

**LEWANNICK PARISH COUNCIL. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2009 AT LEWANNICK VILLAGE HALL. THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING COMMENCED AT 19.30 HOURS. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS WERE INVITED TO ATTEND.**

**PRESENT**

**CHAIRMAN**

John Newbery

**VICE CHAIRMAN**

Adrian Brown

**COUNCILLORS**

Bernard O'Neil, Dave Parnell, Ken White,  
John Panter, Eric Sleep and David Eno.

**APOLOGIES**

Jenny Potter and Michael Cook.

There were members of the public present.

(1) **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE ENSUING YEAR I.E., TO THE DATE OF OUR NEXT ANNUAL MEETING.** It was proposed by Cllr B O'N 2<sup>nd</sup> by DE all were in full agreement that Cllr John Newbery be elected to serve a further year. Cllrs were unanimous in their decision and thanked JN for carrying out the chairmanship in such a splendid manner. **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN** It was proposed by Chair JN 2<sup>nd</sup> DP all in full agreement that Adrian Brown be elected to serve a further year as our Vice Chairman. Again Cllrs were unanimous in their decision and thanked AB for the valued contribution he is making to LPC.

(2) **APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON OUTSIDE BODIES** B O'N will continue in his role as Acting Chairman to Launceston and District Over 50's Voice. JN thanked him for the valuable contribution he makes to the parish in this important role. It was proposed by JN 2<sup>nd</sup> DE that J Po will continue as our warden for Polyphant Play Area and this also was unanimously supported.

(3) **RECEIPT OF REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF OUTSIDE BODIES** **Film Society Report May 2009** – The Film Society films have continued to be a well supported monthly event, with a wide range of people attending various films. Mama Mia was our most successful film of the year showing to a full house on two nights. We also ran a very successful Mexican themed evening when Mexican food was served. This proved very popular. The Society has continued with the policy hiring current popular films with the occasional family film and a few less well known films. During the year we were able to purchase the vital spare bulb for the projector at a cost of around £400 and we completed our setup by purchasing a second hand Bose surround sound speaker system. The Society Committee hope to further improve facilities by adding a High Definition projector. Mainly we are well supported although there is a mixed response to the films shown, occasionally resulting in a loss, but always allowing us to keep a small reserve in the bank. We feel the film society is a valuable community amenity and are determined to keep the society operational. We hope that we will be supported by the Parish Council in the future. DAVID ENO.

**Lewannick Play Area Report May 2009** The play area continues to be well used by local children. The equipment is all in reasonable order and there have been no cases of vandalism or dog fouling. A certain amount of litter is dropped but this is not a big problem and is collected periodically when the bin is emptied. DAVID ENO.

**Lewannick Parish Website Report 2009** The total website hits since 2001 have reached 224,000 – nearly quarter of a million. The website is regularly at the top of internet searches for Lewannick on Google and the main search engines. The various areas of the website are also indexed on Google, including all the Parish Newsletters and the Parish Council Minutes. With the aid of a grant given by the Parish Council the website has been under re-development. Currently some sections of the website are not available but these will be back online shortly in an improved format. The website was used to help publicise the campaign to keep Lewannick Post Office open. As always we could do with help to keep the website diary and news up to date. This is quite simple and could be done by anyone at home who had the time. DAVID ENO.

#### **Launceston and District Over 50's Voice**

The group are networking with many organisations and are linked with South West Senior Network to Taunton. They are currently lobbying Women's Pensions as they generally achieve only 54% of the basic state pension. They have taken forward networking with Plymouth and are fighting in Europe to achieve results. Strides are being made in moving the pension cause forward. A recent meeting on Direct Payments to Carers was held when two members of the Social Services gave an informative talk, followed by a questions and answers session. The hospital transport is proving to be extremely successful. No-one is abusing the service and there are plenty of volunteer drivers. It is also hopeful that the community bus will be running shortly for the Lewannick Parish.

**(4)CHAIRMAN'S REPORT** Since the last AGM we have had one Councillor retire, Iris Curley, and a new member join us Michael Cook, Trevadlock. Over the last 12 months the overhead expenses within the Parish which include the maintenance of the green areas, the trees on Polyphant Green, which are maintained and kept in a safe condition with our ongoing plan, the 17 footpaths within the Parish which are inspected and kept open, the Parish clock which is running well and the grants given to deserving causes, have been maintained to the full by the Parish Council. We have managed to do all this without increasing the precept. Recently, using the Aggregate grant, we have had a swing installed in the Polyphant play area and have just taken delivery of a new noticeboard for Lewannick. We are waiting a map lectern style display board to put the "map of walks within the Parish". As soon as the board is received and we will have the two put up. We maintain our position as consultees in the planning process and over the year we have had an assortment of plans presented to us. All the plans we receive are supported or not supported on their own merits. All the plans are inspected by the councillors present and then put to the vote. We have discovered that as we are only consultees our voice is one among many and the Planning Officers have the final say. Among the plans put forward are two large developments of affordable housing and one plan for just two. All three applications were passed by the planning department, which should give the opportunity for local people to stay local and not have to move away. Cornwall County Council have gone and the new Unitary Council taken over. This has serious implications to all Parish Councils, we will have to fight harder for any Council funding or issues that affect us. This may mean joining forces with neighbouring Parish Councils to get our voice heard. I have been asking David Chadwick, one of the Community Network Managers, to come along to one of our meetings to explain his role. To date he has been unavailable. There is a new Network Manager, Mike O'Brien, who I will start to email. The Localism Area Manager is Steve Beresford-Foster. We have also had a change of Ward as a result

of the Boundary review; we are now in the Altarnun ward. At the local elections in June the local councillor, Ian Jolley is stepping down and there are three new candidates to choose from. JOHN NEWBERY

The Annual Parish Meeting was followed by the ORDINARY MEETING of LEWANNICK PARISH COUNCIL.

The minutes of our meeting dated 15 April 009 which had been previously circulated were proposed by DE 2<sup>nd</sup> J Pa all in full agreement that they be signed as a true and fair copy of that said meeting.

There were members of the public present who gave a presentation on planning application 2009/00618 replacement dwelling following demolition of existing dwelling TRELASKE MANOR, LEWANNICK. The Chairman thanked them for their excellent presentation which was extremely meaningful and assisted Cllrs in their understanding of the application.

**(1) MATTERS ARISING**

**(a) Highways** A speed check has taken place in Lewannick following complaints from a resident. We have notified Highways with regard to The Dog Agility venue. AB has also spoken to the group about the dangerous parking problems that were being created.

**(b) Polyphant Green** Residents have complained about the erection of a For Sale Board. The Chair has spoken to the agents and requested that the board be removed. This will be followed-up. Concerns were also raised regarding fly-tipping of grass cuttings. It was agreed that this was unacceptable and a warning will be placed within our newsletter. Pro B O'N 2<sup>nd</sup> ES all in full agreement.

**(2) REPORTS**

**(a) Polyphant Play Area** AB reported that the swing was now erected and being enjoyed by children.

**(b) Lewannick Play Area** DE reported during our A G M see above.

© **Launceston and District over 50's Voice** B O'N reported during our A G M see above.

**(3) DOCUMENTS**

**(a) Cornwall Council – Community Networks in East Cornwall** – JN read out the contents of the document. It was agreed that we would invite C R CC's Community Planning Manager to one of our meetings in order for them to explain the community planning process. It was further agreed that we would discuss the development of a community-led parish plan. Pro DE 2<sup>nd</sup> JN all in full agreement.

**(4) PLANNING**

**(a) 2009/00564** Mr Nick Evans – revised design to previously approved application under 2007/00146 for the erection of a dwelling namely erection of wooden balcony at rear of property with walkway to garden and replace windows in master and bedroom two with French doors. DARKES FARM, POLYPHANT. It was proposed that we would support this application Pro B O'N 2<sup>nd</sup> DE all in full agreement.

**(b) 2009/00603** Application for Prior Notification for the construction of 2 No. Agricultural storage barns. LAND AT, TRENHORNE, CONGDONS SHOP, Ms Debra Richardson. It was proposed by KW 2<sup>nd</sup> ES all in full support that the

application would not be supported because it was too isolated and there were queries as to what its use was for.

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(d) 2009/00618 ERECTION OF A REPLACEMENT DWELLING FOLLOWING DEMOLITION OF EXISTING DWELLING TRELAKSE MANOR, LEWANNICK Mr T Z Doak. It was proposed by DP 2<sup>nd</sup> DE all in favour that we do not support this application. All were in favour.

(e) 2009/00567 Application for Prior Notification for the siting of an agricultural shed for the storage of hay and straw. North Downs, Polyphant. Mrs Shirley Jasper. It was proposed by KW 2<sup>nd</sup> AB that we support the application in principal. However, we are concerned about the size of the shed in comparison to the size of the smallholding and consider it to be very big.

(f) 2009/00610 Change of use from domestic to residential care home PEN-INNEY, LEWANNICK, PL15 7QD. Mr L Difford. Proposed by DP 2<sup>nd</sup> AB all in favour that we support this application.

For information

(g) Knighton Oak, Plusha – approved.

(h) Lewannick Community Primary School – approved.

(i) 3 Springfield, Trevadlock – approved.

(j) The Warren, Polyphant – approved.

(k) Land at Trenhorne, agricultural dwelling – refused.

(5) **FINANCE**

(a) **Arien Signs £948.75 for Lewannick Noticeboard Cheque Number 594.** It was proposed by AB 2<sup>nd</sup> KW all in favour that we pay this invoice. It was agreed that we would ask a contractor to erect the board together with our Lectern Footpath signage when this has been delivered.

(6) **CORRESPONDENCE**

(a) **CALC – for general circulation.**

(7) **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

(a) **Highways – B 3257** heavy lorries using this road with wide loads that are escorted with vans. Slow needs to be painted on the road and the signage needs correcting. Also no litter bin has yet been provided by Highways. Pro B O’N 2<sup>nd</sup> AB all in favour that we contact Highways and invite a representative to one of our meetings so that the above points and many others can be brought to their attention. EC considers Highways are trimming the hedges too early by ten days.

(b) **Blackhill Local Liaison Group** the minutes were circulated of the meeting held on 7 May 2009. The next meeting is scheduled for 7 October 2009 at Polyphant Church Hall 1430hrs. VAS Signage – Highways have been contacted on a number of occasions, however, the agency is unable to write and send a letter to Tarmac, requesting additional funding for the scheme due to lack of time as he has a number of schemes running at present. N Burden asked what can be done to move the scheme forward. N Burden asked for an urgent meeting with Highways Agency, County Council and Parish Council to discuss the way forward. The PC is extremely unhappy with lack of progress and D Eno stated the scheme should be carried out as it would increase road safety, and could possibly prevent a fatality. J Newbery added that the A30 was now starting to get busier as the holiday season approaches. Tarmac is waiting the costings of the scheme from the Highways agency. This does not mean that Tarmac will

accept the costs and they may well apply for a variation to conditions, should the costs of the scheme prove to be prohibitive. Reference was made of a loud blast, leading to complaints being raised. The blasting results were confirmed as being well below the quarry's limits. The current operations at the quarry were run through. Tarmac was actively looking at all ways to reduce both operation costs and energy consumption.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed. Our next meeting will be held at Polyphant commencing 20.00 hours on Wednesday 17 June 2009.