

**DRAFT** Minutes of the  
**LUXULYAN PARISH MEETING**

Luxulyan Village Hall

**7.00 pm, Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

Chaired by: Parish Council Chairman, Michaela Linfoot

**Present:** Approximately 55 electors of the parish, Cornwall Councillor Sally-Anne Saunders, and Christine Wilson, Clerk to the Parish Council.

**Apologies:** N Legard, L Hennessey, S Stephenson, S Perry.

*The Chair welcomed everyone and read out an explanation of the procedures for Parish Meetings. She also explained that, though no decision at a Parish Meeting is binding on the Parish Council, "the parish council wants to be guided by the views of the parish as a whole" which is why this Parish Meeting was called.*

- 1) The draft minutes of the two previous parish meetings have been available for review on the website since last June. It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 11th May 2017 and the 2017 Annual Parish Meeting held on 18 May 2017 are a true and correct record of the proceedings (proposed Keith Bilston, seconded Michaela Linfoot).
- 2) Cornwall Councillor Sally-Anne Saunders presented the 2017 Luxulyan Parish Citizen of the Year Awards to its two recipients, Ralph Oliver and Pip Champion, for outstanding services to the parish.
- 3) Improvements to the aspect of the parish by cutting verges and other maintenance. There were a number of suggestions made about this, listed in the Appendix. After hearing the suggestions, it was **RESOLVED** by majority vote that the parish council should use its funds for maintenance of the verges and other areas of the parish, and for improvements to the aspect of the parish. For further clarification, the chair asked if there was anyone at the meeting who objected to parish council funds being used in this way, and there were no objectors.
- 4) Possible uses for the funds from the Bodwen Solar Park.  
The funds are derived from a unilateral agreement between Luxulyan Parish Council and the owners of the Solar Park. The Parish Council wished to consult with the parishioners about how these funds could benefit the communities within the parish. No decisions were made. Only the Parish Council may decide how its funds will be used, but all suggestions are noted in the Appendix for consideration by the Parish Council. The suggestions are listed and there was no discussion at this meeting as to their pros & cons. Some parishioners who could not attend sent their suggestions to the Clerk and their suggestions were read out and included here, in the Appendix. **PLEASE NOTE: The subject is still open, and the parish council will continue to receive suggestions from parishioners after this meeting.**
- 5) The date of the Annual Parish Meeting was confirmed for Thursday, 10th May 2018.

*The Chair thanked everyone for their contributions and closed the meeting at 7.35 pm.  
Mrs C Wilson ~ Clerk to Luxulyan Parish Council ~ 17 February 2018*

APPENDIX of Suggestions  
from the Parish Meeting of 16th February 2018

Item 3 on the agenda: **Improvements to the Aspect of the Parish.**

It was suggested:

- a) That considerable funds were made available so that the parish looks better.
- b) That hanging flower baskets and flower tubs be installed and maintained.
- c) That the dates for parish clean-ups be published so that more people can participate.
- d) That a schedule of regular maintenance, especially the cutting of verges, be set up.

Item 4 on the agenda: **Possible Uses for the Funds from Bodwen Solar Park.**

A general suggestion was sent to the clerk regarding the decision-making process for the parish council:

- a) Suggestion sent to the clerk:  
Firstly whatever suggestions are made at the meeting on 16th February they are likely to come from a relatively small number of people so should be viewed as a starting point. To ensure that the money is used as the majority of the people in the parish wish it to be I would suggest that after the meeting, the Parish Council considers issuing a survey/questionnaire based on the suggestions made, to all the residents in the Parish in a similar way as the Steering Committee did for Luxulyan's Neighbourhood plan (NHP). The cost of this was found to be surprisingly modest and Cornwall Council took care of the printing, issuing and receiving the completed questionnaires.

The suggestions below are noted more or less in the order they were received:

- b) That more people are trained on the use of the defibrillator.
- c) That a list of people trained on the defibrillator is made available to as many as possible with contact numbers.
- d) That floodlights be installed on the playing field behind the village hall so that the Air Ambulance can land.
- e) That the bank at St Julitta is dug out for the parking of more vehicles.
- f) That the hedge/fence of the Playing Field play area be extended at the northeast corner.
- g) That a 20 mph School Zone is made.
- h) That the curb at before the bridge between the village and bridges be highlighted in some way.
- i) That traffic calming be installed at Bodwen.
- j) That Bodwen have street lights installed.
- k) That Bodwen have village signs, perhaps saying 'Drive Carefully Through Our Village'.
- l) That the speed in Bodwen from Lockengate to the factory be reduced from 40 mph to 30 mph.
- m) That a green space next to Rosevale Gardens be made into a community area for the residents (but that land may be privately owned).
- n) That a skate park should be built in the playing field to get the older children off the streets.
- o) That the car parks for Luxulyan Valley should be tidied up, the signage renewed and dog bins be installed with rubbish collection service.

p) Suggestion sent to clerk:

The flood plain below Bridges following along from Rosevale gardens and adjacent to the river would make an ideal place for a community wildlife reserve. The river could be diverted into a series of ponds and wetlands accessed by board walks and the water finally returned to the river further down by the weir.

This could become a valuable area for all kinds of wildlife and also the possibility of helping to solve the flooding problem further down and also benefit everyone in the community. The access could be from behind the shop into Tonkins' field and instead of walking diagonally across, go straight down over an existing bridge to the old tramway and across to the river where a new bridge over the river would be built.

It may be possible to continue a path to the river and return to the Saint's Way and on into the valley.

This does all depend on who owns that piece of land and if they are willing for this improvement to happen.

q) Suggestion sent to clerk:

To make footpaths from Bodwen accessible, to enable residents to walk out from the Hamlet safely i.e. Bodwen Farm to Menorca Lane and over the lane to Higher Menadue.

r) Suggestion sent to clerk:

A protected community Green Space, somewhere to walk to, for children to play, a focal point etc. but in keeping with the rural area. I don't know if there is any common land available or if a local landowner would be willing to donate the land as a legacy.

s) Suggestion sent to clerk:

Speed on the bend of Bodwen Farm Lane reviewed and a Bodwen place name sign, so drivers are made aware they are about to drive through a residential area.

t) Suggestion sent to clerk:

Make sure that the smaller communities outside Luxulyan village also benefit particularly Bodwen and Lockengate.

u) Suggestion sent to clerk:

Playing Field. To increase the space available to be used for whatever recreation purposes are needed, remove the bank towards the bottom of the field and prune/coppice the trees which have grown there. This could probably be done by suitably qualified volunteers to limit the costs.

v) Suggestion sent to clerk:

Playing Field. Replace any of the apple trees in the community orchard which have failed with suitable Cornish varieties and also have a sign installed near the entrance to the playing field to draw people's attention to the existence of the community orchard. Could be done out of existing PC funds?

w) Suggestion sent to clerk:

Playing Field. To encourage exercise amongst all generations consider installing some outdoor fitness equipment around the outside of the lower part of the field or in the cleared area (at suggestion 'u' above); grants are probably available to help with this.

x) Suggestion sent to clerk:

It is long overdue that we have village signs announcing that you have arrived in Luxulyan. I believe we have one at the moment out the 3 roads most used to go in and out of the village (I have discounted the one between Challow Terrace and Trenowth Farm entrance.)

y) Suggestion sent to clerk:

One concern raised in the NHP questionnaire was the danger of often having to walk in the middle of the road due to vehicles parked, between the school or St Sulien

entrance and the shop/church area of Churchtown. If the wall at the front of the Institute is removed together with another 3 feet of the foreground a proper pavement could be installed. Obviously a new wall would then need to be built and a new accessibility entrance installed. I suspect grants could be available for this.

z) Suggestion sent to clerk:

Replace the Bus shelter with a more natural looking wooden one.