

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LEZANT PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD AT LEZANT CHURCH HALL ON TUESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2019 @ 7:30pm**

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

**Clerk:** Mrs S Inman

**Members of the public:** 9

Apologies for absence: T Malcolm

**19.095 Declarations of Interest.** None

**19.096 Confirmation of the Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> of September 2019 were approved by all present and signed by the Chairman.

*(It was agreed due to the number of residents in attendance to move the planning section to the beginning of the meeting.)*

**19.097 Planning**

- **Current applications:**

**PA19/05175.** Conversion of stone barn to annexe/ancillary accommodation. Trekelland Farm, Lezant. **Proposed, seconded and agreed to support the application with the proviso that the barn remained an annexe to the main property.**

**PA19/07424.** Application for outline planning permission with some matters reserved for the erection of two dwellings (access only). Land west of Marlee, Treburley. **Proposed, seconded and agreed to object to the application on the following grounds: i) concern regarding plans for a shared drive and access (especially given the plot is now smaller than in the previous application); ii) the drive itself has an 'abrupt' access with little visibility and at a right angle to the narrow lane; iii) the lane is busy with some fast traffic and serves several local villages.**

**PA19/07666.** Erection of a garage/ workshop with craft/ store room above. Trekelland Vean, Lezant. **Proposed, seconded and agreed to support the application.**

**PA19/07787.** Erection of agricultural storage building. Land northwest of Landa Cottage, Rezare. **Proposed, seconded and agreed to support the application**

**PA19/07594.** Conversion/change of use of barn to a dwelling together with the erection of an extension. Land south east of Lower Larrick Farm, Trebullet. **Proposed, seconded and agreed to support the application with the following conditions: i) the pipes shown on the plan from the treatment plant, run in the opposite direction i.e. away from the road; ii) roof and surface water is directed to a soakaway.**

**PA19/07891.** Outline application with all matters reserved for erection of 1 self-build dwelling. Land at Treburley. **Proposed, seconded and agreed to object to the application on the grounds that: i) the land is agricultural and outside of the village boundary; ii) It would be a development in open countryside which if approved could set a precedent and allow other developments.**

- Any other consultations received: none
- Status of previous applications.
- **PA19/07139.** Demolish workshop & replace with garden room. Old Well Cottage, Lezant. **Approved.**

**Clerk**

**19.098 Matters arising from Previous Meeting:**

- **Councillor Vacancy Update.** The Chairman reported that two residents have expressed an interest in the vacancy (one of whom was present).
- **Neighbourhood Plan.** Mr Andrew Hudson was in attendance and explained that the examiner had visited the parish. Once the examination stage was concluded CC would review the plan before residents could vote on it. The Chairman thanked Mr Hudson for his continued efforts.
- **Playground Maintenance.** The annual safety inspection is due in November (provisionally booked for 8:30am on the 28.11.19). Last year it was agreed that a councillor should be present during the inspection. Cllr Cairns agreed to meet with inspectors at Trebulet and **the Clerk was asked to contact Cllr Malcolm to ask if he would be available to meet at the Jubilee Field.** The Chairman stated that he would also check his availability.  
The grass cutting contractor reported that the wooden balance beam at Trebulet was loose. Cllr Cairns checked it and could not see a fault but it will be reviewed again during the inspection.  
Cllr Cairns mentioned that the large gate was regularly being left open at Trebulet play area. Councillors suggested a new (spring closing) gate could be added so that those using the playing field would be more likely to use this as access instead. It was suggested that the new gate could utilise the same post as the existing (larger) gate. **The Clerk to obtain quotes for work.**
- **Footpath Access along A388 to Tre, Pol & Pen.** A letter of support from the Council had been sent. CORMAC stated the main issue would be who would fund a formal footway. It was suggested by CORMAC that it should be reviewed as the route gets more usage. Oliver Jones intends to visit the Farm Shop and speak with Cllr Malcom in his capacity of Manager of the farm shop.
- **Dog Waste Bin at Trekenner.** The bin has been purchased and will be put in place by the Chairman with the help of a resident.
- **Higher Larrick Phone Box Renovation.** The Clerk reported that the PC's approached had all renovated their phone boxes with the help of volunteers. A resident had contacted the Chairman stating there was private financial support available from residents at Larrick to help with the renovation but also had forwarded details of a grant that could help fund both the maintenance work and the defibrillator itself. **It was resolved the Clerk would obtain quotes for maintenance work and look into the grant further.**
- **Maintenance work on BT phone box at Lezant.** BT confirmed that the phone box will be cleaned and the door repaired. It is also on the list to be painted in Spring 2020.
- **Proposed Meeting with Aggregate Industries and Lawhitton PC (Asphalt Plant).** The planning department is in the process of organising a joint meeting. Cllr Burden suggested that the meeting also be open to members of the public in both parishes.
- **Climate Change.** Cllr Burden stated that recommendations from CC were imminent and that CC was currently in the process of developing a toolkit for PC's.
- **Launceston Community Network Meeting.** The Chairman had attended and updated the councillors on local plans and issues. Climate change was discussed and it was noted that the intention was for plans not to be prescriptive but enable PC's to develop their own ideas and strategies.

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**19.099 Standing Stones.** A resident had contacted the Chairman regarding the old 'standing stones' or 'long stones' that used to be near the entrance to Greystone Quarry. They suggested that they were moved by the quarry as it expanded and now lie, in the undergrowth, opposite the entrance to Greystone Farm. The stones have historical value to the parish and **it was resolved the Clerk should contact Greystone Quarry and ask if it would consider recovering and relocating them.**

Clerk

**19.100 Parish Website.** A resident had written stating that the parish website was not kept up-to-date. The Clerk explained that the website is currently updated by an ex-councillor who helps in a voluntary capacity. Some pages were updated monthly however it was the responsibility of local groups/ individuals to let the volunteer know if they would like new information included. **It was resolved the Clerk should put a notice in the magazine reminding clubs/ societies to pass on changes or updates.** Clerk

#### 19.101 Finance:

- Approval of financial statements for Current and Taxi Accounts Clerk
- **It was resolved to approve the following payments:**
  - o (chq 2086) Clerk expenses (September - incl. dog waste bin) £379.49
  - o (chq 2088) Cleaning Judith Braunton £108.83
  - o (chq 310) M Harris – September taxi payment - £32
  - o (chq 311) R Roberts – September taxi payment - £124
  - o (chq312) M Nolan – September taxi payment - £48

#### 19.102 Highways.

- CORMAC installed 2 hazard marker posts to protect the phone box at Trekenner from vehicles reversing
- Treburley lane junction change of priority (at the right fork just west of Swelscombe access, 300m west of Springer Spaniel). Cllr Holter suggested change due to poor visibility at the junction. **It was resolved the Clerk would raised it with Highways.** Clerk
- Ruses Mill. When contacted CORMAC stated that a width restriction would require a formal Traffic Regulation Order and this is something that could be put forward via the Community Network Area highway scheme, subject to funding. **It was resolved the Clerk would contact Oliver Jones and Chris Simms and ask this be taken forward.** Clerk
- Councillors stated how helpful Oliver Jones had been on issues in the parish. **The Clerk was asked to write and thank Oliver Jones and his team.** Clerk
- A resident had emailed regarding heavy goods vehicles driving through to Larrick stating that these vehicles caused damage to the trees and embankments.
- Cllr Hill had previously raised whether it would be possible on the A388 leaving Launceston if the 30mph zone could be extended to slow down drivers as they leave Launceston. Oliver Jones stated that this is already highlighted as the next development stage, in the future the speed restriction will be positioned prior to the existing Stourscombe junction.

#### 19.103 Footpaths.

- Cllr Holter had measured up all the posts and CORMAC had been contacted for a quote. Councillors discussed who in the parish would be able to put the posts in place. **Carry forward (12.11.19)** Clerk

#### 19.104 Correspondence.

- Safer Cornwall PoCA Funding. Cllr Scott suggested that funding could be used towards installing the footpath along the A388. **Carry forward (12.11.19).** Clerk

### 19.105 Parish Business

- **War Memorial and Remembrance Day Plans.** It was confirmed the church would be holding the ceremony (Sunday 10th November). The Farm Shop had written volunteering to open the gate by the memorial so that members of the public attending could park in the farm shop car park. **The Clerk to put a notice in the parish magazine.**
- **Treburley application to add a restricted byway.** The Clerk applied to the Secretary of State to direct Cornwall Council to determine our application. Receipt has been acknowledged.

Clerk

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

**Speedwatch.** Previously only 30mph roads have been eligible for the Speedwatch initiative, however, Cllr Hill reported that this has recently changed to 40mph. **Cllr Hill to look into the possibility of monitoring at Treburley.**

VH

Cllr Cairns noted that in other areas vehicle activated signs show the speed of all approaching vehicles not just if exceeding the present limit. Cllr Burden stated that this policy had been rejected in Cornwall as it could encourage some drivers to see how high they can get the sign to read.

Cllr Burden reported that at the end of the village green at Trebulet waste is being tipped on to the green. **Cllr Cairns agreed to monitor.**

PJC

Cllr Holter mentioned that ivy is growing all over Trecarrell Mill Bridge and this could compromise the structure. **The Clerk to report it.**

Clerk

Cllr Cairns noted that the hedge from Trebulet down to Trecarrell Mill is in need of being trimmed. **The Clerk was asked to write to the land owners and log it with CC.**

Clerk

**19.106 Date of next meeting** Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019, 7:30pm at Lezant Church Room.

The Meeting closed at 21:23 pm.

Signed :

Chairman

Date: