

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF LEWANNICK PARISH COUNCIL. THE MEETING WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20 JANUARY 2016 AT POLYPHANT VILLAGE HALL. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WERE WELCOME.

THE MEETING COMMENCED AT 19.00 HOURS.

ATTENDANCE

Chairperson	Barbara Sleep
Vice Chairperson	Paul Atkinson
Councillors	Susan Curley, Sue Gallant, Michael White, Jenny Potter, David Parnell and Claire Tyler.
County Councillor	Vivian Hall
Members of the public	Two

1. **Safety Information** – Chair announced safety instructions.
2. **Public Forum** – there were no matters raised.
3. **Apologies** – were received from John Newbery and David Eno.
4. **Declaration of interest** – MW signed the book regarding PA15/10030 7b below.
5. **Minutes of our Ordinary Meeting 18 November** which had been previously circulated, were proposed by JP 2nd SC and all were in support that they were a true and fair copy of that said meeting.
Extraordinary Meeting 8 December 2015 which had been previously circulated, were proposed by JP 2nd CT as a true and fair copy of that said meeting.
 - **Foul drainage odour – Polyphant** – Eighteen months ago SW Water put a set of baffles in the sewage system located in the main road from the green towards Blackhill. This was to enable waste to flow slower and, therefore, not to overload the pumping station. The odour has been logged from October 2015 and happens on a consistent basis. The resident is liaising with Andrew Pittaway, Environment Officer.

South West Water have confirmed that they will forward a copy of the “flow data” so that the logs for the odour can be checked.

- **TREVADLOCK – FLY TIPPING** – this is still a concern and is being monitored.
- **LAUNCESTON LIBRARY** – confirmation from Launceston Town Council of our expression of interest subject to precise information on annual costs and commitment from neighbouring parishes.

6. REPORTS

- a. **County Councillor update** – Vivian apologised that he had been unavailable for a short period as he had had surgery to his back.
- b. **Lewannick Play Park** – DP raised concerns that the play surface was unsuitable. He had received complaints because the park was so wet and the children unable to use the equipment.
- c. **Polyphant Play Area** – JP confirmed that at this time of year the area was not being used but all in good order.

7. PLANNING

- a. **PA15/10051 Installation of an asphalt batching plant, hot storage, Blackhill Quarry, Polyphant.**

This application had been discussed at length during our extraordinary meeting held on 8 December – see point 5 above.

It was proposed by JP 2nd SC that we do not support the application.

This was further supported by CT.

MW, DP, SG and PA abstained.

The Chair confirmed non-support. As this was the casting vote it was agreed that the application would not be supported on the following grounds:-

Implications for the village of Polyphant (set in an area of great landscape value).

Dangerous junction:

A30 dissects the parish. Quarry sandwiched between two villages.

Doctor, Post office, school and public house at Lewannick. Residents of Polyphant go past Blackhill and over A30 to get to Lewannick.

Entry/exit to A30 from Blackhill is in a valley with steep gradients. HGV lorries speed down both carriageways in order to gain momentum to get up the other side. This, at the point where HGVs are slowing to get in or out of Blackhill, is an accident waiting to happen. Slow moving HGV

turning left onto A30 to travel east will cause existing traffic (including other HGVs) to overtake in fast lane. Visibility of oncoming traffic when waiting at junction to turn east is poor.

32-64 HGVs exiting site per day (Transport statement), at a junction already recognised as dangerous. NB volume of traffic increases with every year.

A safer junction should be installed before any application is considered.

Noise pollution from HGVs, reversing vehicle beepers, stone crusher, stone unloaded, dryer:

Polyphant village is a conservation area.

The noise levels in this residential area from 5.00 am six days a week would definitely affect all residents' quality of life. This part of Cornwall has clean air and appears free from smoke stack industries. This type of industry is incompatible with close residential development.

Air pollution

The acrid smells that would come from the bitumen is again totally unacceptable in the twenty first century in a residential area. The dust that would be generated into the atmosphere would affect the outside of the residents' homes. More information regarding the health issues is required from breathing in such dust and from the acrid smells. The introduction of extra carbons and hydrocarbons to the local atmosphere is concerning.

River and pollution

Not enough safeguards to prevent polluting and noxious matter associated with asphalt batching and storage possibly entering the River Inny system that runs close to Blackhill Quarry. This could come from leachate, runoff or dispersal by high rainfall or flood event and cause damage to the river water quality and associated ecosystem. The river Inny is an Index river.

Additional work to be carried out before application considered

Public consultation with Polyphant residents.

Datum for noise and air quality throughout village (two properties monitored very close to A30 which will affect measurements).

Environmental Impact Assessment.

Concerns that Cormac is a subsidiary of Cornwall Council... who will be making the decision.

- b. **PA15/10030 erect new entrance with gate posts to give access to the fields for the tenant farmer. Mr Anthony Downing, land South East of Beacons View, Lewannick, LAUNCESTON.**

During the decision process for this application MW vacated the committee room. It was proposed by JP 2nd CT and are were in agreement that the application would be supported.

8. FINANCE

- a. **Balance at bank £8,450.00.**
- b. **Invoices for payments were as follows:-**
 - a. **Darren Humber** – for grass cutting at Play area and Village Hall, Lewannick £360.00.
 - b. **R Morley** – cleaning bus shelters, Lewannick. £50.
 - c. **Flowers by Donna** - £25.00 – newsletter editor (Christmas).
 - d. **Nathan Pearson** - £50.00 removal of tree, Polyphant.
- c. **Smaller Authorities Audit** – information updated on audit procedures for our annual return.
- d. **Bank account for Wind Turbine committee.**

Three Councillors will be able to sign cheques on our behalf namely: Paul Atkinson, Susan Curley and Barbara Sleep. The forms for completion were handed to councillors for completion.

9. Specific Agenda Items

- a. **Parking Survey** – sent to all Councillors for completion.
- b. **Growing a Rural Community** – www.rsnonline.org.uk. Hoping to set-up an email networking system so that the clear consensus rural response system can be established to matters of the day. Online survey has been completed.

10. Questions to the Chair/proposed agenda items for February 2016.

Polyphant Telephone box will be on our agenda for repainting.

Meetings – request for names of Cllrs to be omitted on proposals when voting.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed.