

LEWANNICK PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING WHICH WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER AT LEWANNICK VILLAGE HALL 2007. THE MEETING WAS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS AND COMMENCED AT 19.00HRS.

ATTENDANCE

CHAIR

Iris Curley

CLERK

Elaine Cook

COUNCILLORS

David Eno, John Newbery, Ken White,
Eric Sleep, Bernard O'Neil, Jenny Potter and
John Panter.

Cllr

Graham Facks-Martin

APOLOGIES

CC Neil Burden and Cllr Dave Parnell

There were two members of the public present.

Our Chair began the meeting by welcoming the invited speaker Steven Ford, Liaison Officer, CCC, from the "One Cornwall" team. Following his informative and well structured talk he invited questions from members. The major criticism appeared to be the lack of consideration during the consultation stage and the exercises conducted that lead up to "One Cornwall". The perception at the meeting was that it was forced through. Concerns relating to possible additional financial burdens and obviously higher work loads of parish councils were also aired. There was particular concern about the considered escalating monetary costs. Councillors were anxious about the additional work load. Many work full-time and give their time freely. It would appear to be necessary to commit many additional hours of unpaid councillors time in order to keep the budget of One Cornwall within constraints.

Following the talk by Steven Ford the Chair thanked him for his attendance and gave a five minute break. Tea/Coffee was kindly served by Betty White for which the Chair gave further thanks.

Our ordinary meeting followed.

The two members of the public present queried the speed of traffic through Lewannick.

The Minutes of our Meeting dated 18 July, which had previously been circulated, were proposed by J Potter 2nd KW, all were in full support, that they be signed as a true and fair report of that said meeting.

The site meeting at Polyphant Green dated 30 August was duly circulated. It was proposed by J Potter 2nd KW, all in full support, that it gave a true and fair view of that said meeting.

1. MATTERS ARISING

a. Correspondence from resident – copies of letter dated 24 July 2007 had been distributed. The writer had not been present during our July meeting when the matter was fully discussed and resolved. It was proposed that we write and notify the resident that their letter was noted. Pro KW 2nd JN all supported this action.

Request from resident for a copy of our letter regarding “chasing NCDC” it was agreed that a copy of this letter would be forwarded. Copies of our Minutes would be made available. Pro JN 2nd ES all in full agreement.

b. Maintenance problems

Road conditions in Polyphant: We wrote to Rob Constance, Area Surveyor, CCC on 27 July. He replied on 30 August stating he had passed our comments to the new Area Surveyor – Oliver Jones. To date no response – it was agreed we would chase. Pro JN 2nd DE all in favour.

Kelly’s House etc: We wrote to Steve Ewing on 27 July and he replied on 1 August stating that our request for traffic calming would be added to the list for further consideration with our local member at the next review. It was agreed that we would write to C Cllr Neil Burden and Steve Ewing for an update.

Archer’s Arms Junction: The works package sent to us on 14 August 2007 was unsatisfactory and we have requested a site meeting with Simon Powell of CCC. We have agreed to chase pro JN 2nd DE all in favour.

Quote for Lewannick speed signs: It was agreed that we would write for an explanation Pro JN 2nd DE all in agreement.

c. CODE OF CONDUCT

The majority of Cllrs and Clerk attended the training session at Launceston Town Hall on 24 July which was very instructive and took us through the changes in the code. It was proposed that we adopt the code to include clause 12.2. It was agreed that we would notify our adoption and advertise such in the local newspaper through NCDC block advertisement.

d. CCC ‘ONE CORNWALL’

The discussion paper ‘Council’s Proposals for Unitary Local Government: An Approach to Implementation’ had been circulated .

e. BLACKHILL QUARRY

There was a very strong blast on 12 September and several residents have made complaints. The VC rang and indicated that it had shaken him at his garage in Lewannick. The blast was not monitored. CCC was phoned and they informed us that there is now only one monitoring officer in Cornwall. The Chair telephoned Tony Emms at Tarmac and passed on the complaints and asked why the permanent monitor was not yet in place at Mount Pleasant, Medrow. He is still waiting for mounting parts from the blasting contractor. It was agreed that we would put in writing to Tarmac our concern about the amount of time it is taking for this monitor to be installed.

Several residents have also queried the height of the bunds in the quarry making them very visible, especially from the A30 and also the amount of dust. There is also the problem that we still have not got any vehicle activated signs. It was proposed by DE 2nd J Panter that we would write about these problems now rather than wait until our next liaison meeting.

- f. **Certificates** The Jubilee certificates were duly framed and one each handed to David Eno and Owen Withers for the village halls.
- g. **Polyphant Green** request an additional cut for the overgrown areas.
- h. **Trevadlock – litter.** Letters have gone out to all the main holiday users within the area.

2. REPORTS

- a. **Polyphant Play Area: See Minutes of previous Meeting above.** Site meeting with Ian Davis County Forester was held and although invited the neighbouring residents did not attend.
- b. **Lewannick Play Area:** See Finance below (Aggregates Levy). Tree stump still not removed. Chase Perfect Pastures.
- c. **Senior Citizens BN** reported that their first meeting was successful with approximately 50% of their members attending.
- d. **Launceston Forum** meeting held on 30 July 2007 in which rural transport was discussed and their draft project plan. It was understood that a lot of people are unaware of the services that are available. It is hoped that transport from Polyphant by bus will commence in October. If residents can be encouraged to use the bus just once a month it would be possible to keep this service in operation. We need to make sure that residents are aware of this.

3. DOCUMENTS

No reports.

4. PLANNING

- a. **2007/01778 – Charmwell Farm, Coombeshead. Mr S A Penhale. Erection of agricultural building.** DE declared an interest and signed accordingly. It was proposed by KW 2nd ES all were in favour that this application be supported.
- b. **2007/0`657 Trelaske Mill, Lewannick. Prior notification for the erection of agricultural building for the storage of farming equipment and fodder. R W Hills.** KW 2nd JP all in full agreement during a site meeting on 30 August at Polyphant Play Area to support this application.
- c. **Application 2003/0084 Mr and Mrs S Everitt, Erection of an extension to cottage to provide additional bedroom and ancillary accommodation and erection of garage** –approved by NCDC 28/2/03. A resident had raised concern regarding this development. It was proposed by DE 2nd JN all in favour that we would write to NCDC to investigate. We would confirm to resident.

For information

- d. **2007/01343 Erection of agricultural dwelling Trevadlock Farm, Congdons Shop. Mr and Mrs E G Sleep.** Approved by NCDC.

5. FINANCE

- a. The computer is now in situ. APB Computer Services Ltd Invoice No 1024 for £863.74. Pro by KW 2nd DE all in favour that the invoice is paid. Cheque No. 542.
- b. BJV £22.00 for cleaning and maintenance of bus shelter, Lewannick. Pro KW 2nd DE all in favour that the invoice is paid. Cheque No 543.

c. I Curley – expenses incurred (inkjets) £41.43 Cheque No 544 pro paid KW 2nd DE all in favour.

d. Clerk's Salary for six months £990.00 together with expenses £14.79 total £1,004.79. Pro KW 2nd DE all in favour that this invoice be paid Cheque No 545.

e. We have received £2,000 from the Aggregates Levy Subsidy as part payment of our grant funding. It was proposed that we would instruct Mr K Fraino fabricate a galvanized railing from the village hall to the War Memorial as per estimate 18 June 2007 of £1,150 plus VAT. Pro ES 2nd DE all in full support provided the hand rail is safe and correct sizing to ensure children cannot get their heads stuck between railings. It was further proposed that we instruct Taylor Made to instal a swing for £1,766.15 and a walkway at £1,050.00 plus VAT for the playarea, Lewannick. Pro ES 2nd DE all in full support.

f. Direct Debit F9 for Broadband pro JPanter 2nd KW all in favour that the instructions are sent to our bank.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

a. **Registrar of Electors – NCDC.** Circulated to all Cllrs during the meeting.

b. **Cornwall Association of Local Councils – general information for circulation.**

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

a. **Condition of hedgerow – property at Lewannick.** It was agreed that we would write to the residents of the property and mention general maintenance of hedgerows within our newsletter.

b. **Reversing onto highway – KW concerned – agreed to mention in our newsletter.**

There being no further business the Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting. Our next meeting is scheduled to take place at Polyphant Village Hall commencing 20.00hours on Wednesday 17 October 2007.

