

**LEWANNICK PARISH COUNCIL. MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16 JULY 2008 AT POLYPHANT VILLAGE HALL. THE MEETING BEGAN AT 20.00HOURS.**

**ATTENDANCE:**

<b>Chairman</b>	John Newbery
<b>Vice Chairman</b>	Iris Curley
<b>Clerk</b>	Elaine Cook
<b>Councillors</b>	Ken White, John Panter, Jenny Potter, m Bernard O'Neil, David Eno, David Parnell. Neil Burden
<b>Apologies</b>	Eric Sleep and Adrian Brown

There were five members of the public present.

The Chairman welcomed everyone for attending and opened the meeting to the public. Concerns were raised regarding planning application 2008/01213 The Cottage, Polyphant. The shop would be in a conservation area and it was expressed that it was an ill-thought out plan. The dwelling is part of the village green and there would be issues concerning the lack of parking together with the visual aspect of development in a conservation area.

There were no further queries from the public. The Chairman thanked them for their queries.

Minutes of our meeting dated 18 June 2008, which had previously been circulated, were proposed by J Po 2<sup>nd</sup> IC, all were in full agreement that they be signed as a true and fair account of that said meeting.

**Standards Board** – The Chair read out letters ref Councillor White and Councillor Curley advising that a complainant sought a review of their decision not to refer a complaint for investigation. In accordance with their procedures the case had been reviewed to check that the decision taken by officers was reasonable and that it was reached in accordance with the Standards Board's procedures. After careful consideration it was concluded that the case was handled correctly and the final decision was reasonable. This is the last stage in the process in relation to this complaint and they consider the matter to be closed.

**1. MATTERS ARISING**

**a. Highways** – DP concerned that the hedgerows in general are overgrown and creating a hazard. The hedges should be cut back between June and July to reduce the change of disturbance to breeding birds, plants will have finished flowering and seeding, berries and fruits taken by birds and other wildlife and it is likely that there will be less traffic on the roads, reducing congestion and delays.

B O'N chasing for the pedestrian sign at Trevadlock to be moved to an improved location. This point has been discussed with Highways and hopefully is in hand. Slow to be painted on the road adjacent to pedestrian sign.

**b. Blackhill Quarry – VAS.** The Chair read out a letter from the Highways Agency concerning the current status of the proposed use of Vehicle Activated Signs.

The details of Tarmac's signing scheme associated with the ROMP condition are under consideration by the Highways Agency's Managing Agent Contractor. The scheme involves the provision of VAS which require special approval from the Highways Agency's central policy division for their use. The Highways Agency has recently erected VAS on the approaches to Menheniot Junction, on the A38 trunk road east of Liskeard. They are experiencing "teething" problems with the VAS at this site, and as at the proposal at Blackhill is based on the same format they wish to address these issues before finalizing technical advice on Tarmac's proposal.

**c. Lewannick Post Office** – At the last Lewannick Community Action Group it was agreed that they would wait until a decision had been announced before they began compiling the dossier. A meeting has been arranged for Thursday 17 July 2008. The survey has given a clear indication of the support of the community for the Post Office. The Chair of the Action Group has spoken to Post Watch for advice as to the procedure should their positive decision be overturned. Post Watch assured that in the event of this occurring the six week consultation begins again – thus giving interested parties six weeks to voice concerns/opinions.

**d. Darkes Farm** – we have had nothing further with regard to the planning issues and David Tapsell NCDC will be contacting us when a decision has been made.

**e. Lewannick Post Office – Highways - Limited Waiting Restriction – CCC** – our response to providing "Limited Waiting – Monday to Saturday – 8am to 6pm – 30 mins no return within 2 hours" outside of the village post office is supported DE 2<sup>nd</sup> KW all in full support.

**e. Parking on Polyphant Green** – we have heard back from Head of Legal Services, NCDC. There is no question of any person being able to claim any possessory title as a result of their use of the land, since; such a claim cannot be founded on an illegal act. There are steps that can be taken when a village green is being encroached upon.... A P C must not allow a village green which it owns to be encroached upon or to be misused. If the problem is keeping vehicles off, this can usually best be achieved by digging a ditch or putting large white stones on the boundary or fencing the green (provided there is reasonable access for pedestrians). If the ownership of the green is not vested in the PC, it will be necessary first to obtain the owner's consent. Land which is registered as village green cannot be used for car parking or caravan parking, even if the council wishes, because it is unlawful for the land not to be kept freely available for the inhabitants of the parish for lawful sports and pastimes. *Extract from John Prophet's The Parish Councillor's Guide.*

**f. Parish Clock** – The Chair described the dangers of maintaining our Parish Clock and the poor and dangerous access to wind it. There is a specialist company that can fit an automatic winding mechanism. The current quote would be £3,720.00 with a ten year guarantee. It was agreed that the Clerk would investigate our spending power on this. It was also generally agreed that Councillors would assist in fund raising if and where necessary.

**2. Lewannick Playing Area** – the post tops need to be repaired. It was agreed that the expenses incurred for the purchase of resin would be met by the PC proposed by DP 2<sup>nd</sup> J Panter all were in full agreement.

**b. Polyphant Playing Area** J Po reported that the playing area was in good order.

- c. **Transport Forum** a meeting has been arranged but nothing to report at this stage.
- d. **Over 50's Voice** – A G M on 7 July 2008 concentrating on Launceston and the surrounding area. Many positive comments by members and a lot of work being done for the benefit of this collective group.

3. **ONE CORNWALL** – understanding the educational and training needs of parish council members. Forms and documentation have been sent to all Cllrs for completion.

b. **C C C – Cornwall County Fire Brigade's IRMP Service Plan** – Chair read out the document that explains their plans to make Cornwall safer and how they intend to identify and reduce risk. A full copy of this plan and other supporting documentation can be found on <http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/fire>.

c. **NCDC – Consultation on One Cornwall Localism Charter** – It was agreed to circulate the Localism Charter to all councillors.

#### 4. **PLANNING**

a. **2008/01257 Change of use of Industrial Building to residential bungalow, Sunnybank, Polyphant, Mr and Mrs Haithwaite.** KW moved that we support which was 2<sup>nd</sup> by DP as a brown field site that already had a building on it. J Po proposed that we do not support 2<sup>nd</sup> IC. A vote was taken in which 5 did not support. Two were in support this application. The Chair did not vote. It was proposed that the application not be supported as minor villages are identified and controlled by Clause HSG2 of the Local Plan and are defined by the settlement boundaries in that plan. Infilling, conversion and redevelopment will be allowed only within the designated boundary. Also sewage problems, exit onto a lane which is common land and near to a difficult corner.

b. **2008/01213 Change of use and extension to cottage to form village shop on the ground floor and two bedroom flat above THE COTTAGE, POLYPHANT.** Policy ENV13 of the Local Plan, which covers Conservation Areas and Clause 4 states: "Development proposals within, or outside but affecting, a conservation area will only be permitted where: (a) they respect the areas special architectural and historic interest and the siting, scale, form, proportions, colour and materials of any new or altered buildings or advertisements are in keeping with the character or appearance of the area: and (b) they do not result in the loss of open spaces, including garden areas, which by their openness, make a valuable contribution to the character or appearance of the area, or allow important views into or out of the conservation area: and (c) they do not create additional traffic, noise or other nuisance that would adversely affect the character or appearance of the area." It was proposed by IC 2<sup>nd</sup> JPo that we do not support this application this was supported in total by 5 votes, one Cllr decided not to exercise their vote and JN signed the book and declared an interest.

c. **2008/01321 Bramble Park, Lewannick, Mr M Newbery. Conversion of garage into a study.** The Chair and DP signed the book and left the room prior to the discussion of this application. It was proposed by KW 2<sup>nd</sup> JPa all in favour that this application be supported.

For information

- d. **2 008/00824 Mr F Werring** - approval of removal of sub-standard single storey extension and erection of two storey extension together with change of use of ground floor from redundant newsagents shop/store to residential use.
- e. **2008/00901 Ms J Roberts** – approval to works to trees covered by a T P O namely to lift the crowns of three sycamore trees (T311-T313) 5 – 6 metres from ground.
- f. **2008/01006 Mr E G Sleep** – revised details for the erection of agricultural dwelling previously approved under 2007/01343 – approval.
- g. **Trevadlock Cross** – Junction Improvements – CCC. It was agreed that we support the proposed improvements to the road line to improve visibility for drivers entering the main road. Pro DE 2<sup>nd</sup> JPa all in full agreement.

## 5.FINANCES

- a. **Perfect Pastures £760.81 cheque number 567 pro KW 2<sup>nd</sup> JPa all in agreement of payment.**

## 6. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Your Money Your Dream.
- b. NCDC – 2008 Register of Electors.
- c. Matthew Taylor MP – planned waste incinerator in St. Dennis – the Chair read out the letter. The majority of Cllrs present were in support that we write a letter in support of a public inquiry into the planned waste incinerator in St. Dennis. Two Cllrs voiced the need for an incinerator and one Cllr did not wish to vote. The majority felt we should write to give our support to the campaign Pro JPo 2<sup>nd</sup> DE majority in favour.

## 7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a. **Cattle Grid for Trevadlock Hall Park** –B O’N this is for the Park to decide on and is nothing that we can get involved in.
- b. **Drain** – The Cottage, Polyphant – this may now be an Environmental Health Issue it was suggested that IC logs onto Fix My Street and report the problems there – DE.
- c. J Pa – **the school path is badly overgrown** – Steve Ewing – Highways is aware of this.
- d. DP - **bunding surrounding the quarry appears to be growing.** To report at the next Liaison Meeting.

There being no further business the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed. Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday 17 September 20.00 hours at Lewannick Village Hall. There will be no meeting during August, however, if any planning issues arise an extraordinary meeting would be called.