

# Minutes of the Meeting of Lewannick Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2025 at 7.30pm in Lewannick Village Hall, Lewannick

**Present:** Cllr C Newbery (Vice Chair), Cllr J Newbery, Cllr A Hobden, Cllr S Jasper, Cllr B Sleep  
Cllr P Atkinson, Cllr K Owens, Cllr R Finnimore and Cllr K McRae-Powell

**In Attendance:** L Coles, Parish Council Clerk

There were no members of the public present.

Item No	Cllr C Newbery, Vice Chair, chaired the meeting in the absence of the Chairman	Action By
1	<b>Apologies.</b> Cllr M White (Chairman), Cllr A Parsons (Cornwall Council) for absence and Cllr J Newbery for being late to the meeting.	
2	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> a) <b>Agenda Items.</b> No declarations b) <b>Gifts.</b> No declarations	
3	<b>Consideration of written requests for dispensation.</b> No requests	
4	<p><b>Unitary Councillor's Report.</b> Cllr Parsons had emailed the following report to the Council, circulated to the Members, and read out by Cllr C Newbery.</p> <p>Cornwall Council's new cabinet has decided to scrap the planned sale of Cornwall Airport Newquay and the transfer of 19 council-owned car parks to Corserv Solutions Ltd. The new cabinet has reviewed both proposals, put forward by the previous administration, and decided to cancel them to protect vital services and key assets that will play an important role in Cornwall's future. Reversing the decision on the car parks is important for helping town centres and local businesses get through the current turbulent times. By keeping them under council control, we can focus on what matters to people - fair prices, good services, and decisions made in the best interest of the residents of Cornwall. In my opinion, our airport is a slightly different matter. While it is vital for keeping Cornwall connected, supporting tourism, and creating jobs, should this come at the expense of the taxpayer? I think the current administration should be given a chance to see what they can do, but they must be mindful of how long they can continue to pump millions into keeping it afloat if they cannot turn fortunes around. Since the introduction of the second homes tax, we are now seeing an increase in homes entering the for-sale market, and talking to business owners, it doesn't sound like our holiday bookings are quite as buoyant as they were. When many of the passengers who pass through here are second homeowners and holidaymakers, you would envisage it doesn't give a positive outlook in the short term, combined with rising costs. While Corserv claims they can make incredible savings, for me the jury is still out, and I'm not expecting a rapid turnaround any day soon.</p> <p>Plusha update is attached, following Peter Allen and me attending the recent Peninsula Strategic Board meeting to keep it on their agenda. Also find attached National Highways response to our questions, which I found quite disappointing.</p> <p>It was a very welcome announcement that, from 27th July, the number 12 and 76A bus service will revert to its original route. This change will ensure guaranteed connections between services in Callington, improving connectivity and reliability for passengers travelling between Plymouth, South East Cornwall, and North Cornwall. Since April, there have been several complaints regarding the changes, which were split into three sections. At the time, these changes were considered low impact, but this proved not to be the case. In some situations, if buses weren't running on time, passengers were effectively left</p>	Clerk

	<p>stranded in Callington. The shame is that the Bude to Plymouth service was one of our best-used locally. By splitting the journey, it added time, inconvenience, and extra cost for users. It didn't work well and has proven unpopular. Working with fellow councillors, we managed to put a strong case forward to get this decision overturned, and we thank Go Cornwall and Cornwall Council transport officers for listening to our concerns. It's now hoped people will again have confidence to use this provision which is vital for retaining connectivity within our rural community. One disappointment is that the route from Launceston to Callington will be treated as one journey with a charge of £3, and then from Callington to Saltash, there will be an additional charge of £3. There will be a further charge once in Devon. They say this is to make it more viable. Clearly, this will make the trip more expensive!</p>	
5	<b>Public Participation.</b> None	
6	<p><b>Planning.</b></p> <p><b>a) Planning applications received before the agenda was finalised:</b></p> <p><b>PA25/03759</b>, West Trelaske Barn, Trelaske Barton, Lewannick, Launceston. Erection of a block of garages. <b>It was RESOLVED to support this application, proposed by Cllr Owens, seconded by Cllr Finnimore with all in favour.</b></p> <p><b>PA25/04425</b>, 7 Beech Drive, Trevadlock Hall Park, Congdons Shop, Launceston. Raised deck area. <b>It was RESOLVED to support this application, proposed by Cllr Owens, seconded by Cllr Atkinson with all in favour.</b></p> <p><b>b) Planning applications received after the agenda was published:</b></p> <p><b>PA25/03742</b>, 17 Beacon View, Lewannick, Launceston. Works to trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order T1/T2 clump of tall Sycamore trees – reduce in height by 2-4 metres. <b>It was RESOLVED to support this application, proposed by Cllr Finnimore, seconded by Cllr Hobden with all in favour.</b></p> <p><b>c) Planning decisions notified by Cornwall Council.</b></p> <p><b>PA25/03310</b> Pen-Inney Cottage, Lewannick. Tree works in a TRO to include removal of a Monterey Cypress. <b>Refused</b></p> <p><b>PA25/00663/PRE National Grid.</b> Pruning of various mature trees at Polyphant to achieve 1m clearance from conductors. <b>Closed Advice Given.</b></p> <p><b>PA25/02687.</b> Shepherds Barn, Tinney Hall Farm, Lewannick. Construction of a dwelling etc. <b>Approved.</b></p> <p><b>d) Other Planning Matters.</b> None</p>	
7	<p><b>Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2025.</b></p> <p>It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Minutes are a true record of the Meeting, <b>proposed by Cllr Atkinson, seconded by Cllr Owens with all those who had been present at that meeting in favour.</b></p>	
8	<p><b>Matters Arising from the above Minutes.</b></p> <p>None</p>	
9	<p><b>Parish Matters.</b></p> <p><b>a) Telephone Kiosk at Lewannick.</b> Kiosk has been painted and is looking very smart.</p> <p><b>b) Leylandii trees at edge of Play Area in Lewannick.</b> It has been decided that the trees will be removed and replaced with a fence in September after the nesting period.</p> <p><b>c) Kissing gate at top of school path.</b> Cornwall Council has agreed to remove the rotting gate.</p>	
10	<p><b>Highway and Footpath Matters.</b></p> <p><b>a) A30/B3257 junction at Bodmin Moor Services (Plusha).</b> Already covered but it was agreed that the Clerk will send a FOI to National Highways requesting sight of the data collected in the recent surveys carried out.</p>	

	<p>b) <b>Landers Lake.</b> Already covered</p> <p>c) Trees in the central reservation on the A30 at Two Bridges need cutting back to increase visibility. The Clerk will report to NH.</p> <p><b>Councillor Sleep left the meeting.</b></p>	
11	<p><b>Play Areas and Open Spaces.</b></p> <p>a) <b>Lewannick Play Area.</b> The play area was inspected by the Members prior to this meeting. Cllr C Newbery had made a list of work to carry out, as identified in the ROSPA Report. The mound is a big issue; the ground needs to be reinstated. The bench in the small play cannot be replaced until the hedge comes down. The Clerk will contact Wicksteed and ask them to come and look at what needs doing and give a quote for all the repairs/replacements. <b>RESOLVED, proposed by Cllr Atkinson, seconded by Cllr Owens with all in favour</b> that necessary works are carried out as soon as possible. It was agreed that Maintenance Guides are needed for all of the equipment.</p> <p>b) <b>Polyphant Green and Play Area.</b> The Clerk has instructed Sovereign Play to quote for a replacement Springer and is waiting for a reply. <b>It was RESOLVED that the Clerk can purchase a circular picnic bench from Leisure Bench at a cost of £597 plus VAT, proposed by Cllr Atkinson, seconded by Cllr Finnimore with all in favour.</b></p> <p>c) It was reported that the garage owner at Polyphant Green is repairing the garage.</p> <p>d) National Grid will be pruning some trees at Polyphant. Three dead Elms have been taken down by Bees Trees in the woodland area. Works according to the recent Tree Survey are being carried out.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>
12	<p><b>Correspondence.</b> Circulated to Members</p> <p>a) Email Plusha update.</p> <p>b) Teams meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2-3.30pm to discuss the 20mph rollout with Cornwall Council. Details emailed to Members.</p>	
13	<p><b>Finance</b></p> <p>a) <b>It was RESOLVED to make the following payments for June 2025, Proposed by Cllr J Newbery, seconded by Cllr Owens, with all in favour.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online – L Coles, Clerk's June salary, office and expenses</li> <li>• Online – HMRC, Clerk's June PAYE</li> <li>• Online – Cornwall Council, Contract for dog bin at Trelaske - £129.71</li> <li>• Online – Launceston Print, Printing of newsletter - £64.00</li> <li>• Online – Ian Palmer, grass cutting at Polyphant and Lewannick - £300.00</li> <li>• Online – WesternWeb Ltd, renewal of domain and web space - £126.00</li> <li>• Online – Bees Trees, removal of three dead Elm trees - £696.00</li> <li>• Online – Polyphant Village Hall, Hire of hall for June meeting - £15.00</li> <li>• Direct Debit – Monthly account charge, Unity Trust - £6.00</li> </ul> <p>b) <b>Receipts.</b> Noted that £368.33 deposit account interest was received</p> <p>c) <b>Bank Reconciliations.</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the bank reconciliation for June is correct, <b>proposed by Cllr C Newbery, seconded by Cllr Hobden with all in favour.</b></p> <p>d) <b>Grant Applications.</b> To <b>RESOLVE</b> grant applications received. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Clerk will write to St Martin's Church and point out that the grant will only be made if confirmation is received that the whole churchyard is cut at least once a year. It is the focal point of the village and is looking very untidy and the Parish Council has received complaints from the community about the unsightliness of the area, <b>proposed by Cllr Atkinson, seconded by Cllr Owens with all in favour.</b></p>	

	<p>It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to grant £950.00 to Polyphant Methodist Church for the maintenance of its churchyard, <b>proposed by Cllr Atkinson, seconded by Cllr J Newbery with all in favour.</b></p> <p>It was <b>RESOLVED to grant £450.00</b> to Trevadlock Cross Cemetery towards its upkeep, <b>proposed by Cllr Owens, seconded by Cllr Atkinson with all in favour.</b></p> <p>e) It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to pay the Clerk's July salary and PAYE at the beginning of August (there being no meeting in August) details to be circulated by email to the Members and <b>RATIFIED</b> at the September meeting of the Parish Council. <b>Proposed by Cllr Finnimore, seconded by Cllr J Newbery with all in favour.</b></p>	
<b>14</b>	<p><b>Any Other Business.</b></p> <p>None brought forward</p>	
<b>15</b>	<p><b>Items for the next Agenda.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fencing at Lewannick Play Area</li> </ul>	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>16</b>	<p><b>Date and time of the next meeting.</b></p> <p>The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm, in Lewannick Village Hall, Lewannick.</p>	

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

Signed .....Chairman. Dated.....

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