

Minutes of the Meeting of Lewannick Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 13th September at 7.30pm in Lewannick Village Hall, Lewannick.

Present: Cllr M White (Chairman), Cllr C Newbery (Vice Chair), Cllr J Newbery, Cllr R Finnimore, Cllr A Hobden, Cllr P Atkinson, Cllr D Parnell and Cllr K Owens

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

There were six members of the public present.

Item No		Action By
1	<p>Apologies. Apologies were received from Cllr B Sleep and Cllr S Jasper. Cllr Parsons apologised for being late to the meeting.</p>	
2	<p>Declarations of Interest a) Agenda Items. None declared b) Gifts. None declared</p>	
3	<p>Consideration of written requests for dispensation. None received.</p>	
5	<p>Public Participation. This item was taken next in the absence of the Cornwall Councillor. A member of the public spoke about PA21/07488, agenda item 6a), saying that the two Sycamore trees are protected with a TPO but they are severely impacting on the safety of his property and health of his family. The size of the trees is out of control and pose a serious risk of danger, the roots are exposed on the bank. There is light deprivation to the property and the dust from the leaves of the Sycamores causes respiratory disorders from which both his wife and daughter suffer. The Tree Officer has recommended reducing the size of the trees by coppicing but this will compromise the health of the family so they need to be felled. It is intended to replace the trees with another indigenous species. Several members of the public spoke about the Application made by a resident to change the status of Polyphant Green from Common Land to a Village Green. They do not understand the need for this. Information is difficult to find on the Cornwall Council website. A member of the public has been intimidated when he used the track between Coombe Farmhouse and Coombe Orchard, with machinery. White stones and a garden are encroaching onto the Green and someone continues to tip their green waste on this piece of Common Land. A seat has also been placed which has to be removed to allow machinery through. Bamboo has been planted which is not a native species. The Clerk will investigate these concerns further and report to Martin Wright, Cornwall Council. (Cllr Parsons arrived at the meeting.)</p>	Clerk
4	<p>Unitary Councillor's Report. Cllr Parsons said that there is not much information coming from County Hall. There is disappointment at the closing of the MIU at Launceston Hospital for no apparent reason other than staff shortages. Divisional Members met with the NHS Trust and have been assured that it will reopen on the 1st October 2021. There is to be a huge investment in the hospital which will enable the installation of a new x-ray machine, by February 2022. There are ongoing issues with the temporary closure of the Lewannick Surgery, if this is to become permanent an application will have to be made to the CCG, in consultation. Paula Bland, NHS Kernow, has said that the GP practices are under huge pressure and are doing what they can to cope with demand for appointments.</p>	

	<p>The Virtual Footway at Lewannick has not progressed and is likely to be in the New Year now. Cllr Parsons has pressed Oliver Jones for a meeting regarding Landers Lake but this too is likely to be in the New Year.</p> <p>The application for a change of status at Polyphant Green is unprecedented given that the Parish Council replied within the timeframe of December 2020 to leave it as Common Land, following a poll of the residents at Polyphant. A member of the public said that it is rumoured that the change is wanted to allow access for development which would not be possible if the Green remains as Common Land.</p> <p>Cllr J Newbery thanked Cllr Parsons for helping to get the branches removed at Lewannick.</p>	
6	<p>Planning</p> <p>a) Planning applications received before the agenda was finalised: PA21/07488 23 Serpells Meadow, Polyphant, Launceston, Cornwall. T1-Ash which has already rotted out and tree fell in storms last winter. T2 and T3 are very large Sycamores which require coppicing for following reasons? (No reasons given). The Applicant has explained what is required. Members agreed that the trees are overwhelming and also pose a threat to the Council's Play Area at Polyphant. It was RESOLVED to support the complete removal of the trees, proposed by Cllr Finimore, seconded by Cllr Owens with all in favour.</p> <p>b) Planning applications received after the agenda was published. None received.</p> <p>c) Planning decisions notified by Cornwall Council. None received.</p> <p>d) Other Planning Matters. None</p>	Clerk
7	<p>Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 20th July 2021.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that the Minutes are a true record of the Meeting, proposed by Cllr Atkinson, seconded by Cllr Hobden with all in favour who had been present at that meeting.</p>	
8	<p>Matters arising from the above Minutes.</p> <p>The telephone kiosk, it was felt that Cllr Jasper was going to progress this. The Clerk will look into purchasing the correct paint and liaise with Cllr Jasper.</p> <p>Cllr Hobden asked about the overgrown verges around Polyphant Green and Cllr Parsons will ask Cornwall Council about this.</p>	Clerk AP
9	<p>Highway and Footpath Matters.</p> <p>i. Virtual Footpath at Lewannick. Already discussed.</p> <p>ii. Chairman has had contact with Ian Aspen from the Academy and a meeting has been arranged with the Architect to discuss replacing the fence. Cllr Owens asked about the overgrown pathway and Cllr Parsons will chase Cornwall Council to clear it.</p>	AP
10	<p>Play Areas and Open Spaces.</p> <p>a) Polyphant Green weed control and rewilding. There was some discussion about how this could be achieved. The Chairman said that now the Council has the facts a plan can be set out for planting in the New Year, an agenda item for the November/December meeting.</p> <p>b) The Chairman has been approached with a request for a junior swing at Polyphant. The Clerk and Cllr J Newbery will look at quotes for this. It was reported that the grass has been cut at Polyphant.</p> <p>c) Cllr J Newbery reported that the zip wire repair is behind in completion. It was reported that the matting is lifting.</p> <p>d) The Clerk handed the picnic bench quotes to Cllr Owens for her recommendation on which one is required. Cllr Parsons reaffirmed that Community Chest funding was available for this project.</p>	Clerk Clerk JN KO Clerk

<p>11</p>	<p>Community Network Area Priorities. Cllr Hobden had circulated the priorities for the previous year and is uncertain how many have been achieved. Cllr Hobden will attend the meeting on the 16th September and will report back to the next PC meeting. Cllr Hobden asked about the ‘Twenty is Plenty’ campaign for 20mph speed limits being introduced. Cllr Parsons said that this is an ongoing campaign by an outside body, not Cornwall Council.</p>	<p>AH</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>a) Notice of an application re Polyphant Green becoming a Village Green. The Parish Council made a decision in December 2020, following a poll of residents that the Green would remain as common land. Cllr Hobden expressed a concern about parking and access. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk will write to Martin Wright and reinforce the Council’s position strongly, proposed by Cllr White, seconded by Cllr Atkinson with all in favour.</p> <p>b) Bodmin Town Council letter seeking comments on Government White Paper re planning. If Members have any comments they are to let the Clerk have them and a unified response can be given.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>13</p>	<p>Finance</p> <p>a) Payments. It was RESOLVED to make ratify the following payments made for July, proposed by Cllr Atkinson, seconded by Cllr White with all in favour.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online - L Coles, July salary, expenses and office • Online - HMRC, Clerk’s July PAYE • Online – Andrew Rowse, fencing - £518.80 • Online – Darren Humber, grass cutting - £680.00 <p>b) Payments for August. It was RESOLVED to make the following payments as per circulated schedule, proposed by Cllr Finimore seconded by Cllr Atkinson with all in favour.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online - L Coles, August salary, office and expenses • Online - HMRC, Clerk’s August PAYE • Online – Lewannick Village Hall, hire for meetings, invoice 1273 - £45.50 • Online – Launceston Print Ltd, Newsletter printing, invoice: 16628 - £55.00 • Online – CORMAC Solutions, new grit bin at Lewannick - £257.77 • Online – PKF Littlejohn – 2020/21 External Audit Fee - £240.00 <p>c) Receipts. £240.00, Donation received in July £20,000.00, 2nd payment of Precept 2021/22, 06/09/21 £432.37, 2nd payment of CTS Grant 2021/22, 06/09/21</p> <p>d) Bank Reconciliations. It was RESOLVED that the bank reconciliations for July and August are correct, proposed by Cllr Hobden seconded by Cllr C Newbery with all in favour.</p> <p>e) Notice of Conclusion of Audit 2020/21. The Clerk reported that the AGAR 2020/21 has been concluded and a clean report has been received from PKF Littlejohn. This has been published on the website.</p> <p>f) The Clerk has received a quote from Bees Trees, as per Tree Survey April 2021, reducing crown of T45 Sycamore, £1100 + VAT. It was RESOLVED to accept the quote, proposed by Cllr Hobden, seconded by Cllr Owens with all in favour.</p> <p>g) RBL Wreath for Remembrance Sunday. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk will order a wreath for the Parish Council, proposed by Cllr C Newbery, seconded by Cllr J Newbery with all in favour.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

14	Any Other Business. Cllr Hobden asked how the queries about Polyphant Green will be resolved. She is happy to do the leg work on this. It was agreed that Cllr Hobden will try to make contact with the person who purports to own a piece of the Green to establish the facts.	AH
15	Items for the next Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Network Area Priorities • Telephone Kiosk • Christmas Meeting arrangements 	Clerk
16	Date and time of the next meeting. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 19 th October 2021 at 7.30pm in Lewannick Village Hall. The November meeting will be held on Tuesday 16 th November at 7.30pm in Lewannick Village Hall The December meeting will be held on Tuesday 21 st December, time to be confirmed, in Lewannick Village Hall	

There being no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm

SignedChairman

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