

Minutes of the Meeting of Lewannick Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 15th November 2022 at 7.30pm in Polyphant Chapel, Polyphant.

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

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

There were two members of the public present.

Item No		Action By
1	<p>Apologies. Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr B Sleep and Cllr K Owens. Cllr A Parsons (Cornwall Councillor) apologised for being late to the meeting.</p>	
2	<p>Declarations of Interest a) Agenda Items. Cllr Finnimore declared an interest in Item 6, Planning PA22/08848. b) Gifts. None declared</p>	
3	<p>Consideration of written requests for dispensation. None received.</p>	
5	<p>Public Participation. Item brought forward with permission of Members due to late arrival of Cllr Parsons. Nothing brought forward.</p>	
6	<p>a) Planning applications received before the agenda was finalised: Councillor Finnimore left the room having declared an interest. PA22/08848, Shildon, Polyphant, Launceston Cornwall. Construction of general purpose building for the storage of implements to tend land. Following a short discussion it was RESOLVED to support the application, proposed by Cllr J Newbery, seconded by Cllr Hobden with all in favour. Councillor Finnimore returned to the meeting.</p> <p>b) Planning applications received after the agenda was published: None.</p> <p>c) Planning decisions notified by Cornwall Council. PA22/08857, North Downs, Polyphant, Launceston, Cornwall. Prior approval notification to determine if planning permission is required for a lean-to extension to existing shed for storage of agricultural machinery. Prior approval is not required. PA22/08136, The Linhay, Darkes Farm, Polyphant, Launceston Cornwall. Works to trees within a conservation area – pollarding of Sycamores. Decided not to make a TPO (TCA apps).</p> <p>d) Other Planning Matters. The Clerk reminded the Members about the planning training on Teams on Thursday 17th November.</p>	
4	<p>Unitary Councillor's Report Cllr Parsons said that the current administration is under unprecedented economic pressure and there is a £62m deficit in the budget for next year. The Government might lift the 2.99% cap in the next budget and this could allow Local Authorities to increase the council tax by a greater percentage. Cornwall Council is conducting telephone surveys asking for people's views on how it delivers its services. There are ongoing issues with Adult Social Care and concerns are being raised about the enablement of sufficient support and care in place which would enable people to be</p>	

	<p>discharged from hospital to their homes. Currently hospitals are unable to discharge patients due to a lack of domiciliary support.</p> <p>Expressions of Interest are being asked for the next tranche of Highways Network funding and the Clerk will submit an EOI for the approved plan, already agreed with Highways, for the footpath at the bus stop by Hawks Tor Drive.</p> <p>Cllr Parsons reported a very serious accident at Plusha Junction last Thursday evening, 10th November. Cllr Parsons happened to be on the scene at the petrol station and has emailed National Highways, Scott Mann MP and Cornwall Council. The results of the feasibility study for the junction have been pushed back to January although a video has been sent to Scott Mann by National Highways.</p>	Clerk
7	<p>Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 18th October 2022.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that the Minutes are a true record of the above Meeting, proposed by Cllr Jasper, seconded by Cllr C Newbery, with all in favour.</p>	
8	<p>Matters arising from the above Minutes.</p> <p>It was reported that there are five salt bins, not three as previously noted, at Polyphant.</p>	
9	<p>The Hard Play Area at Lewannick School.</p> <p>The Parish Council has still not received the code for the gate but it appears to be left unlocked at the weekends.</p>	
10	<p>Community Network Review</p> <p>Cllr Hobden led on this item. Launceston Community Network is set to merge with Caradon and it is hoped to keep Chris Sims, as the CLO. The population of the new area will be 40,000 and will comprise of 24 parishes. It was agreed that the Clerk will email the Parish Council's approval for this merger.</p> <p>Cllr Parsons said that Cornwall has been identified as one of 38 areas for investment zone but this will mean the appointment of a Mayor for Cornwall.</p>	Clerk
11	<p>Bus Shelter</p> <p>The Clerk was asked to contact John Cox regarding his maintenance of the bus shelter. If this is not going to progress an alternative plan will have to be decided.</p>	Clerk
12	<p>Highway and Footpath Matters.</p> <p>a) A30/B3257 junction at Bodmin Moor Services (Plusha) already covered under Item 4. National Highways will not be attending the December Network meeting as previously reported. It was agreed that following the life threatening injuries sustained by the young woman in the recent accident, the Clerk will write to all concerned and express Council's anger that something has not been done before now to make the junction safer, and its dismay that the feasibility study has yet again been deferred.</p> <p>b) Lane opposite the Chapel, Polyphant. Cllr White, Cllr Newbery, Cllr Jasper and Cllr Hobden met at the lane today. There is a 3 to 4 inch step at the top of the lane that needs filling with tarmac. The Clerk will speak to Oliver Jones, Highways. Cllr White said that there is also a massive hole in the lane between Medrow and Straerpark Farm, just before the bridge, known as Vincent's Mill locally. The Clerk will report to Highways.</p> <p>c) Old Hill, Lewannick. Cllr Parsons has received complaints about vehicles coming up the hill when they should not be using the road at all. It is considered that the two restricted access signs are placed too high up to be visible. The Clerk will contact Oliver Jones, Highways.</p>	Clerk Clerk Clerk
13	<p>Play Areas and Open Spaces.</p> <p>a) Rewilding at Polyphant. Cllr Hobden circulated the proposals from the interested resident. It was a very good and comprehensive report. Following discussion it was agreed that nothing will be done until early Spring at the soonest. Cllr White will speak</p>	

	<p>with Mr Rowse to discuss the removal of the top soil and relocation of the same in the play area to level it up. The Clerk will thank Andrew for the report and inform him of when the Council is looking to start the project and that a plan will be drawn up.</p> <p>b) Play equipment. The cost of the single bay swing set will be emailed to the Members, and the order placed. RESOLVED to purchase the swing from Wicksteed, proposed by Cllr Hobden, seconded by Cllr Finnimore with all in favour.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
14	<p>Correspondence.</p> <p>a) Mayor for Cornwall – Lewannick Parish Council’s view. It was RESOLVED not to support a Mayor for Cornwall, proposed by Cllr White, seconded by Cllr Finnimore with all in favour.</p> <p>b) Licence for the surgery at Polyphant. Noted</p>	Clerk
15	<p>Finance</p> <p>a) Payments. It was RESOLVED to make the payments for October. Proposed by Cllr Hobden, seconded by Cllr Parnell with all in favour.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online - L Coles, October salary, office and expenses • Online - HMRC, Clerk’s October PAYE • Online – Launceston Print, printing of Newsletter - £60.00 • Online – RBL (L Coles) purchase of wreath for Remembrance Sunday - £17.00 <p>b) Receipts. None</p> <p>c) Bank Reconciliations. It was RESOLVED that the bank reconciliation for October is correct, proposed by Cllr C Newbery seconded by Cllr J Newbery with all in favour.</p> <p>d) National Pay Rise for Clerk. The Clerk has been awarded a National pay rise backdated to 1st April 2022. It was RESOLVED to pay this to the Clerk proposed by Cllr J Newbery, seconded by Cllr Atkinson with all in favour. This will take effect from November pay.</p> <p>e) Budget and Precept. The Clerk had circulated the budget papers to the Members for discussion. After consideration of the Budget it was RESOLVED to set the precept at £32,000 for 2023/2024, a decrease of 8.5%, proposed by Cllr Hobden, seconded by Cllr White with all in favour. Cllr Hobden recorded thanks to the Clerk for her work on the budget and good management of the finances.</p> <p>f) Quote from Daniel Bees for dealing with dangerous tree at Polyphant. It was RESOLVED to accept the quote from Bees Trees for removal of this tree, £580 +VAT, proposed by Cllr Hobden, seconded by Cllr Atkinson with all in favour. The Clerk will inform him.</p> <p>g) The Clerk will ask Darren Humber to cut the grass at Polyphant and Lewannick.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
16	<p>Any Other Business.</p> <p>There is no update about the Leisure Centre. The Clerk has not received a reply to the letter requesting a copy of the budget and business plan proposals for the centre.</p>	
17	<p>Items for the next Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landers Lake • Bus Shelter 	Clerk
18	<p>Date and time of the next meeting.</p> <p>The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 20th December 2022 at 6.30pm in Lewannick Village Hall, Lewannick.</p>	

There being no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm

SignedChairman Dated.....

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