

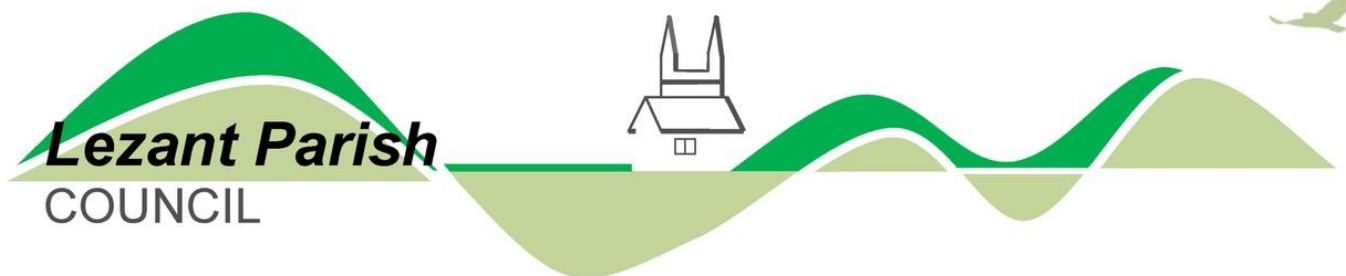
MINUTES of the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING held at TREBULLETT METHODIST CHURCH HALL on TUESDAY 30 MAY 2023 at 7:00PM.

Present: Cllr(s): Neil Burden; Peter J Cairns; Julie Dinnis; Val Hill (Chairperson); Godfrey Holter; Ian Nash; Irene Wood

In attendance: Sam Inman (Clerk); 4 members of the public

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1.	The meeting was convened by the Chairperson at 7:00pm and all welcomed.
2.	<p>SPEAKER FROM THE LAUNCESTON POLICE NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM</p> <p>The Chair introduced PCSO Dodd from Launceston Police’s Neighbourhood Team. PCSO Dodd has a long policing background having served throughout Devon & Cornwall for over 30 years. He explained that he first came to Launceston to help with issues with youth in the area and his main drive is to safeguard and divert offenders from crime.</p> <p>PCSO Dodd then showed attendees a map which highlighted crime figures in the local area. Two crimes were shown in the parish, at Trebulet and at Treburley.</p> <p>PCSO Dodd then covered the Community SpeedWatch Scheme which he has been part of for over 15 years. SpeedWatch is a national initiative where in partnership with the police, members of communities use detection devices to monitor local vehicle speeds. The volunteers report drivers exceeding the speed limit to the police with the aim of educating drivers to slow down. If caught speeding registered keepers of vehicles are contacted – initially with a letter explaining the potential risks and consequences of their behaviour. Repeat offenders will receive a visit from the local police.</p> <p>Community groups can suggest locations, which the police will then assess and consider if a suitable place for monitoring to happen. It was noted that SpeedWatch can only be conducted on roads that have a 40mph limit or lower. Treburley has had a site in the past.</p> <p>In terms of the group itself, it takes 6 people to set up but there needs to be a minimum number of 4: 1 with the detection device; 2 to capture speed, registration number and vehicle colour; and 1 to ‘click’ every car going through.</p> <p>After attendees were invited to ask questions the Chair thanked PCSO Dodd for attending.</p>
3.	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Received from Cllr(s): Tom Unwin</p>

4.	<p>CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES</p> <p>The minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 17 May 2022 were approved as a true and correct record and signed by the Chair.</p>
5.	<p>PRESENTATION OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR 2022/23</p> <p>The Clerk presented the accounts, which have not yet been approved by the internal auditor or the Members of the Parish Council. There were no questions.</p> <p>The accounts were accepted by all present.</p>
6.	<p>CHAIR'S REPORT</p> <p>The Chair opened her report by noting it was her third term acting as Chair, and welcomed the newly elected Vice-Chair Irene Wood.</p> <p>The Chair gave a resume of the work of the Parish Council and its achievements over the past 12 months, which included preparations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Councillors had worked hard to organise various events such as the Boundary Walk, the Parish Picnic, and the Beacon Bonfire. To mark celebrations the young people of the parish were presented with a jubilee mug for a lasting reminder and 6 trees were also planted in the parish to mark the occasion.</p> <p>Councillors had worked on a number of other projects which included liaising with Greystone Quarry and the Cornwall Council Archaeologist to relocate historic longstones; assisting with renovations of the Butterwell at Larrick and also supporting the residents of Larrick to organise and install a defibrillator. In addition, Lezant Parish Council had liaised with outside agencies to replace the salt bin at Rezare and the wrought iron railings at the Lezant War Memorial, both of which had been accidentally damaged.</p> <p>Lezant Parish Council had been awarded a National Lottery Fund grant which helped pay for a new play tower to be installed at Jubilee Field, this was also supported by Cllr Parsons Community Chest.</p> <p>Lezant Parish Council continued their work as an advisory body providing local knowledge to the planning department of Cornwall Council and commented on over 12 applications.</p> <p>Councillors pressed Cornwall Council on highways issues and lobbied for improvements to our local roads including submitting an expression of interest to create a 30mph zone at Trebullett and requesting a feasibility study on the A388 – findings of which are due to be published shortly. The Chair reported that the pedestrian refuge/ crossing at Treburley was due to be constructed in the autumn. In addition, following an issue raised by residents of Rezare and Lowley new road signage was being arranged to alleviate the large and heavy traffic using the narrow road and vulnerable bridge.</p> <p>Residents also raised concerns over the footpath entrance out from Sportsmans Close, the housing association were looking into this on our behalf.</p>



	<p>Councillors attended a number of meetings: Cllr Nash attended the Launceston Community Network Panel meetings and Cllr Cairns met with the Neighbourhood Development Team and liaised with the Greystone Quarry over the armour stones to protect the greens.</p> <p>Over the past 12 months a number of grants were awarded and funded by the Community Chest, these included: support for the Lezant Parish Magazine; new planters at the War Memorial; graveyard maintenance grants for Treburley, Lezant and Trebullett; wildflower seeds for an area at Trekenner; replacement posts on the permissive pathway; grass and hedge cutting throughout the parish; a donation towards Trekenner School's bench at Jubilee Field.</p> <p>The Chairperson finished by thanking Councillors and the clerk for all their efforts and support over the year.</p>
7.	<p>CORNWALL COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORT</p> <p>Cllr Hill informed attendees that Cornwall Councillor Adrian Parsons was unable to attend tonight's meeting and his report had been circulated.</p> <p>For the Parish Annual Meeting 2023 from Cornwall Cllr Adrian Parsons</p> <p>The council cycle continues apace and we now find ourselves at the half way point of this current administration. As with the first year this one which has just gone past has been equally as frustrating, with again seeing further cuts to our services. As appears now to be often the case the maximum council tax rise allowed of 4.99% has been pushed through in the hope it will plug the gap in what feels like a council which is haemorrhaging money. It will provide Cornwall Council with around an extra £15M, but this needs to be considered within the context that the extra demand for Adult and Children's Care alone will require around £26M.</p> <p>It felt like much of the last twelve months became polarised by the continued desire of the Council Leader Linda Taylor to continue to pursue the Devolution Deal which was offered to Cornwall with the Mayor attached. This was never well thought through and incredibly unpopular with the general public, which I felt showed just how detached the current administration had become from those of us out on the ground. Eventually some sense has prevailed, with Linda Taylor finally dropping the proposal for a Mayor for Cornwall.</p> <p>Right from the start this was a massive misjudgement by the Conservative administration trying to add a further layer of bureaucracy to an already top-heavy system. We all support devolution but it has to be meaningful where Cornwall sets the agenda and not Westminster. The question is now where does this leave us, in order to deliver something that will provide lasting benefits to our residents? It is now recommended that the Council pursue a Level 2 deal that seeks to retain as many of the elements of the level 3 deal as possible, it would be incredibly disappointing if the government were to deny us this because the Cornish residents didn't want an all-powerful Mayor sitting over us. One would hope the government would listen to what the people have said, respect the decision and</p>

deliver on what they have committed to. Cornwall faces many challenges with housing, low wages and poverty, with many feeling like they are being left behind, so the most sensible thing would be to listen to those on the ground and deliver funding in the key areas which would bring about lasting change to improve opportunity for all.

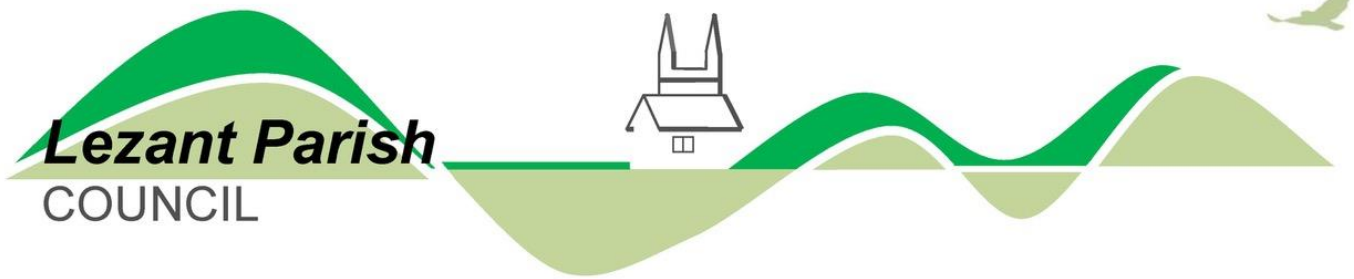
Only last week we said goodbye to the old Network Panel for Launceston and have now joined with Callington. As we know the most recent round of job redundancies saw the number of Network Managers reduced, which has meant most of the old network areas have had to merge with another. As with the reduction of Councillors two years ago from 123 to 87, I think this again has the possibility to lead to less representation to the constituents which we serve. It was heartening though to see a good turnout of people at the first meeting held at Stoke Climsland, where priorities for the new network were discussed and a new name for the panel was decided, being called the Tamar to Moor.

One of the priorities discussed on the evening was that of the A388, recently we have again seen a spate of tragic accidents along this stretch of road. At long last the much-anticipated feasibility study has been produced, with some staggering accident statistics for the last five years which highlights just how desperately further safety measures are required. Any thoughts which members of Lezant PC have on this report would be appreciated to be fed into the process, to help hold Highways to account in our quest for funding to ensure something is done. One of my concerns is with the current slashing of the Highways budget available is how much funding will be available to do what is required.

Add to this for the year ahead we will see a further reduction to the Highways maintenance budget, with the likes of routine drain clearance inspections further reduced to once a year, I fear any savings made from this action will be lost due to further erosion of our roads during periods of poor weather.

On a positive note, things are progressing with the purchase of the Barclays Bank building in Launceston as the new site for the Town Library/hub to relocate to. Additional funding is also available to renovate the building to a required standard, in the hope this will then be handed over to the Town Council. This will be better value for the tax payer as opposed to the original plans at the old Spry site, where quotes for the what were proposed new build had become astronomical! Other avenues will now be explored by the council with what to do with this site. It would be nice if some affordable housing for key workers could be provided to cater for the unprecedented demand we are seeing locally.

Thankfully we have also seen the future of Launceston Leisure Centre secured for the foreseeable future, thanks to local businessman Mr M Davey coming in with the funds and a long-term plan to add some stability. We now need to ensure Cornwall Council honour their side of the deal and provide the additional capital money so that the building can be repaired and brought back to a good standard



	<p>so that we have a building that's fit for purpose for the community now and in the future.</p> <p>With the current financial constraints which the country now finds itself in I don't see things improving much any day soon, but it's important we work closely to deliver what benefits we can in these challenging times for the residents we represent, sometimes small things can make a big difference to someone's life.</p>
8.	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>A resident raised the issue of the permissive pathway hedge not being cut back. It was agreed that it would be discussed at the June Parish Council Meeting.</p> <p>There being no further matters raised, the Chairman thanked those present for attending and closed the meeting at 8.14pm</p> <p>Signed.....Chairman Date.....</p> <p>A copy of these Minutes can be found on the Parish Council website: https://www.lezantparish.org.uk/</p>