

Minutes of the Meeting of Lewannick Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 21st October 2025 at 7.30pm in Lewannick Village Hall, Lewannick

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

In Attendance: L Coles, Parish Council Clerk, Cllr A Parsons (Cornwall Councillor)

There were no members of the public present.

Item No		Action By
1	Apologies. Cllr A Hobden, for absence, and Cllr A Parsons (Cornwall Council) for being late to the meeting.	
2	Declarations of Interest a) Agenda Items. None b) Gifts. No declarations	
3	Consideration of written requests for dispensation. No requests	
4	Unitary Councillor's Report. Item deferred, Cllr Parsons not present.	
5	Public Participation. Nothing brought forward.	
6	Planning. a) Planning applications received before the agenda was finalised: PA25/06463 , Darkes Farm, Polyphant, Launceston. Listed Building Consent to erect scaffolding around property and strip one side of roof at a time. Each Delabole ragged slate will be removed cleansed of closed cell foam insulation and put back in place. It was RESOLVED to Support this application, proposed by Cllr Owens, seconded by Cllr Atkinson with all in favour. PA25/06379 , Trelaske Farm, Trelaske, Lewannick, Launceston. Proposed self-build farm dwelling (resubmission of previously approved scheme). Notification from Cornwall Council that this application is invalid and has been removed from the register and so was not discussed. Noted. PA25/07087 , Lodestone Cottage, Polyphant, Launceston. Works to trees within a Conservation Area – pollarding of Sycamore trees – to be decided by delegated authority. Notification only. b) Planning applications received after the agenda was published: None received c) Planning decisions notified by Cornwall Council. PA25/05460 The Old Dairy, Trelaske Barton, Lewannick, Launceston. Proposed conversion and change of use of a former milking parlour to a single dwelling Approved. PA24/006004 Trevell Farm, Trevell, Lewannick, Launceston. Permission in Principle for construction of up to three dwellings Granted (CAADs, PIPs and LUs only) PA25/01755 , The Old Police House, Lewannick Launceston. Extension to create first floor residential unit. Withdrawn d) Other Planning Matters. 5 Day Protocol re: PA25/05880 , 5 Treveglos Close, Lewannick, Launceston. Proposed extensions and alterations to existing dwelling. The Parish Council agreed to disagree with the Case Officer decision, Option 2.	
4	Unitary Councillor's Report Cllr Parsons reminded the Members that the introduction of locally implemented 20 mph schemes should now be available for all to view and pass comment.	

	There was some discussion about speed watch. Cornwall Council needs to make savings of between £45m and £70m to reach a balanced budget next year we were told at the recent cabinet discussion about plans to develop a budget and financial strategy for the next three years. We also now know that the Chancellor's budget will be delivered on November 26. This is likely to have an impact on the timing of the local government finance settlement, which is expected towards the end of the year rather than in November as first indicated. We were told this makes planning for our next budget and financial plan more challenging and it's likely that the draft budget presented to Cabinet in December will be based on funding assumptions rather than firm allocations. Indications suggest that the council will need to make significant savings and reduce costs to reach a balanced three-year budget. Unless there are significant changes to Government proposals, we will not see a significant increase in funding. There will, however, be increased costs so it is likely that the council will need to make recurrent savings in the region of £45m to £70m to reach a balanced budget for next year, 2026-27. That makes it more critical than ever that our funding is directed to where it's most needed. The council will work with its partners for better outcomes for Cornwall focusing on prevention, ensuring services are priced to reflect their true cost, driving efficiency and reviewing the capital programme. Generally, there was a good level of performance at the council within very tight budgets. "The exception is the provision of children's services where Government lack of action has seen demands and costs spiral upwards despite our endeavours to limit those increases. Again, it looks like Council Tax will be increasing by 4.99% which for many households is becoming unsustainable. Cornwall Council will become one of the first local authorities in the country to introduce automatic enrolment for Free School Meals, helping thousands of children and putting up to £3 million back into family budgets and Cornwall's schools each year. At last month's Full Council meeting the motion I submitted to prevent the "wholesale sell off of our Cornwall Council farms" disappointingly wasn't debated or voted on and will now be referred to Cabinet. Where I suspect there will be a review of the farms strategy and not much will change! The motion to debate the 6% increase in car parking charges also wasn't debated, I think this increase by the administration is poorly thought through and will add further pressure on the vitality of our towns and high streets. Cornwall's recycling rate has increased by more than 20% since the new collection service was rolled out. Residents have already recycled around 20,000 tonnes of leftovers, peelings, teabags and more. Dogs are welcome back on many beaches in Cornwall from October 1! Privately owned beaches may still have their own restrictions in force. At strategic planning last week, the application for Geothermal well and power station were refused. I've again spoken with Ian Findler regarding concerns along the A388, Highways are looking to possibly make changes on the Penpill Farm junction to improve visibility or perhaps restrict access at the junction. They are also looking at lowering the speed limit from the Wooda Bridge area to past Penpill cross to 50 mph. Launceston Library has been handed over to the Town Council and the refurbishment of the Barclays building will start any time.	
7	Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 9th September 2025. It was RESOLVED that the Minutes are a true record of the Meeting, proposed by Cllr Owens, seconded by Cllr Atkinson with all those who had been present at that meeting in favour.	
8	Matters Arising from the above Minutes. The Clerk has been referred to NH website regarding the FOI on the surveys for A30.	

	interest £359.20 c) Bank Reconciliations. It was RESOLVED that the bank reconciliation for September is correct, proposed by Cllr Atkinson, seconded by Cllr Jasper with all in favour. d) Grant for St Martin's Church, Lewannick. Following information that the churchyard has now been cut it was RESOLVED to pay a grant of £1300, proposed by Cllr C Newbery, seconded by Cllr White with all in favour. e) The new bank mandate was signed and the Clerk will submit it to Unity Trust to add the new signatories.	Clerk Clerk
14	Any Other Business. Cllr Jasper asked about the Christmas tree in the Church. The Clerk will ask if there is to be a festival this year. It is thought that a tree constructed from recyclable books will be the preferred option. The Chairman asked for a show of hands of those in favour of a Christmas Dinner at The Archers, following which it was agreed that he will get the menus and the December meeting will be held on the 16th December at 6.45pm to allow for a 8pm sit down.	Clerk
15	Items for the next Agenda. Budget and Precept	Clerk
16	Date and time of the next meeting. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 18th November at 7.30pm, in Lewannick Village Hall, Lewannick.	

There being no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.47pm

SignedChairman. Dated.....

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