

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LEWANNICK PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT LEWANNICK VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 20 JANUARY 2005

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr I Curley, Cllrs Chris Beckly, John Panter, Tim Ellis, John Newbery, Kevin Jasper, K White, Eric Sleep and Clerk.

APOLOGIES

Cllr P Sandercock, D Parnall, C Cllr G Facks-Martin and C Cllr K Scoble.

Members of the public present. Four.

The Chairman began the meeting at 20.00hrs by welcoming everyone present. She then opened the meeting to the members of the public present.

Mr O Withers: Referred to planning application 2004/02647 land at Serpells Meadow. He also referred to the last paragraph of the first page of our minutes dated 16 December 2004.

He considers that although he is not questioning the accuracy of the minutes it is his opinion that the Statement is not complete and conveys the impression that parish councils are not the correct body to carry out surveys relating to housing needs.

Policy HSG 10, on which the application is based, in paragraph 3.80 specifically mentions the involvement of parish councils in surveys to establish the need - in conjunction with advice from the C.R.C.C.

He recalled when our council did exactly that in 1994 including a section on local housing requirements, as have other parish councils, since.

The policy states that a detailed housing survey is needed to determine a genuine need in a particular locality. He suggests that this has not taken place in this instance and that the parish council is acting correctly and in the parish interest when including a housing section in any survey they wish to undertake. The District Council would need to take account of such a survey he stated.

As a related issue he feels it would be in the interest of the parish if a further survey were now undertaken. The previous one published in May 1994 sought information in the housing section to estimate the position over a ten-year period. That period ended December of last year and the development over this period in Polyphant was more or less in line with what was estimated.

He suggests that a new survey should consider using the previous questions, which were the result of lengthy and detailed discussion within the group and with the C.R.C.C. He feels they are as relevant now as they were ten years ago and would cut down the work and time needed considerably. It would also provide a reference for any future proposed development and information in line with the new proposals being drafted by the North Cornwall District Council on Community Involvement.

Mr Withers also raised a query regarding the seat at Polyphant in front of Polyphant House. This was a good seat but is now lacking a certain amount of attention. It has not been preserved for several years now.

Mr Watt, member of the public present, referred to 2004/02647 Mr and Mrs D Cash. He commented on a hole that has now appeared that is disarmingly close to the proposed site. A good section of the hedgerow has also been scalped. This is ahead of any planning application yet activity has already taken place. There is now a way into their proposed site he stated.

He also raised concern that the Pink Notice had disappeared. Mr Watt informed us how he had subsequently reported to Mr Lee, Planning, a further Notice had been placed but this too had disappeared. He feels it may illustrate something.

He wished to thank the P C for what they had found at the last meeting. There are six dwellings immediately adjacent to the development boundary and it is much appreciated that we have done all that we can to look at the physical points against the site.

Mr Watt commented that Mr Lee had informed him that he would take all the issues into account. Mr Watt feels that they have ignored part of HSG10.

Finally, Mr Watt asked if we had received documents from Mr Harris? These had been passed to Cllr J Newbery. Cllr J Newbery confirmed that he had received a copy of a petition. The Chairman thanked Mr Watt for sharing his concerns with us the contents of which will be discussed.

Cllr Ken White suggested that it gave more weight if residents were to write individual letters rather than sign a petition. Individual letters to the Planning Committee are far more satisfactory. Mr Watt replied that they had taken notice of Cllr G Facks-Martin's advice and had indeed written individual letters to N C D C Planning as well as the petition.

Mr Watt held up a copy of the Character Statement for Polyphant. Were we aware of it? The Council confirmed that indeed they were aware. He then went on to comment that within the context of the Statement it says that Polyphant is a minor village capable of absorbing minor development with great landscape value. Chairman said that HG2 and 10 set out this. The P C can only object to planning guidelines set out by Government. What we feel personally is of unfortunately of no consequence.

The Chairman stated that all their letters would be taken into account. It would help if photos can be taken as evidence of what is being done to the proposed site.

There were no further questions.

Minutes of our previous meeting which had previously been circulated. Pro JP 2nd KW all in favour that the minutes are signed as a true and fair view of our previous meeting with correction as follows:

Boundary fence being 15' from site – Mrs J Discipline and not Mr Watt raised this.

The Chairman thanked members of the public for sharing their concerns with us. She invited members to share the remaining part of the meeting with us.

Everyone left at this juncture other than Mr O Withers.

1. REPORT

1.1 LEWANNICK PLAY AREA. JN reported that they have renewed the bin. There was no report about the playing area.

1.2 HALL COMMITTEE. KW reported how they were awaiting a grant from The District Council. The central heating system was now in place and proving very effective. It is oil based and on all the time. Therefore, there will be a need to increase the hire charges for the hall, which will be discussed at their next committee meeting. KW commented on the extremely successful pantomime half of the profits raised from this event will be donated to the hall fund.

2. MATTERS ARISING

2.1 Common Land. We wrote to C A . There is a reply from The Open Space Society. IC read out the letter but said they would not help unless we become members at a cost of £30. It was agreed that we would leave on table until we hear from other parties. Proposed by KW 2nd JP all in favour. We would also write to our auditors for their advice.

2.2 Tree Preservation Report. We have now had two reports carried out on the green for the next three years maintenance programme. Both documents are to be considered by the planning department. We are awaiting their confirmation before any works are carried out. We will consider the woodland above Coombe Farmhouse. There is considerable bramble growth to be removed here. The Chairman also asked that as the disused septic tank had been brought to our attention should we seek advice about its removal or alternative? Pro KJ 2nd CB all in favour that we follow this up. Clerk to seek advice and report back.

2.3 Noticeboard. TE still waiting for some information. Waiting for letters of support. Quote from Kenny for new sign. Fund can contribute up to 60% PC 40%. Need confirmation of support.

Letter saying that we will be matching this. £550 for the Noticeboard, including erection. Pro JN 2nd KW all in favour that we write this letter.

2.4 Planning copy from Launceston Sub-Office. This has now been resolved. Copies of planning applications can be obtained from the local office at a cost starting at 15p for each A4 sheet.

2.5 Sunnybank. Waiting to hear from our legal advisers.

2.6 Dog Bin. JN reported how he had been advised that it was necessary to get the dog bin as near to a path as possible. It had been decided that the best location would be the top corner between car park and path. It will then be easy for Compass to collect. This site will cover the green area. It was proposed by KW 2nd JP all were in favour that the Clerk orders Fide in red at a price of £106.16 to include extended base post.

2.7 PAVEMENT AT MEDROW. The Chairman commented that these had been sanded.

2.8 SITE MEETING WITH HIGHWAYS. A meeting has been arranged with the Divisional Surveyor, John Davy on Wednesday 26 January at 09.00hrs. The location will start at Polyphant Green.

3. DOCUMENTS

3.1 CCC – Archaeology Alive a review of work by The Historic Environment Service 2003 – 2004. For Circulation.

4. PLANNING

4.1 2004/02647 Mr and Mrs Cash. JN declared a personal interest and signed the Declaration Book accordingly. It was agreed that we would write to NCDC regarding the concerns of residents about works that may be carried out to the surrounding hedges. Pro ES 2nd JP all were in favour.

4.2 2004/02830 Revised design to previously approved extension under application 2003/02491 namely the formation of two dormer windows. NORTH LODGE, POLYPHANT. Mr and Mrs D Cash. Pro ES 2nd JP all were in favour that we support this application. It was also proposed that we would write to NCDC regarding the planning application for the adjacent garage to this site. Pro IC 2nd JP all was in favour.

4.3 2004/02821 Mr D Eno. Listed Building Consent for the reconstruction of existing barn, which has collapsed on commencement of works. TE declared a personal interest and signed the book accordingly. Pro JN 2nd KW all in favour that the application be supported.

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5. FINANCES

5.1 Our balance to date stands at £4,746.31.

5.2 Re-issue of cheque for Polyphant Methodist Chapel regarding an annual grant of £100. Pro TE 2nd JN all in favour of payment. Chq No 442 for £100.

5.3 Newsletter payment to David Eno. Pro TE 2nd JN all in favour of payment. Chq No 433 for £30.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Pilot Garden Waste Scheme. Copy of letter, which had been circulated to all residents within the parish.

6.2 Youth Survey. IC read out the letter, which illustrates that there is grant funding for youth projects.

6.3 Citizens Advice Bureau. It was proposed by TE 2nd JN all were in favour that the contents be printed within our next newsletter.

6.4 Local Development Group. IC read out the letter. No one was able to attend.

6.5 Correspondence - Mr K Hocking.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

- 7.1 Seat at Lewannick. CB will attend to this as soon as the weather is better. He also queried the No Cycling Signs. This will be raised during our site meeting on Wednesday 26 January with Highways.
- 7.2 Seats within the parish. KJ said that they all needed to be pressure washed and then treated with preservative. The Chairman said that we must keep this matter on our Agenda.
- 7.3 KJ had received complaints that Mr/s Williams had taken branches from a tree that had fallen down on the green at Polyphant. However, they had not cleared the lumps that had been left behind. We will ask the tree surgeons to clear this for us.
- 7.4 The Clerk asked about a Parish Survey. It was proposed by TE 2nd KW all were in favour that this could be investigated by the Clerk and put on our Agenda for further discussion.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for his or her attendance and declared the meeting closed 21.40 hours. Our next meeting will be held at POLYPHANT commencing 20.00hrs on Thursday 17 February.

NOTICE OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF LEWANNICK PARISH COUNCIL TO BE HELD AT POLYPHANT VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2005 COMMENCING AT 20.00HRS. THE MEETING WILL BE OPEN TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS.

Minutes of our previous meeting.

1. REPORTS

1. Lewannick Playing Area.
2. Lewannick Village Hall.

2. MATTERS ARISING

- 2.1 Common Land.
- 2.2 Trees at Polyphant. Progress to date.
- 2.3 Noticeboard for Polyphant.
- 2.4 Public seats throughout the parish.
- 2.5 Sunnybank.
- 2.6 Parish Survey. I have contacted C R C C and various funding bodies and have arranged a meeting for THURSDAY 17 March commencing 19.00hrs when members of C R C C will advise.

3. DOCUMENTS

- 3.1 Cornwall Local Access Forum.
- 3.2 NCDC – Medium Term Financial Plans 2005/06 and Future Years.

4. PLANNING

- 4.1 NCDC – erection of garage – North Lodge.

5. FINANCE

- 5.1 Balances to date.
- 5.2 South West Lumberjacks - £1,958.33
- 5.3 Quote for Year 1 of maintenance work on Polyphant Green.
- 5.4 Quote for septic tank.
- 5.5 BJV – cleaning bus shelter £22.00
- 5.6 Newsletter - £30.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- 6.1 WRVS.
- 6.2 Defra.
- 6.3 Cornwall Children Young People's Strategic Partnership.
- 6.4 NCDC Newsletter.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

