

# **MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE LEWANNICK PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT LEWANNICK VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2005 AT 2005. THE MEETING WAS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS.**

## **ATTENDANCE**

Chairman – Cllr I Curley, Vice-Chairman K White, Cllrs J Panter, K Jasper, D Eno, J Newbery, D Parnell, C Beckly, C Cllr G Facks-Martin and Clerk.

## **APOLOGIES**

Cllrs E Sleep and T Ellis.

There were three members of the public present at the commencement of our meeting. Mrs H Jenkin and her neighbour Mrs M Clare regarding Hillside, Hicks Mill. Mrs H Jenkin owns Hillside and spoke of her concerns regarding a visit from a Mr and Mrs J Wadge. We have assured Mrs Jenkin that we will be investigating the matter of Common Land at Hicks Mill thoroughly and will be reporting back to her in due course.

Mrs Sowerby queried the A30 Plusha Junction. She wished to know if the no right-hand turns would be applied to the whole of the A30. We explained that we were only informed about the Plusha Junction as it was within our parish.

She also queried overhanging trees in the direction of Davidstow they are making the road narrow. Again this is outside of our parish but we will write to Highways on her behalf.

The Minutes of our meetings dated 19 May 2005, our Annual Parish Meeting and our Ordinary Minutes dated 19 May 2005 had been circulated and proposed by KW 2<sup>nd</sup> JN all were in favour that they were signed as a true and fair record of the respective meetings.

The Minutes of our meeting held before the Parish Council meeting on Thursday 16 June which had been circulated were proposed by JN 2<sup>nd</sup> JP all were in favour that they were signed as a true and fair record of that meeting.

The Minutes of our ordinary meeting held on Thursday 16 June which had been circulated were proposed by KW 2<sup>nd</sup> JN all were in favour that they were signed as a true and fair record of that meeting.

## **REPORTS**

1. **Lewannick Village Hall.** KW reported that a Flower Show was planned for August. They had also received a complaint about the hall from a neighbour Mr Werring. The complaint regarded the siting of the dog bin, which we are responsible for. It had been erected with the authority of us in consultation with the Village Hall Committee, Cornwall County Council and Compass. The “unpleasant sight” is the solution to numerous complaints about dogs fouling on the green and the footpath and it offers a facility for everyone in the parish to help keep our village clean. Its location was decided between the Parish Council and Compass (the contractors who undertake the emptying of the waste) as fulfilling the two areas of dog mess complaints and terms and conditions of Compass employees, therefore, its relocation is not viable. If the objector still feels that he needs to contact a higher authority he is within his rights to do so. On 4 July CCC Planning Department were contacted and again assured us that planning permission is not required for this type of facility.
2. Lewannick Playground. JN is trying to contact Mr Jones regarding the height of the hedge.
3. Polyphant Playground. No report.

## **2. MATTERS ARISING**

- 2.1 Sunnybank. The Clerk wrote to the Development Council on 29 June and an acknowledgement was sent from Chris Leggatt on 4 July 2005. It was proposed by the Chairman, 2<sup>nd</sup>

KW, all supported that we write again to Sally Lloyd-Jones. We have received two further enquiries about the situation and why the chain is still in situ.

Regarding the Chalet/Conservatory a site meeting with the owner will be taking place and Chris Leggatt will report back to us.

2.2 A30 – Two Bridges. The Clerk wrote to Parsons Brickerhoff on 29 June to ask if any decisions had been made and have not received a reply. IC has been trying for ten days to contact Steve Phillips of the Highways Agency. She has now heard from Michael Moodie (Parsons Brickerhoff), He has responded that it will be two to three months before any decision is reached about the junction. The Chairman suggested in the light of the feeling within the parish and indeed further afield, we go ahead and arrange an open meeting at Polyphant in order that everyone can put their point of view across. She had spoken to C Cllr N Burden who has suggested that we hold this meeting now. C Cllr G Facks-Martin suggested we also invite Parsons Brickerhoff and Highways in order that they can be confronted with the local viewpoints. It was proposed by JN 2<sup>nd</sup> DP, all were in agreement that we would write to the County Surveyor, Highways and Parsons Brickerhoff inviting them to the open meeting. The meeting will be advertised in our next newsletter and arranged as soon as possible.

2.3 Grass cuts for Polyphant and Lewannick. The Contractor was cutting the grass fortnightly until it stops growing and if necessary will continue to cut until the late autumn. He had not cut the grass at Polyphant until the wild flowers had had an opportunity to seed in order to encourage future growth. If we were unhappy with this we need to instruction him accordingly reported the Clerk. She asked if there were any current concerns about the standard of grass cutting and no one had received any complaints.

2.4 HIGHWAYS – The Divisional Surveyor had replied to the Clerk's letter dated 6 July to state that the road surface at Trevadlock is scheduled for 2006 and the road into Polyphant Green will also be resurfaced next year. The pitted area of road on the bend prior to Polyphant Green will be dealt with soon.

2.5 PUDDLE ON FOOTPATH – LEWANNICK PRIMARY SCHOOL. This has been reported to Highways.

2.6 GIVE WAY SIGN – LEWANNICK-TRELASKE. The pole has rusted through and again been reported to Highways.

2.7 CODE OF CONDUCT. The Clerk and Chairman attended a meeting at Launceston Town Hall to advise on how to manage meetings in general and, more specifically to help us understand the ramifications of the Code of Conduct with regard to meetings and the guidance we give to our councillors. It was found helpful and informative and it was suggested that future meetings be extended to all councillors.

Personal Interest was clarified by the criteria that councillors have a personal interest in a matter if it affects him, or a relative or friend, to a greater degree than other members of the community. He also has a prejudicial interest if a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts perceives the interest would prejudice a councillor's judgement. Among the things to take into consideration is employment or intended employment of councillor, or relative or friend.

It was brought to our attention that we had to provide guidance for predisposition, predetermination and bias. Councillors should approach meetings with open minds, ready to listen to all arguments before deciding issues. If a fair minded, suitably informed observer, who had considered all the facts, concluded that there was a possibility of bias, then a member should not vote,

It is better that a councillor should not join lobby groups but should explain to parishioners that he must keep an open mind.

We were also advised that any meetings between two or more councillors, whether on the golf course, in the pub or street, or at a social occasion, or on the phone should be minuted reported to the next council meeting, and then minuted by the clerk. Failure to do this brings into play charges of predetermination and predisposition. In fact, any discussions you have as a councillor should be reported to the council and minuted. Any declared interests should also be minuted and detailed.

In this context the Chairman asked that Councillors not make individual phone calls but to channel all queries through the Chairman or the Clerk. Both are available and will get back to Councillors. It gives more of an impression of efficiency if our queries come from one course instead of several. An example is that the Highways Agency has asked that queries should come from one source only.

### **3. DOCUMENTS**

- 3.1 Best Value – The Chairman read out the covering contents of the letter and proposed it be circulated which was supported by KW 2<sup>nd</sup> DE all were in favour.
- 3.2 Local Spaces – the maps were inspected by all present and it was agreed were correct. Pro KW 2<sup>nd</sup> JN all were in favour that they are forwarded to CCC.
- 3.3 BT PAYPHONES. In the light of changes in methods of communication and the cost of providing cash payment facilities, BT propose to re-align payphone provision to meet consumer demand. There are three street based payphones in Lewannick Parish. Two of these have been identified with very low use. One is in Lewannick itself and the other at Two Bridges. The Universal Services Obligations include a requirement to offer access to public payphones to meet reasonable public needs and Of-com is currently undertaking a review which will be published in late 2005. If this review allows BT to remove cash facilities from little used phones, BT propose that the two boxes specified be converted to a cashless payment option. Another possibility is that the local authority funds their upgrade to broadband enabled multimedia kiosks.  
JN proposed that Lewannick Village should remain a cash payphone and the Two-Bridges cash-less. This is because of the elderly population in Lewannick and of course in the light of removal of cash payphones in outlying areas it is hoped that Lewannick Payphone would be used more. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by DE and all were in favour of supporting this action.
- 3.4 CCC – Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 – Open Access Information Boards – Bodmin Moor. We have contacted CCC to enquire if a board could also be erected for Polyphant and they have agreed to do this. It was proposed by KW 2<sup>nd</sup> JN all in favour that a board be erected next to the noticeboard on Polyphant Green. It was also proposed by KW 2<sup>nd</sup> JN that the Clerk give a copy of the proposed plan to Cllr DE in order that he can investigate the opinions of the Village Hall Committee before a location for Lewannick is agreed.

### **4. PLANNING**

- 4.1 2005/01507 Mrs P Thomasson, Ashfield, Polyphant. Erection of conservatory to rear of existing dwelling. It was proposed by DE 2<sup>nd</sup> KJ all were in favour that the application is supported.
- 4.2 2005/01498 Circular 18/84 for the provision of new footbridge. Two Bridges, Polyphant. Highways Agency. It was agreed that we should have an open meeting to discuss this proposal and the proposed closure of the right hand turn at Two Bridges. Pro DE 2<sup>nd</sup> KJ all in favour.
- 4.3 2005/01371 C R Kingdon, Trevell, Lewannick. Prior Notification for the erection of a hay, straw and implement store. There was only seven days to respond to this application which has passed there were no comments considered crucial in this case.
- 4.4 CCC – Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 – Open Access. Information Boards – Bodmin Moor. The Chairman had phoned the Access Officer to establish if we could have two boards, which we can. It was proposed that an information board would be positioned next to the noticeboard at Polyphant. It was also proposed by JN 2<sup>nd</sup> DE all were in agreement that DE would discuss the positioning of a board for Lewannick with Lewannick Village Hall Committee and liaise with the Clerk all were in agreement.

### **5. FINANCE**

- 5.1 Balances to date stood at £4,726.36.
- 5.2 Cheques for payment were made out to  
David Eno Cheque No 465 ref Newsletter  
Village Hall Committee Cheque No 466 ref grant.  
It was proposed that the above cheques were paid by KJ 2<sup>nd</sup> JN all in agreement.
- 5.3 Cornwall County Playing Fields Association. It was proposed by KW 2<sup>nd</sup> KJ all in favour that this is left on the table.

### **6. CORRESPONDENCE**

- 6.1 NCDC – Register of Electors – read out by the Chairman.
- 6.2 CCC – Buses in Cornwall - 'Poetry in Motion' circulated.
- 6.3 NCDC – Integrated Area Plan Team circulated.
- 6.4 The Best of Bodmin Moor circulated.

**7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- 7.1 Hicks Mill – Common Land – Proposed by JN 2<sup>nd</sup> DE all were in favour that we would invite Sally Lloyd-Jones to a site meeting.
- 7.2 JN – dustbin by the bus shelter has become loose. C Cllr G Facks-Martin kindly agreed to approach County.
- 7.3 CB – request for a seat by the play area at Lewannick Play Area.
- 7.4 DP – trees near to Plusha Garage were becoming overgrown and creating a dark tunnel.

Report to Highways.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed. Our next meeting will be at POLYPHANT commencing 20.00hrs on Thursday 18 August. It was proposed by the Chairman and 2<sup>nd</sup> by K W all were in favour that we hold a meeting in August because of the amount of work that is currently in process.