

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting of Lewannick Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 18th May 2021 at 7.00pm in Lewannick Village Hall, Lewannick.

Present: Cllr M White, Cllr C Newbery, Cllr J Newbery, Cllr P Atkinson, Cllr B Sleep, Cllr D Parnell, Cllr S Jasper, Cllr K Owens and Cllr A Hobden

In Attendance: Linda Coles, Locum Parish Clerk

There were seven members of the public present.

Item No		Action By
1	<p>Declaration of Acceptance of Office The Elected Members present signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office, witnessed by the Clerk.</p>	
2	<p>Election of Chairman Cllr White was nominated as Chairman, proposed by Cllr Sleep, seconded by Cllr Atkinson with all in favour. Cllr White accepted and signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Chairman, witnessed by the Clerk.</p>	
3	<p>Chairman's Welcome Cllr White welcomed everyone to the meeting and read out a brief report, appendix 1 to these Minutes.</p>	
4	<p>Election of Vice Chair Cllr C Newbery was nominated as Vice Chair, proposed by Cllr White, seconded by Cllr Sleep with all in favour. Cllr Jasper was nominated by Cllr Hobden but failed to find a seconder so motion failed. Cllr C Newbery signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Vice Chair, witnessed by the Clerk.</p>	
5	<p>Representatives of Outside Bodies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lewannick Village Hall – Cllr White proposed Cllr C Newbery as the Parish Council representative on the Hall Committee, seconded by Cllr Atkinson with all in favour. <p>Parish Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lewannick Play Area – Cllr K Owens will carry out the inspections and empty the bin • Polyphant Play Area – Cllr S Jasper will carry out the inspections and empty the bin 	
6	<p>Close There being no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.20pm.</p>	

SignedChairman

Dated.....

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APPENDIX 1 to Item 3– Chairman’s Welcome Report

I have been in office as Chairman of Lewannick Parish Council for 2 years.

I inherited issues with AGAR and the statutory recommendations, all of which have since been resolved. Our finances and governance are improved and are totally accepted by our auditors.

We have seen the resignation of our long term clerk, Elaine Cook. She has been replaced by Linda Coles and we are now all working well together.

Planning applications continue to come forward. As Consultees our views are conveyed to County Hall but they do not always agree with us.

The two play areas in Lewannick and Polyphant are well used, particularly the Lewannick one. This does come at a cost with maintenance, renewals and grass cutting to fund. Polyphant Green takes a considerable amount of our precept to maintain because of the large number of mature trees needing attention.

We continue to support the religious establishments in our parish with direct grants to help towards the upkeep of their burial grounds.

March 2020 saw the Covid pandemic take hold, causing Parish Council meetings to be halted. Early autumn 2020 saw our first attempt at a virtual meeting. Several more virtual meetings followed and it is fair to say that some were more challenging than others! All council business was eventually covered.

Going forward I hope that the flooding at Landers Lake can be permanently resolved and that we can join with others to press for major improvements at the Plusha junction.

Finally, I would like to pay tribute to our re-elected County Councillor, Adrian Parsons. He has been of tremendous support to our Parish.

Thank you to all of the returning councillors for their support and help. Not really wishing to single out individuals, but John has attended to numerous minor repairs and Carole, as Vice Chair, has carried out many hours of work on my behalf.

We have two new councillors now and I would like to take this opportunity to welcome them to the Parish Council and hope they enjoy being of service to our community.

Lastly a big thank you to our clerk, Linda. She has given me and this Council tremendous support and guidance.

Michael White

Chairman, Lewannick Parish Council

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