

LEWANNICK PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING WHICH WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17 OCTOBER 2007 AT 20.00 HRS AT POLYPHANT VILLAGE HALL. THE MEETING WAS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS.

ATTENDANCE

CHAIR	Iris Curley
CLERK	Elaine Cook
COUNCILLORS	David Eno, John Newbery, Eric Sleep, Bernard O'Neil, Jenny Potter and Dave Parnell.
APOLOGIES	Ken White and John Panter Graham Facks-Martin and Neil Burden.

There were five members of the public present.

The minutes of our meeting dated 19 September 2007, which had previously been circulated, were proposed by JN 2nd DE, all were in favour that they were a true and fair record of that meeting.

A member of the public queried the hedging adjacent to Blackhill Quarry. This is in the process of being trimmed.

1. MATTERS ARISING

a. Blackhill Quarry – a liaison meeting was held on 10 October at 2.30pm in Polyphant Village Hall. Present: Mr T Bowden and Mr T Emms – Tarmac, Mr M Butfield – CCC, Mrs I Curley, Mr K White and Mr J Panter – Lewannick PC.

The Chair received a letter dated 5 October from C Cllr Neil Burden expressing his frustration at the lack of progress on the vehicle activated signs – he has been chasing CCC and the Highways Agency.

PERMANENT MONITOR: This was finally installed at Mount Pleasant, Polyphant on 10 October 2007 – the morning of the meeting. It was suggested that the portable monitor be placed at The Orchard, Polyphant at the next blasting as we have had many complaints about the force and the noise of the blast on 12 September 2007.

BUNDS: The quarry management have begun to lower the height of the bunds – 20,000 cubic feed removed in the last few weeks.

WHEELWASHER: slight problem with the pump but this has now been fixed.

VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGNS: A survey has been done by Highways Agency and is now with planning at CCC. Neil Burden is actively pursuing implementation of this. Tarmac will act as soon as they get the go-ahead.

LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT: Tarmac is employing experts to sort out the tree management within the quarry.

NEXT MEETING – suggested 14 May 2008 – to be confirmed with Tarmac and hall booked.

b. Site Meeting – Highways. Present: Steve Ewing, CCC, Neil Burden CCC, Iris Curley LPC, Dave Parnell PLC, David Eno, LPC, John Panter LPC. Linda Grant – The Archers and Elizabeth – The Archers Arms. Alan Leslie – Lewannick Post Office.

In his letter dated 5 October 2007 Neil Burden expressed his frustration on the slow progress of the matters discussed today.

ARCHER'S ARMS' JUNCTION: After much discussion, agreement with CCC Officer to bring forward the junction and pave from the present drain, round the front of the pub past the pub flagstones and tapering pavement to the entrance of the car park. Move the drain and reposition the sign on the pavement. Also to look at confusing road sign on railings. Neil Burden agreed funding under Local Member Scheme.

KELLY'S HOUSE: Officer stated it was practically impossible to get speed limit because of the sparse development. Agreed on "Slow through hamlet signs" plus slow markings on road – Neil Burden agreed funding under Local Member Scheme.

POST OFFICE PARKING: After long discussion with the owner the officer suggested that the Parish Council have notices printed asking people not to park in front of the Post Office unless they are actually in the shop – these could be displayed on the wall of the building and given to Mr Leslie to put under the windscreen wipers of parked cars. Mr Leslie has tried this method and would prefer the suggestion that the area in front of his shop be designated as a 'parking restricted to one hour' zone. This is not an item on this months PC agenda, so that, although it can be discussed, a decision will have to wait until the November meeting. Neil Burden has agreed in principle to fund the restricted parking suggestion and suggests that the wheels be put in motion because implementation takes so long.

- c. **CALC** – We have received copies of booklets on Standing Orders and Chairmanship and Powers and Constitutions from Sarah Mason, but have not received an answer to our second letter.
- d. **Application 2003/0084** – Clerk has written asking for an inspection.
- e. **Trevadlock:** all letters re litter have been acknowledge.
- f. **Grounds maintenance Lewannick/Polyphant:** The tree stump has been removed in Lewannick. The wild areas on Polyphant Green have been trimmed. The hedge at Rose Cottage has been trimmed following a letter to the occupants from the clerk.
- g. **Update correspondence** – resident: A copy of our letter dated 22 June 2006 was sent to the resident (as agreed) and a copy of their reply dated 23.9.07 had been circulated to all Cllrs. It was agreed that the clerk acknowledges their letter.
- h. **Election of a councillor** – There were three applications. Following voting procedure Adrian Brown was duly elected.
- i. **Lewannick speed signs** – We have not had a reply to our letter asking for an explanation re these signs.
- j. **Road conditions in Polyphant** – We have received a reply from CCC to our letter querying the quality of the patching work carried out. Briefly it says that although the patching is not aesthetically pleasing it has served its purpose and the colour difference will weather with time and traffic use. The section is also on the surface dressing programme for next year.

2. REPORTS.

- a. **Lewannick Play Area** – JN reported that the Swing is now in situ and being well used. Many compliments from users and parents – we now need to order more wood chippings/bark. It was proposed by JP 2nd ES all in agreement that the clerk organises.
- b. **Polyphant Play Area** – The pink notice is in situ and we are waiting for a planning decision. Nettles need removing from boundary. Pro by JP 2nd DE all in agreement that the clerk instructs maintenance to cut back the nettles.
- c. **Neighbourhood Watch** – JP gave report of a meeting held last month when 3 co-ordinators turned up together with Sharon Chinn the Community Officer. Much work is in progress and a meeting planned for Medrow in order to set-up a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme there. B O’N suggested he would contact residents within Trevadlock Park. There was much discussion. It was proposed that DE contact Derek Bidwell before further progress is made. Proposed by JP 2nd IC all in agreement.
- d. **Cornwall Senior Citizens Forum:** B O’N gave a report. He has been attending a number of meetings in order to promote the scheme. The group is concerned with the train services and is lobbying MP/Ministers. There will be a further meeting at Lewannick Village Hall on 5 November commencing 2pm with a guest speaker from Age Concern. All welcome.
- e. **Launceston Forum – Community Transport** – JP confirmed that as of the 29 October there would be a bus leaving Polyphant at 9 am to give people an opportunity to shop in the town. JP will investigate further and provide time-tabling in order that this can be promoted. B O’N said there was a scheme in Lezant ran by a taxi firm in Launceston that co-ordinated public transport for residents who needed to go to hospital.

3. DOCUMENTS

- a. **NCDC Supplementary Planning Guidance – The Negotiation of Community Benefits.** As the Local Development Framework has not yet been adopted, this is to ensure that an up to date and appropriate planning guidance is in place in the intervening period before the creation of a Unitary Council. Any comments are requested by 16 November. The paper is mainly about affordable housing. The part that affects our council appears to be appendix one. Document to be circulated and returned to clerk by 9 November.

4. PLANNING

- a. **2007/01980 Mr T Jenkins** – JN declared interest and signed accordingly. Pro by JN 2nd DP all in full support that this application be supported.
- b. **2007/0657 Trelaske Mill, Lewannick. Prior notification for the erection of agricultural building for the storage of farming equipment and fodder. R W Hills.** No further details required by NCDC.

5. FINANCE

- a. **Perfect Pastures – Cheque No 546 £760.81** proposed payment JN 2nd JP all in agreement.
- b. **NCDC – Election expenses – Cheque No 548 £107.48** proposed payment JN 2nd JP all in agreement.
- c. **Audit Commission - £158.63 Cheque No 549** proposed payment JN 2nd JP all in agreement.

- d. **Taylor Made - - £3,308.98 Cheque No 550** proposed payment JN 2nd JP all in agreement.
- e. **CALC - £12.00** – booklets – proposed JN 2nd JP all in agreement cheque no 547.
- f. **Closure of Recreation Fund 52 547 8728 and transfer to ordinary account 57968570 balance of £1,147.06 plus interest to date.** Pro JN 2nd DP all in agreement.
- g. **Application for funding through Local Community Chest** – G B Wharton – Cornwall Senior Citizens Forum – proposed DP 2nd JN all in agreement that we write to Mr Wharton confirming that we are not in a position to award monies but that application would be placed on our file for consideration.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. **CALC** – general information for circulation and notice of quarterly meeting which is same night as our November meeting.
- b. **Steve Cameron** – flyer for display given to DE for post office.
- c. **Chance for parish and town councils to increase democratic rights** – the Standards Board – for circulation.
- d. **Defra** – booklet on Ways to Tackle Climate Change for town and parish councils.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a. **Dan Rogerson MP** – invitation to attend meeting. It was agreed that we write inviting him proposed IC 2nd JN all in agreement.
- b. **Cycle path** – Lewannick – agreed to put on our agenda for November.
- c. **Waste bin** – Treadlock – agreed that clerk writes to NCDC to investigate waste bin for lay-by Proposed JN 2nd JP all in agreement.
- d. **St Martins Close, Lewannick** – grass outside of the properties has not been cut for a long time. Proposed that clerk investigates proposed JN 2nd DE all in favour.
- e. We have sent a letter to CCC re installation of salt bin at Serpells Meadow following request from resident.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed. She reminded all Councillors of the Remembrance Service and requested that all Councillors please attend.