

**MINUTES of an ordinary meeting of LEWANNICK PARISH COUNCIL held at Polyphant Village Hall on Thursday 18 November at 20.00hrs. The meeting was open to the public and the press.**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Chairman Cllr I Curley, Vice Chairman Cllr P Sandercock, Cllr C Beckly, Cllr J Panter, Cllr K Jasper, Cllr J Newbery, Cllr D Parnell, Cllr K White, Cllr T Ellis and Clerk.

**APOLOGIES:**

Cllr E Sleep, C Cllr G Facks-Martin and C Cllr K Scoble.

**ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

It was proposed by KW and 2<sup>nd</sup> by JP that PS takes over as our Chairman. PS thanked the Cllrs for their proposal but wished to decline acceptance of this office because of work commitments. KW then proposed IC which was 2<sup>nd</sup> by JN, all were in agreement that IC be elected. IC thanked the Cllrs for their vote of confidence and accepted the position. She welcomed our new Councillor Tim Ellis.

**1. REPORT**

**Lewannick Playing Area.** JN had nothing to report.

**2. MATTERS ARISING**

**2.1 Trees on Polyphant Green.** The Clerk has experienced difficulty in finding an alternative tree surgeon that is suitably qualified and insured to carry out the on-going maintenance and preservation of this area. It is hopeful that South West Lumberjacks will be able to work with Bruce Deighton in maintaining the green. We are still waiting for a report on the trees and it is understood that Mr Deighton is meeting with Southwest Lumberjacks at the end of this month to carry out a full investigation and will report back to us. The cost of maintaining this conservation area is a concern and equates to a large percentage of our annual precept. Other avenues of funding need to be researched and it was proposed by KW 2<sup>nd</sup> JN all were in full agreement that the clerk should investigate possible alternative sources of funding.

**2.2 Notice board for Polyphant.** CB reported that the notice board should be in situ in January this year. DP had read that notice boards were eligible for grant funding. Clerk felt that we would not be able to have a financial contribution as a parish council, it would need to be a separate development group within the parish. However, she would investigate further.

**3. DOCUMENTS**

**3.1 Cornwall Structure Plan 2004.** For circulation.

**4. PLANNING**

**4.1 Land South of Medrow, Polyphant. No 2004/02511 Mrs Bateson.**

Cllr T Ellis had a prejudicial interest in this application. He, therefore, signed the Declaration of Interest book and left the room whilst the application was discussed. We have the notes and application form but no plans. It was, therefore, proposed that a quorum of Cllrs KJ, KW, DP and Chairman meet as soon as the plans are received in order that they can be discussed further.

**4.2 2004/02116 – Land adjacent to Cricket Ground, Lewannick.** This application has been withdrawn.

**4.3 NCDC Newsletter regarding planning for circulation.**

**5. FINANCE**

**5.1 Balances to date Current Account £7,886.31 and Recreation Account £1,081.49.**

**5.2 Cheques for payment:-**

**Perfect Pastures** Cheque Number 436 £2,173.75 regarding maintenance of grass at Lewannick and Polyphant for this year.

**David Eno** Cheque Number 437 £30 – newsletter.

**North Cornwall District Council** Cheque Number 438

- £77.50 recharge of expenses regarding council election.
- 5.3 Parish Council Expenditure 2005/06.**  
The expenditure for the years 2004, 2005 and projections for the year 2006 were distributed to all Cllrs for their perusal. It was noted that we have maintained a tight expenditure budget for 2004 and 2005. We are still waiting for a report on Polyphant Green/trees and the budget for 2005/06 will be set when this has been furnished to us. This is scheduled for further discussion during the course of our December meeting. KW raised a point of order with regard to recent parish newsletters. He proposed that if the Clerk wished to take legal action against allegations that maybe construed as defamatory within the context of the parish newsletter that the Council would support legal action. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by JN and all were in agreement that this action would be supported.
- 6. CORRESPONDENCE**
- 6.1 NCDC – Inaugural meeting – Clease Hall, Camelford North Cornwall Local Development Group 6.30 pm 25 November.**
- 6.2 NCDC – Casual Vacancy Thursday 2 December 2004.** Confirmation that only one Nomination Paper has been received from Mr Timothy Ellis.
- 6.3 Highways Agency A30 Plusha Grade Separated Junction Improvement**  
IC read out a letter from the Highways Agency. They have been considering the construction of improvements at Plusha as accident data indicate a higher than national average number of incidents and studies have been carried out, by the Highways Agency, to determine best options for the improvement. As the scale and cost of the schemes have grown beyond that of a safety only scheme, the proposals have been recently reviewed. With estimated total scheme costs of £5.5 to £8.4 million for Plusha for the preferred options, and the likely funds available to the Highways Agency being less than in recent years, they have decided to withdraw this scheme from the forward programme of works. Further lower cost traffic management schemes are currently being considered at the location, however it would appear that the scope for such measures at these locations is somewhat limited.
- 7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**
- 7.1 Dog bin – Lewannick.** A bin would cost £120 plus VAT or for a more robust bin £163.00 plus VAT. JN will investigate further a suitable location.
- 7.2 Hawks Tor to Lewannick School path** – KW will look at the fastening post to ascertain if this should be taken down.  
Also the path is slippery with moss growing. TE will inspect the path.
- 7.3 Vandalism at Lewannick** – JN described that three cars had recently been keyed and there had been bottles smashed. He had reported the matter to our Beat Manager. He will ask him to speak to the school.
- 7.4 Hedge overhanging** – DP is concerned about the overhanging hedgerows that may be making driving dangerous. Clerk to report to Highways.
- 7.5 Attendance at Remembrance Service** – KW said that there had been a good attendance from the parish, however, all Cllrs should have been present.
- 7.6 Condition of road surfaces** – Polyphant – PS again concerned about the poor condition of our roads in particular Two Bridges to Polyphant and Medrow to Strayer Parc. Clerk will again write to Highways.
- 7.7 Dog Biting** – IC reported that apparently two further persons had received dog bites in Polyphant. The matter has been referred to our Dog Warden.
- 7.8 TPO Lanscarratt, Polyphant** – KJ concern about the overhang of the oak tree which is blocking light to his home and continuous debris on his lawn. Clerk to write to Development Control.

**There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed. Our next meeting will be held at Lewannick on Thursday 16 December at Lewannick commencing 20.00hrs.**

**NOTICE OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF LEWANNICK PARISH COUNCIL TO BE HELD AT LEWANNICK VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 16 DECEMBER 2004. THE MEETING WILL BE OPEN TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS.**

**1. REPORT**

**Lewannick Playing area.**

**2. MATTERS ARISING**

**2.1 Trees on Polyphant Green – REPORT.**

**2.2 TPO – Lanscarett.**

**2.3 CCC – Condition of roads in Polyphant.**

**2.4 NCDC – Community Chest – grant funding.**

**2.5 Dog Bin facility – Lewannick.**

**3. DOCUMENTS**

**4. PLANNING**

**4.1 2004/02683 Tinney Hall Cottage, Lewannick, Mr and Mrs S Basford. Demolition of existing single storey garage and erection of two storey side and front extension including front entrance porch.**

**4.2 2004/02704 Laurel Cottage, Trevadlock Mr and Mrs R W Dinnis.**

**4.3 2004/02646 Land adjacent to cricket ground, Lewannick B A Endacott. Formation of gateway.**

**4.4 2004/02647 Mr and Mrs D Cash. Outline Planning. Erection of ten affordable dwellings, eight for rent and two for sale for local people or for persons employed at Bowden Derra.**

**5 FINANCE**

**5.1 Balances to date.**

**5.2 Cheques for payment**

**5.3 Precept for 2005/06.**

**6 CORRESPONDENCE**

**7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**