Holter agreed to take a look at it.** **GH**

19.092 Correspondence.

- NALC Policy Consultation - Independent Review into Local Government Audit. **No action.**

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19.093 Parish Business

- BT phone box at Lezant. The Chairman noted that the BT owned payphone at Lezant was in need of maintenance work. **The Clerk to contact BT and organise.** **Clerk**
- Digital Champion Notice. **The Clerk to send a draft to Cllr Ayres for review before sending to the parish magazine.** **Clerk/ CA**
- Broadband to Lezant. The Chairman reported that the initiative organised by residents was progressing well.
- It was reported that grass had not been cut at Trebulet Green and at the gateway to the field. **The Clerk to log with contractor.** **Clerk**
- Cllr Burden stated that rubbish is being tipped over the hedge onto the green.
- Ruth Burden is organising a parish archive.

Any other business brought by members for the next Parish Council Meeting:

19.094 Date of next meeting Tuesday 8th October 2019, 7:30pm at Lezant Church Room.

The Meeting closed at 21:43 pm.

Signed :

Chairman

Date: