

**MINUTES of the MEETING of LEZANT PARISH COUNCIL
held at TREBULLETT METHODIST CHURCH HALL on
TUESDAY 11 OCTOBER 2022 at 7:30PM.**

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

In attendance: Sam Inman (Clerk); Adrian Parsons (CC); 2 members of the public

Apologies for absence: Cllr(s) Tom Unwin; Julie Dinnis

(22.112) Declarations of Interest. None.

(22.113) Representations from the Public. Two members of the public were in attendance to raise an issue regarding a stretch of road leaving the village of Rezare. The residents explained that the road in question was impassable for large vehicles but the signage at Rezare did not make it clear to drivers. As a result there continued to be a steady arrival of HGV/LGV vehicles that were unable to manoeuvre the sharp bend, 20 yards north of the little bridge over Lowley Brook. The residents themselves frequently had to deal with vehicles that became stuck at the location. It was noted that the current signage said 'unsuitable for long and wide vehicles' this led drivers to interpret the sign to mean the road may not be ideal but was passable. It was suggested that the signage needed to be more explicit and in relation to the weak bridge at Lowley Bridge, such as 'weak bridge 3 tonnes max'. Signage was needed at either end of the road to prevent further issues.

The Council and clerk were thanked by the residents for helping to arrange a meeting with representatives from CORMAC to resolve the problem. (Meeting to be held on Tuesday 18 October (10AM). Councillors were welcome to attend.)

The Chair reminded the residents that they would be welcome to stay for the remainder of the meeting but both thanked the Councillors and left the meeting.

(22.114) Cornwall Councillor's Report. Cllr Parsons reported on a number of topics, including: the Launceston Community Network Panel review and the proposal being consulted on; the Government's Investment Zone initiative which aimed to boost economic development. Cornwall Council had said that it was considering submitting a bid to have Investment Zones for locations including Falmouth Docks, Cornwall Airport Newquay and Langarth Garden Village in Truro. Concerns had been raised about a Government plan which could strip away planning regulations and provide tax breaks for developers and businesses. Plans for around 40 Investment Zones across England had been announced; the Mayor for Cornwall, it remained unclear if the position would be voted on; the prospect of closure of Cornwall's Fire and Rescue Critical Control Centre, which would result in the highly specialised skills and knowledge of the call handlers being lost.

Cllr Parsons also spoke about a number of issues surrounding the local bus transport system, including: problems with the new Launceston College bus timetable, taxis had now been put on for some children; issues with the Callywith 6th Form College buses not running to time and being overcrowded; the loss of rural bus services in East Cornwall; buses in the division not eligible for subsidised routes.

Finally Cllr Parsons spoke about the new Shared Prosperity Fund. There were a number of funding streams available which had not yet been taken up. **The clerk to re-circulate the link regarding the fund to Councillors and raise at the next meeting.**

Clerk

(22.115) Confirmation of the Minutes. It was proposed by Cllr Nash, seconded by Cllr Wood and **RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 12 July 2022 should be approved and signed.** The Chairperson signed the minutes.

(22.116) Matters arising from the Previous Meeting (for report only): Nothing to report.

(22.117) Playground Equipment & Maintenance – to agree any action and associated costs.

Monthly Safety Inspection Report of Play Areas. Cllr Nash reported that a new security fence had been installed by Trekenner School bordering the school premises, which included the top section of Jubilee Field. It was noted the bottom gate bolt was missing and the pegs that held down the football nets were no longer in place. Cllr Nash reported that there was dog mess in the field. **The clerk was asked to put a notice in the parish magazine reminding residents that dogs were not permitted on the field.** At Trebullett play area, Cllr Cairns reported that one of the signs informing residents that the play area was used at their own risk was broken. **The clerk was asked to purchase a larger (A4) size and sturdier construction, if possible.**

Clerk

(22.118) To Reconsider Decision Regarding Removal of Waste Bin Situated at Trebullett Crossroads – to agree any action/ associated costs. After contact with a resident it had been agreed that Councillors would reconsider the removal of the bin at Trebullett. After discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Cairns, seconded by Cllr Simmons and **RESOLVED that the bin be removed as originally planned. The clerk to arrange.**

Clerk

(22.119) Cornwall Council's Response to Request for Rental Payment for Siting Porta Cabin at Jubilee Field During School Works – to agree reply. It had previously been agreed that the clerk should contact Cornwall Council to ask that they consider a rental payment for siting the porta-cabins on the Jubilee Field during work to Trekenner School. Cornwall Council responded that rent may be possible if Councillors felt that the positioning was inconvenient. Cornwall Council also mentioned that any rent paid to Lezant Parish Council would come directly out of Trekenner School's maintenance budget, therefore reducing its allowance. It was proposed by Cllr Nash, seconded by Cllr Cairns and **RESOLVED that no further action be taken with regards to a rental payment.**

(22.120) To Consider Greystone Quarry Response Regarding Positioning of Longstones – to agree any action/ associated costs. Details of the Quarry's proposed plans had been circulated prior to the meeting. The clerk had also forwarded them to the Cornwall County Archaeologist who considered it a good proposal, with a roughly similar alignment and elevation from the original. She had also suggested that the proposed gate was moved away from the middle stone so there was no chance of it becoming 'a glorified door stop'. She also noted that it would be important to keep the stones in their original order and set in the ground so that their height was not overly diminished. Overall, Councillors were positive towards the Quarry's proposed plans but there was still some confusion over the precise location. The Chair explained that a site meeting was in the process of being arranged which would give clarity to the issue. **The clerk to forward meeting details.**

Clerk

(22.121) Plaques for Jubilee Trees – to consider costs and wording. The clerk had circulated a range of examples of tree plaques prior to the meeting. **The clerk was asked to find a slate plaque approximately 15 in length for review at the next meeting.**

Clerk

(22.122) Finance:

- a) **To Approve Financial Statements for Current and Tax Accounts**
- b) **To Approve Accounts for Payment**

It was proposed by Cllr Simmons, seconded by Cllr Wood and **RESOLVED that the accounts were approved for payment.**

Clerk

11.10.22	Clerk Expenses (Sep 22)	online	39.35
11.10.22	J Braunton (cleaning)	online	125.69
11.10.22	P Knight (replacing gate post at Trebullett playing field)	online	132.00
11.10.22	P Knight (clearing sand from sinks at Jubilee Field)	online	25.00
11.10.22	P Knight (replacing 10 posts on the permissive path at Treburley)	online	270.00
11.10.22	Room Hire Trebullett (11.10.22)	online	20.00
11.10.22	M Nolan (August Taxi Sheets)	online	100.00
11.10.22	M Nolan (September Taxi Sheets)	online	60.00
11.10.22	M Harris (September Taxi Sheets)	chq 379	68.00

- a) **To Agree Costs for New Parish Council Laptop.** It had previously been agreed that the clerk could look into costs for a new laptop. The clerk had identified a Lenovo V15 £569.99 inc VAT (£474.99 ex VAT). The clerk also noted that Office Professional Plus software may need to be purchased. It was proposed by Cllr Nash, seconded by Cllr Simmons and **RESOLVED that the purchase of a new laptop go ahead.**

Clerk

- b) **To Formally Adopt the Latest Register of Delegated Decisions – payments to taxi drivers; expenses related to new planters at War Memorial; clerk expenses.** The Chair explained that payments had been made using the scheme of delegation. All details had been listed on the financial statements. It was proposed by Cllr Nash, seconded by Cllr Cairns and **RESOLVED that the latest register of delegated decisions be adopted.**

(22.123) Planning:

- a) **To consider a response to consultation by the Planning Authority on the following planning application(s):** No consultations had been received for the period.
- b) **Any other consultations received.** *To report, for information only, any planning applications and/or pre application planning submissions advised prior to the evening of the meeting.* No other consultations had been received.
- c) **Status of previous applications.** *To report decisions of the planning authority for Lezant Parish received prior to the meeting:*

PA22/04601 Approved. Erection of rear two-storey extension, integrated garage, decking to ground floor level and balcony to first floor level. Hamleys, Tregada

PA22/06841 Approved. Proposed hay barn. Trekenner

PA22/06997. Approved. Proposed replacement dwelling in lieu of Class Q planning consent PA20/03938 which was allowed at Appeal ref. PP/D0840/W/20/3266177. Land to the north of Hawthorns, Larrick

To Note Cornwall Council's Response Regarding PA21/02133. The clerk had received a response from the Planning Officer confirming that before any decision was made Lezant Parish Council would be consulted again either as a re-consult or a 5 day protocol. The Chair reported that since the advice had been given the application had been withdrawn.

d) **To Ratify Lezant Parish Council's response to the following applications (for information only):**

Application PA22/03839. Reserved Matters application for construction of three residential dwellings without compliance with condition 1. Land south west of Trevale Road from Roundhill Cottages to junction south of Rezare. **The Members of Lezant Parish Council agreed with the Planning Officer's Recommendation for approval (as set out within the Protocol for Local Councils).**

Application PA22/06841. Proposed hay barn. Trekenner. **The Members of Lezant Parish Council agreed to support the application.**

Application PA22/06997. Proposed replacement dwelling in lieu of Class Q planning consent PA20/03938. Land to the north of Hawthorns, Larrick. **The Members of Lezant Parish Council agreed to support the application.**

EN20/01271. **The Members of Lezant Parish Council agreed to support Cornwall Council's enforcement notice.** The appeal decision concluded that the appeal should not succeed and the enforcement notice with a variation and refuse to grant Appeal Decision APP/D0840/C/22/3302264 was upheld by the Planning Inspectorate.

e) **To Discuss Engagement with Cornwall Council Regarding Planning Issues/ Breaches.** Councillors discussed a range of issues including: the Planning Department not asking all applicants to complete the Lezant Neighbourhood Development Plan Design Guide; issues with detailed plans not relating to the discussion at the outline plan stage; feeling that Planning Officers do not listen to Parish Council comments or match aspirations of the design guide. After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Cairns, seconded by Cllr Minson and **RESOLVED that the clerk should write to Cornwall Council Planning Department to ask if a meeting between the Planning Department and Councillors could be arranged to discuss planning issues, including the disappointment that the design guide was not being signposted by Cornwall Council and completed by applicants.**

Clerk

(22.124) Highways - to agree actions and expenditure on any issues arising on the roads.

a) **Response from the Scheme Designer Regarding the Schedule of Work on Proposed Pedestrian Crossing at Treburley.** The clerk had tried on a number of occasions to engage with the Scheme Designer to find out information on scheduling of the crossing. The response received was that they were unable to give any dates at the present time. The clerk had also contacted the Highways Manager who had asked the CORMAC Project Manager to provide an update. **The clerk was asked to continue to chase for more information.**

Clerk

b) **Expression of Interest Regarding Possible Scheme to Implement a 30mph Speed Limit on the Straight Through Road at Trebulet.** The Highways Manager had sent an Expression of Interest Form to the clerk which would need to be completed by the end of November.

Clerk

c) **Issue of Road Signage at Rezare.** Councillors were reminded of the site visit with CORMAC.

All
councillors

d) **CORMAC Meet the Team Workshop.** Cllr Wood and the clerk had attended the session and found it to be informative.

(22.125) Footpaths – to agree actions and expenditure on any issues arising on the footpath.

The work to the damaged posts on the permissive pathway at Treburley had been completed. It was noted that one additional post needed to be replaced at the corner (bus stop end). **The clerk was asked to arrange the replacement.**

Clerk

The clerk was asked to look into a number of issues regarding signposts in the parish:

Clerk

- East Penrest footpath sign was still missing
- Post loose opposite Walston Farm
- West Penrest - post in place but actual sign missing.
- Sign at Penscombe needs replacing

(22.126) To Receive Correspondence (as listed):

Option to opt out of the Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments (SAAA) central external auditor appointment arrangements. It was proposed by Cllr Nash, seconded by Cllr Minson and **RESOLVED to remain part of SAAA arrangements.**

Coronation Park Trust Request for Funding.

It was proposed by Cllr Cairns, seconded by Cllr Simmons and **RESOLVED that the clerk should respond explaining that Lezant Parish Council would consider a request for funding but would first require more information.**

Clerk

An email had been circulated from the Let Cornwall Decide Campaign asking for views on the proposed new Mayor for Cornwall. No further action to be taken.

Critical Control Centre Team from Cornwall Fire and Rescue

It was proposed by Cllr Burden, seconded by Cllr Cairns and **RESOLVED that the clerk should write to Cornwall Council stating the importance of real local knowledge when handling fire and rescue calls.**

Clerk

Scott Mann's Office sent an email regarding putting forward expressions of interest for the shared prosperity fund. **The clerk to recirculate link and include on the November agenda.**

Clerk

(22.127) Parish Business

a) **Rezare Phone Box Renovation – to agree any action and associated costs.** A quote had been received to sand and paint the phone box (approx. £850). The work would not take place until next year. Paint would also need to be purchased, costing approx. £127 (excl VAT and delivery). It was noted that some paint had been left over from the renovation of the phone boxes at Trekenner and Larrick and there may be enough for the phone box at Rezare. It was proposed by Cllr Minson, seconded by Cllr Cairns and **RESOLVED that that the quote be accepted and Rezare phone box be sanded and painted next year.**

b) **Larrick Defibrillator – to check any progress.** Cllr Simmons was currently looking into options.

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- c) **New Planters at War Memorial – to provide update/ agree any action/ costs.** Cllr Holter had constructed two planters which would be put in place after the Remembrance Sunday Service. Once Cllr Minson purchased top soil help would be needed to fill the planters. The broken planters would need to be removed and the bulbs dealt with. Carried forward to next meeting 08.11.22. GH/ PJC/ SS
- d) **Parish Remembrance Sunday Plans – Sunday, 13 November 2022.** It was noted that it was the Chapels turn to hold the service this year. **Cllr Burden to liaise.** NB/ VH
- e) **To Agree Lezant Parish Council September 2022 Meeting Arrangements.** It was proposed by Cllr Cairns, seconded by Cllr Simmons and **RESOLVED that meetings should be held at Trebulett Methodist Church Hall until further notice**

(22.128) Any other business brought by members for the next Parish Council Meeting:

Cllr Burden suggested that the King's Coronation be put on the agenda for next month.

Cllr Wood commented on the overflowing bin at Treburley Cemetery. **The clerk was asked to bring it to the attention of Launceston Area Methodist Circuit.** Clerk

(Cllr Burden left the meeting.)

Cllr Holter reported an issue with a blocked drain affecting a property at Treburley. **The clerk to chase up with CORMAC.** Clerk

Cllr Minson reported an issue with the verges at Rezare. Large vehicles had churned up the ground and the plastic hazard marker posts, used to protect the verges had been damaged. **The clerk was asked to contact CORMAC to see if they would assist.** Clerk

Cllr Cairns reported potholes at Winnards, Trecarrell. **Clerk to report.** Clerk

Cllr Simmons reported an issue on the road at Ruses Mill. Cllr Parsons stated that the matter had already been reported.

It was noted that the Lezant Horticultural Society had asked whether Lezant PC would be interested in entering a team in the LHS Quiz.

Next Parish Council Meeting 08 November 2022. Trebulett Methodist Church Hall

The Meeting closed at 21:40 pm.

Signed :

Chairman

Date: