## Minutes of the Meeting of Lewannick Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

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Item No									
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.								
0	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.								
	<b>PA25/06379,</b> 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. <b>Noted.</b>								
	PA25/07087, Lodestone Cottage, Polyphant, Launceston. Works to trees within a								
	Conservation Area – pollarding of Sycamore trees – to be decided by delegated								
	authority. <b>Notification only.</b>								
	<ul><li>b) Planning applications received after the agenda was published: None received</li><li>c) Planning decisions notified by Cornwall Council.</li></ul>								
	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 <b>Granted (CAADs, PIPs and LUs only)</b>								
	PA25/01755, The Old Police House, Lewannick Launceston. Extension to create first								
	floor residential unit. <b>Withdrawn</b>								
	d) Other Planning Matters.								
	<b>5 Day Protocol re: PA25/05880,</b> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

	Contact will be used a sociate see if any first boundary information is foutbooking	Clerk							
	Contact will be made again to see if any further information is forthcoming.								
	Cllr Jasper asked about the new email addresses; this is in hand.								
9	Parish Matters.								
	a) Remembrance Day Service arrangements. Revd. Sean Clancy will lead the service								
	for the Parish Council at the War Memorial on Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> November at 3pm. Free	Clerk							
	refreshments will be available in the Village Hall following the service and all are	Cierk							
	welcome to attend. The Clerk has ordered and will collect the wreath.								
10	Highway and Footpath Matters.								
	a) A30/B3257 junction at Bodmin Moor Services (Plusha). There is a meeting tomorrow	Clerk							
	regarding Plusha, with Cornwall Council on Teams. Updates will be circulated.								
	b) Landers Lake. Cllr Parsons said that Ian Findler is getting on to NH to deliver some of								
	its proposed schemes, of which Landers Lake is one.								
	c) The burnt out vehicle at Polyphant has been removed by Cornwall Council. Noted								
	d) The 'give way' lines near the Archers in Lewannick need repainting; they have worn								
	away and there is no clear definition, and it was proposed that a solid line is painted								
	across the bottom of the village hall car park so that vehicles have to stop. The Clerk	Clerk							
	will report to Oliver Jones, Highways.								
11	Play Areas and Open Spaces.								
	a) Lewannick Play Area. The new fence is looking amazing and thanks are given to all								
	involved. The Clerk will liaise with Cllr C Newbery regarding the necessary repairs to								
	the mound and play equipment and next steps, following the disappointing news that	Clerk							
	Wicksteed are unable to help.	Cicin							
	b) Polyphant Green and Play Area. The Clerk has received quotes for the new Springer								
	but will seek other quotes as they are very high. The new table will be ordered for the	Clerk							
	springtime.								
	There has still been no response from Wildanet regarding installing a box on the								
	Green. The Clerk will chase this up.								
12	Correspondence. Circulated to Members	Clerk							
12	a) SPAG Newsletter. <b>Noted</b>								
	b) CAP letter re Growth funding for Cornwall and Isles of Scilly. <b>Noted</b>								
	<ul> <li>c) A388 Community Road Safety Campaign. Agreed that the PC will not contribute. Noted</li> <li>d) Town and Parish Council Newsletter October 2025. Noted</li> </ul>								
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13	Finance								
	a) It was RESOLVED to make the following payments for September 2025,								
	Proposed by Cllr Sleep, seconded by Cllr Atkinson, with all in favour.								
	Online – Clerk's September salary, office and expenses								
	Online – HMRC, Clerk's September PAYE								
	Online – Launceston Print, Printing of newsletter - £63.00								
	Online – Ian Palmer, grass cutting at Polyphant and Lewannick - £662.50								
	Online- Ian Palmer, removal of Leylandii trees - £637.50								
	Online – WesternWeb, renewal of email accounts - £86.40								
	<ul> <li>Online – RGB Building Supplies (L Coles) Materials for new fence - £1582.12</li> </ul>								
	<ul> <li>Online – Bees Trees, work on trees at Polyphant as per report - £384.00</li> </ul>								
	Online – Cornwall Council Election recharges - £322.48								
	<ul> <li>Online – A Rowse, erecting new fence at play area - £851.44</li> </ul>								
	Online – M White, removal of old trees etc for new fence - £300.00								
	Online – Peter Grant, erection of fence - £400.00								
	Direct Debit – Monthly account charge, Unity Trust - £6.00								
	b) Receipts. Cornwall Council precept, 2 <sup>nd</sup> payment -£15,000 and Deposit account								
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<ul> <li>interest £359.20</li> <li>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.</li> <li>d) Grant for St Martin's Church, Lewannick. Following information that the</li> </ul>							
is correct, proposed by Cllr Atkinson, seconded by Cllr Jasper with all in favour.							
d) Grant for St Wartin's Church, Lewannick. Following information that the							
churchyard has now been cut it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to pay a grant of £1300, <b>proposed</b>   Cler							
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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 Clerk							
add the new signatories.							
14 Any Other Business.							
Cllr Jasper asked about the Christmas tree in the Church. The Clerk will ask if there is to be Cler							
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 16 <sup>th</sup> December at 6.45pm to allow for a 8pm sit down.							
15 Items for the next Agenda.							
Budget and Precept  Cler							
16 Date and time of the next meeting.							
The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm,							
in Lewannick Village Hall, Lewannick.							

Ther	e bei	ng no	further	business	to	transact	the	Chairma	an c	closed	the	meeting	at 8.	47pm

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