

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LEZANT PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 9th JUNE 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
Clerk: Mrs S Inman

Members of the public: 4

Apologies for absence: None
Absent: Cllr G Scott

20.036 Declarations of Interest. Cllr Hill (PA20/03511), Cllr Dinnis (PA19/10962)

A resident was in attendance to speak about road safety on the A388. In light of the recent tragic deaths on the road they were asking the Parish Council to support their proposal for a reduction of speed along the A388. Cornwall Council had informed them that speed reduction might be permitted in the future and was under discussion. The resident's understanding was that the Parish Council had to request such a measure and that is why they wished to make this representation. The Chairman thanked the resident for their contribution.

A planning applicant's representative was in attendance regarding PA20/03517 – change of use from a farm dwelling to unrestricted residential dwelling. They explained that the bungalow had an agricultural tie on it dating back 23 years. The applicant was now looking to move due to the health of a family member. The dwelling had been on the market for over a year but they had been unable to secure a sale. They had also tried to sell the bungalow with different amounts of land to widen the appeal. It was noted that the land surrounding the bungalow would remain in the family ownership. The representative stated that Larrick had grown with 3 new properties and barn conversions and the bungalow sat within the development boundary.

(It was agreed to bring the planning section forward)

20.037 Planning

- **Current applications:**

PA20/03517. Change of use from a farm dwelling to unrestricted residential dwelling. Hawthornes, Higher Larrick, Trebulet. **It was agreed not to support the application on the following grounds:**

Clerk

- The property should be marketed for a longer period to ensure and prove that there are no potential buyers who fit the requirements of the tie.

- Once the agricultural tie is removed it could not be restored and removed a potential resource for those working in agriculture. It may also set a precedent.

PA20/04035. Replace side extension with two storey extension (includes raised patio area), replace entrance porch, general refurbishment (includes to renew windows and replace render) and realign site entrance. Sunnyside Cottage, Trekenner. **It was agreed to support the application.**

(Cllr Hill left the meeting)

PA20/03511. Array of solar panels. Glynford, Tregada. **It was agreed to support the application.**

Clerk

(Cllr Hill returned to the meeting)

(Cllr Burden joined the meeting)

Due to the restrictions placed on the council as a result of the pandemic coronavirus decisions on two applications had been made under a consultation process as part of the emergency scheme of delegation. The following were raised to be ratified:

PA20/01554. Proposed change of use to land for the siting of a temporary mobile unit for use as a catering and retail unit. Tre, Pol and Pen Lezant. **It had been agreed to support the application.**

Clerk

PA19/10962. Reserved Matters (appearance, landscaping, layout, scale) in respect of PA18/01758 (outline planning permission for the erection of a dwelling). Land north of West Larrick Farmhouse. (Cllr Dinnis declared an interest). **It had been agreed to refer to the Planning Committee.**

Clerk

- Any other consultations received:

PA20/03938. Notification for Prior Approval for a proposed change of use of an agricultural building to a dwelling house and associated operational development. Land To The North Of The Hawthorns, Higher Larrick The Parish Council is not a delegated consultee for this planning application. The Chairman explained that this has been brought to the attention of the Parish Council by residents. After discussion Councillors notified the clerk that they would like to submit comments. **Carried forward.** *(Afternote: the clerk contacted the Planning Officer to determine the latest date to submit comments. The deadline (24.06.20) was unable to be extended to after the regular Parish Council meeting in July therefore an extra-ordinary online meeting was arranged for the 23.06.20.)*
- Status of previous applications:

PA20/01554. Proposed change of use to land for the siting of a temporary mobile unit for use as a catering and retail unit. Tre, Pol and Pen Lezant. Lezant Parish Council agreed to support the application **Approved by Cornwall Council.**

Clerk

20.038 Confirmation of the Minutes. The minutes of the meeting held on 10th of March 2020 were approved by all present. (The minutes will be signed by the Chairman once appropriate to do so).

20.039 Matters arising from Previous Meeting:

- **Councillor Vacancy.** No applicants to date. The vacancy was listed on the website and would be relisted in the parish magazine. It was suggested that a previous applicant who had been unsuccessful should be contacted to inform them of the vacancy.
- **Neighbourhood Plan.** The records from the NDP would be stored with Kresen Kernow (Cornwall's archive centre) once safe to do so. **The clerk to liaise with Mr Hudson.**
- **Playground Maintenance.** On government advice play areas remained closed. Notices were in place informing residents. With regards to safety inspections Zurich advised that ideally the equipment should be looked over monthly and any faults logged but only if safe to do so. Cllr Cairns had looked over the play equipment and reported no obvious issues. It was noted that Trekenner School had put hazard tape around the play equipment to prevent usage.

Clerk

Clerk

Councillors were informed that adjustments would be made to the new small gate at Trebullett playing field during June to ensure it self-closed.

- **Standing Stones at Greystone Quarry.** The quarry confirmed the stones remained in situ. When work is undertaken in that area the quarry will notify the parish council and move the stones to an appropriate place on site. Once a plan had been decided for relocating them they could be moved to a new location.
- **VE Day 75th Celebrations (8th – 10th May 2020).** Event cancelled due to Covid-19.
- **Parish Walk.** The spring walk had been cancelled due to coronavirus. Cllr Holter suggested organising a walk in the summer. The 22nd of August was proposed. The walk to start at 10:30am and take approximately 2 hours (3 ½ miles in total). **The clerk to advertise.**
- **Parish Meeting (19th of May 2020).** On the advice of CALC the meeting would not be held during 2020 unless requested by electors of the parish.
- **Registering Caution (CT1).** The Land Registry had written to acknowledge receipt of the form but noted a backlog of applications to process.

GH/Clerk

20.040 To formally adopt the Register of Delegated Decisions.

The following decisions were made under the Emergency Scheme of Delegation and were approved:

- Closure of toilets at the Jubilee Field
- Continuing payment to the cleaners during the pandemic
- Closure of Trebullett & Jubilee Field play areas
- Closure of the free library at Trekenner phone box
- Changing of banking signatory rules to enable 1 signature per cheque
- Making online payments permissible

20.041 Closure of Play Areas, Toilets, & Book Swap at Trekenner.

All are currently closed. The Chairman explained it was possible to open the toilets but there were a number of safety issues to consider. Cornwall Council was working with CALC to provide help and advice on how to safely reopen. **The clerk to report back recommendations.**

Clerk

20.042 Footpaths & Grass cutting

The cutting of footpaths and grass in the parish was continuing as normal. The footpaths were expected to be cut later this month.

20.043 Direction Decision, By-Way at Treburley

A decision had been made by the Planning Inspectorate regarding the application for the addition of restricted by-way (Treburley). Cornwall Council had been directed to determine the application not later than 6 months from the date of the decision (12.03.20).

20.044 Lezant Parish Website

After a considerable amount of work from a resident the new parish website was up and running. The site was hosted by TEEC Ltd. **The clerk to write and thank the resident for their efforts.** Cllr Holter suggested a link to the website be put on council documents. **If Councillors were willing to have their photo shown under the Councillors section they should send them to the clerk.**

Clerk

Councillors

20.045 PSPO Consultation and Engagement.

Cornwall Council wrote to seek views regarding dog control Public Spaces Protection Orders in Cornwall, which are due for renewal in October 2020. **No objections or comments to be submitted.**

Clerk

20.046 Finance:

- Approval of financial statements for Current and Taxi Accounts
- **The following invoices were approved for payment:**
 - Clerk expenses May (£18.47)
 - Q4 Taxi Grant Transfer from C/A to Taxi Account (£750)
 - (chq 0335) Marc Harris January taxi sheets (£44)
 - (online payment) Mark Nolan April taxi sheets (£56)
 - (online payment) Mark Nolan May taxi sheets (£96)
- **Banking.** It had been agreed that the clerk could make online payments and currently only 1 signatory was required on cheques.
- **VAT Repayment** April's claim delayed as the amount is under the £100 threshold (claims are made in April and October).
- **Insurance Renewal.** It had been agreed to remain with Zurich for a 3 year Long Term Agreement
- **AGAR. To agree & sign the Certificate of Exemption for the Financial Year 2019/20.** Councillors confirmed Lezant Parish Council should remain exempt.

Clerk

20.047 Highways.

Councillors discussed road safety issues on the A388 including pressing for speed reduction and the use of signage. **The clerk to write to Cornwall Council and CORMAC asking that suitable action be taken.**

Clerk

Finger post at Trekenner. The sign had been fabricated and CORMAC planned to install in the next month.

Cllr Hill raised a Notice for a Prohibition Order concerning Leburnick Cross to Roundhill Cottages, Lezant and questioned the fact that Lezant PC had not been communicated with.

20.048 Footpaths.

New footpath posts. CORMAC expected to complete installation in the next 4-6 weeks

20.049 Correspondence.

Launceston Community Network Meeting. The meeting would be open to local Cornwall Councillors and one representative each of the town and parish councils. **Cllr Nash volunteered to attend.**

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CORMAC emailed regarding the disease ash dieback. CORMAC had identified areas where there were numbers of large ash trees within falling distance of the highway. Three selected locations - A388 Kensey Valley to Polston Bridge / B3362 Coombeford to Greystone Bridge / A388 Landue Mill to Penpill. Letters had been sent to all properties at these locations. The intention was to raise awareness of the disease, the presence of Ash trees locally and remind tree owners of their responsibilities. Cllr Holter stated that this could affect several trees in Treburley.

20.050 Parish Business

The Chairman noted that there was litter in a gateway at Trekenner Head from the abattoir.

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

- Extra bus stop cleaning at Treburley

Cllr Burden reported that the MIU was not being fully utilised and was operating with reduced staff during the pandemic. People who were unwell were not seeking treatment and were remaining at home. The coronavirus could go on for another 18 months and it would be important to look out for and support each other. Importance of being neighbourly going forward. Volunteer Cornwall and the Citizens Advice Bureau had been successful in supporting communities. The Government grant for businesses had proved so far to be 'hit and miss'.

20.051 Date of next meeting Tuesday 14th July 2020, 7:30pm to be held online.

The Meeting closed at 21:29 pm.

Signed :

Chairman

Date: