Minutes of the Virtual Lewannick Parish Council Meeting held using Microsoft Teams on Tuesday 17th November 2020 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr M White (Chairman), Cllr C Newbery (Vice Chair), Cllr J Newbery, Cllr S Jasper, Cllr C Tyler, Cllr B Sleep, Cllr R Finnimore, Cllr D Parnell and Cllr P Atkinson

In Attendance: Linda Coles, Locum Parish Clerk, Cllr Adrian Parsons, Cornwall Councillor

There was one member of the public present.

Item No		Action By
1	**Apologies**. All present	
2	**Declarations of Interest** **a) Agenda Items.** Cllr B Sleep declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 6 a) PA20/09051 and PA20/08904 and will not take part in discussions or vote. **b) Gifts.** None	
3	**Consideration of written requests for dispensation**. None received	
4	**Unitary Councillor's Report.** Cllr Parsons encouraged everybody to adhere to the Covid 19 guidance; cases are rising locally and it is important that everyone keeps safe. If anyone needs help during this pandemic they can ring and request a volunteer on: **01872 266988** or email: covid19@cornwall.gov.uk . Cllr Parsons reported that Trekelland Bridge has been struck by a vehicle again, very likely a bus; a Road Closure Notice has been issued for February to carry out the repairs and the Clerk confirmed that she has received this. The Chairman of South Petherwin Parish Council would like to meet with Cllr White, Chair of LPC to discuss the bridge. Cllr Parsons will discuss this further with Cllr White and organise a Teams meeting with a possible site meeting in the future when allowed. It would appear that funding for a new bridge is a stumbling block. Trekelland Bridge is on the 'At Risk' register with English Heritage however, because parts of it have been hit and repaired so many times some of the parapets have become delisted.	**AP**
5	**Public Participation and Council's Response** The member of the public referred to the physical meeting held on the 20th October 2020. The member of the public asked that under item 15e) of the agenda, consideration is given to reducing the Precept. A discussion ensued regarding the reasons for the increase last year and the provisions that have to be made to counter extra Audit charges to cover the time given by PKF Littlejohn in answering questions etc. raised by the public and the Parish Council's response (£360 per hour). LPC is still waiting for the 2018/19 invoice, for which there were 8 pages of questions and answers produced, and there is 2019/20 to consider; it is not yet known if any perceived issues have been raised by the public for this year. The member of the public would like written responses to the FOIAs, Item 14e) of the agenda. The Chairman pointed out that as these were pre-emptive and the documents/evidence requested have not been nor will be produced there will be no response. The member of the public asked when the letter of resignation was sent from Cllr C B Newbery, it was replied that the letter was dated the 2nd November which preceded the email received from this person on the 4th November. The member of the public referred to the complaint against Cllr J Newbery, Item 14d) and was told that he will need to take this further with the Monitoring Officer if he still has an issue. (The complaint was not upheld against Cllr J Newbery nor was any breach found).	

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6	**Planning** **a) Planning applications received before the agenda was finalised:** **PA20/09051,** Land East of Meadowview Old Hill, Lewannick, Launceston. Application for works to trees subject to TPOs: Remove some trees of low amenity value and poor, structure and for, together with crown lifting and pruning more important specimens. The Chairman gave some details for this application and said that T19 is in a neighbour's garden and not the applicant's. The Tree Officer has given his recommendations. It was **RESOLVED** to agree to the Tree Officer's report, and **support the application with the exception of T19**, **proposed by Cllr J Newbery, seconded by Cllr Tyler with all in favour.** **PA20/08904** Barn at Trevadlock Farm, Congdons Shop, Launceston. Listed Building Consent for emergency repairs including re-roofing and localised rebuilding of unstable stone walls. It was agreed that this building is in serious need of repair. It was **RESOLVED** to **support the application, proposed by Cllr Finnimore, seconded by Cllr Tyler with all in favour. (Cllr B Sleep did not take part in the vote having declared and interest)** **PA20/09271,** Pen-Inney Cottage, Lewannick, Launceston PL15 7QD. Fell (T1) English Oak and (T2) Scots Pine subject to a tree Preservation Order**.** Following discussion it was **RESOLVED to support the application to fell (T2) Scots Pine but the (T1) English Oak is to be decided by the Tree Officer, proposed by Cllr Sleep and seconded by Cllr C Newbery with all in favour.** **PA20/09492,** Trewinnow Farm, Lewannick, Launceston, Cornwall. Listed Building Consent for stripping of the slate roofing to the main farmhouse and the separate adjacent outbuilding to the side, east of the entrance path. The slates are sorted and re-cut; roof structure overhauled and repaired lead guttering and downpipes (currently PVC). It was agreed that the work is necessary to the building. LPC **RESOLVED** to support the application, **proposed by Cllr C Newbery, seconded by Cllr Finnimore with all in favour.** **PA20/09506,** 1 The Oaks, Lewannick Launceston, PL15 7FN. Application for tree works: works to trees subject to a tree preservation order. (TPO) Application: T1 – Sycamore – reduction for aesthetic and safety concerns. Approximately 4 – 5 metres reduction to specific branches at top of crown outside marked area to bring crown down in height and reduction of lateral branches to come inside the marked line area. There was some discussion regarding the Tree Report. It was **RESOLVED** to support this application, **proposed by Cllr Tyler, seconded by Cllr Jasper with all in favour. (Cllr B Sleep did not take part in the vote having declared and interest)** **b) Planning applications received after the agenda was published:** None received. **c) Planning decisions received from Cornwall Council:** None received. **d) Other Planning Matters**. None to discuss.	
7	**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 20th October 2020** It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 20th October 2020 as a true record of that meeting. **Proposed by Cllr J Newbery, seconded by Cllr Finnimore with all in favour.**	
8	**Matters arising from the above Minutes.** No matters arising that are not on the agenda.	
9	**Old Bus Shelter at Lewannick.** It has been suggested that the bus shelter, which has become an eyesore and is redundant, is removed. Schoolchildren are waiting for the bus at another location in the village. Cllr Tyler and Cllr Atkinson said that it is however available for schoolchildren to shelter under in the bad weather should they wish to do so. It was agreed that an item will be put in the Newsletter inviting a response as to whether the shelter should stay or be removed.	
10	**Vandalism at Lewannick School.** There has been a significant amount of vandalism at Lewannick School: smashed glass on the playground; rude, offensive and crude graffiti on benches, sport equipment and walls; fence	

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	panels kicked and smashed; two wooden sheds damaged beyond repair; razor blades left buried in the sandpit used by 2 to 5 year olds; numerous reports of youths on the roof of the school, to list a few. The Parish Council has joint use agreement with the school to allow children to use the site for play. The Academy is looking for funding from the Parish Council towards installing CCTV, which will be monitored and maintained by the School. Cllr C Newbery said that the Parish Council agreed to this in the past but it was not followed up at that time. A discussion followed regarding the amount of funding to award. **Motion 1, proposed by Cllr White, seconded by Cllr C Newbery** suggested an amount of £2500. **Motion 2, proposed by Cllr Sleep and seconded by Cllr Tyler with five votes** for suggested an amount of £2000. **RESOLVED that Motion 2 was carried.**	
11	**Footpaths.** The Clerk reported that the 2019/20 LMP money has been received and the 2020/21 will follow shortly. Cllr Parsons reported that the footpath by the school is the responsibility of Cornwall Council.	
12	**Highway Matters** **a) Virtual footpath in Lewannick.** Due to the latest Lockdown Oliver Jones, Highways, cancelled the meeting and suggested a rescheduled one in December if permissible. A Newsletter item will be produced to inform people of the possibility of a virtual footpath. **b) Other matters.** None	
13	**Play Areas and Open Spaces** Cllr Tyler reported problems with the fencing at Polyphant and concerns about the rope on the Multiplay at Lewannick, which has been cut. Cllr Tyler will continue to produce and keep a weekly checklist for the play equipment and once LPC can resume physical meetings, copies will be given to the Clerk each month at those meetings.	
14	**Correspondence** **1.** Notice from Cornwall Council re Code of Conduct Complaint against Councillor M White. No breach of the Code has been found. **Noted** **2.** Letter of resignation received from Councillor C B Newbery. Cornwall Council has been advised. **Noted** **3.** Email regarding vandalism at Lewannick School. **Already covered** **4.** Notice from Cornwall Council re Code of Conduct Complaint against Councillor J Newbery. No breach of the Code found. **Noted** **5.** Various FOIAs from a resident. Two of these are nullified following the resignation of the Councillor. It is now considered that this resident is using persistent and unreasonable behaviour and a letter will be sent a letter to this effect. FOIAs are being pre-empted by this person before any action is carried out or documents produced. The Clerk has received emails which she has found intimidating, and bullying and has reported the same to LPC as the employer, **6.** **7.** through the Chairman.	
15	**Finance** **a) Payments.** It was **RESOLVED** to pay the following, **proposed by Cllr C Newbery, seconded by Cllr P Atkinson with all in favour to pay:** Chq 300044 – L Coles Clerk's October salary, office and expenses Chq 300045 – HMRC, Clerk's October PAYE Chq 300046 – R Morley, parish cleaning - £96.00 Chq 300047 – Launceston Print Ltd – Printing of newsletter - £ 27.60 Chq 300048 – L Coles - SLCC £64.00 (1/3 membership cost) ALCC £40 Clerk's membership -	

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	£104.00 **b) Receipts.** Cornwall Council LMP 2019/2020 - £422.95 **c) Bank Reconciliations.** It was **RESOLVED** to approve the October bank reconciliations, **proposed by Cllr J Newbery, seconded by Cllr Atkinson with all in favour**. **d) Grant application for Lewannick Church**. Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** to approve a grant of £1000 for Lewannick Church. **Cheque 300049 - £1000. Proposed by Cllr White, seconded by Cllr Jasper with all in favour**. The Clerk will write and explain the agreed amount of £1k as opposed to the requested amount of £1300. **e) Budget and Precept for 2021/2022**. Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** to accept the proposed budget and reduce the Precept to £40,000 for 2021/2022, **proposed by Cllr C Newbery, seconded by Cllr Atkinson, 8 votes for and 1 against.**	
16	**Any Other Business** Cllr Sleep asked if the Clerk has received a response to the letters sent to the Carnewater Practice. The answer was negative. Cllr Sleep will contact the Practice Manager. Cllr Tyler asked about being open and transparent with the use of the Notice Boards and the website. Discussion followed.	
17	**Items for the next agenda** None advised.	
18	**Date and time of the next Parish Council meeting.** Tuesday January 19th 2021. Format to be advised. Planning will be dealt with via email in the interim, if applications are received.	

There being no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.21pm.

Signed ……..Chairman

Dated……

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