

LUXULYAN PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting, 6.00 pm, ONLINE via Zoom

THURSDAY 16 APRIL 2020

PRESENT:

Cllr Michaela Linfoot (Chair), Cllr Keith Bilston (Vice-chair), Cllr Bob Hatton, Cllr Michele Latham, Cllr Francis Payne.

ALSO PRESENT:

Clerk to the Parish, Mrs Christine Wilson and no Members of the Public.

ABSENT:

Cllr Kay Baker, Cllr Michael Grindley, Cllr Margaret Higman, Cllr Sarah Kemp, Cllr Tina Windsor.

Abbreviations: Councillors are abbreviated with their initials; Luxulyan Parish Council (LPC), Cornwall Council (CC), Cornwall Assoc. of Local Councils (CALC), Footpath (FP), Local Maintenance Partnership (LMP), Community Network Panel (CNP), General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), Luxulyan Neighbourhood Plan (LNP). \*\*\* indicates the Consultee Comments submitted to the Planning Authority; the general points are proposed and decided by LPC; formal submission is delegated to the Clerk.

Note on numbering:

The prefix will follow the Municipal Year which begins in May. January-April will carry the 19/ prefix. At the May 2020 meeting the first item on the Agenda will be 20/01.

Note on joining the meeting as members of the public:

Members of the public must request online Meeting details in advance from the Clerk in order to join the meeting online. All participants that join the meeting start in the 'waiting room' and are admitted by the clerk as soon as possible.

*The meeting began at 6.00 PM and the Chair welcomed all.*

*A minute of silence was held for all those affected by Covid-19: NHS workers, all those that have lost their lives and those that are fighting for their lives.*

19/206 Apologies

Apologies were received from MH, TW, KBa, SK, MG and Ward Member Cllr Sally-Anne Saunders.

19/207 Declarations of interest or requests for dispensation.

None.

19/208 Public Session

None.

19/209 Meetings and governance

A The council **RESOLVED** that the minutes, as read, of the meeting held on 12 March 2020 were a true and correct record (proposed MLI, 2<sup>nd</sup> FP).

B The council **RESOLVED** that the minutes, as read, of the ONLINE meeting held via Zoom on 10 April 2020 were a true and correct record (proposed MLI, 2<sup>nd</sup> KBi).

C The council **RESOLVED** (proposed MLI, 2<sup>nd</sup> MLa) that all the minutes during the time the council does not meet face to face will be posted to the Chair who will sign them and put them back in the post to the Clerk.

## 19/210 Reports

## A Reports on actions.

- i. The meeting with CC and the Environment Agency about the leats in general, and specifically about the sluice gates at the weir, has been postponed from 23 April and will possibly meet on 1<sup>st</sup> June. MLI will speak with the landowners before giving their contact details to CC.

**ACTION: MLI**

- ii. It was reported that Feast Week has been cancelled for 2020.

## B Cllr Saunders' report to the Parish will be ready for tomorrow's online meeting, 17 April.

## 19/211 Planning

## A Planning issues and correspondence. Planning decisions are reported in Clerk's Notes and on the website.

- i. StARR project update: A St Blaise Parish application:  
**PA20/01777** | Provision of two open surface water storage features (ponds) and an offline attenuation basin (pond); with associated highway works and outfall into the St Blazey Stream | Parcels Of Land To East And West Of Aberdeen Close At Junction With Bridge Street (A390), St Blazey And Land To The South Of Aberdeen Close, Adjacent To Football Pitch, St Blazey.

The council discussed the application and **RESOLVED** (proposed MLI, 2<sup>nd</sup> MLa) to submit the following comments to the case officer:

\*\*\* Luxulyan Parish Council has viewed the proposal and its likely effects and consequences on the well being of the parish environment, its economy and its inhabitants. Luxulyan Parish Council **OBJECTS** to this application because:

It considers that the creation of these catchment ponds (at White House Farm) in the lower reaches of the Par River system would be too close to the silted up estuary of the river, as to make this experiment unsustainable in the light of the predicted increase in sea levels within the next century due to climate change. The Council also wishes to query the wisdom of spending such a large sum of money on these projects as these funds, when invested in this way, will yield no return income for the county.

The Council considers that these sums would be better invested in the renovation and creation of alternative water storage and usage schemes in the higher reaches of the river's catchment area, a considerable part of which falls within the parish boundary.

The Council, along with several members of the public, farmers and local landowners, listened with interest to Mr Matthew Healey from the Westcountry Rivers Trust when he was invited to address the Parish Council on the 12th March 2020. He gave a talk and took questions on the creation of water retention areas on the river system's smaller but much more numerous flood plains and fenlands in its higher reaches. This meeting was deemed to have been a great success and the Council believes that several new schemes will ensue from this in the fullness of time.

Whilst only a small portion of mineral washing ponds sited to the north of Cornhill falls within the parish, the Council wishes to suggest that their capacity could be greatly increased by diverting the stream flowing out of Warren Wood, Prideaux, into them, whereas it flows directly into the Par at present. These ponds are managed by Roche Angling Club, who would be happy to accommodate the extra capacity.

Lastly and most importantly, the Council firmly believes that the renovation and modernisation of the Charlestown leat system would be the most beneficial way of

limiting the flow of water entering the lower reaches of the Par river system. This when renovated, could, with the aid of modern remote-controlled monitoring systems, substantially lower the volume of water entering the lower estuary section of the river. It would also have the benefit of allowing the port of Charlestown to become a working port again, linking it to the leisure aspects of seafaring, and giving a much needed boost to revenue from the county's tourism sector. The current Council carries forward, through the knowledge instilled from past generations, that when this leat system was running, the volume of water removed from the lower reaches of the River Par was around 25% to 30%. In short, it is the Council's view that the restoration of the Charlestown leat will be the surest and cheapest way to safeguard the people of St Blazey and Par from flooding, whilst bringing in the greatest financial return from its long term affects because of the extra revenue that would be created from it.

- ii. It was **NOTED** that Tywardreath and Par Parish is writing a Neighbourhood Development Plan and has begun the Pre-Submission Consultation Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012 (Part 5, regulation 14). All the documents are available on the Tywardreath and Par Parish Council website in the NP section under *Neighbourhood Plan Key Documents*.

**B Applications for consultee comments.**

- i. **PA20/01437** | To remove planning condition 2 in respect of decision notice no. C/SAR/61/15608 dated 26 June 1961 namely agricultural occupancy restriction. | Tredinnick Fields Luxulyan Bodmin Cornwall PL30 5DT.  
The council discussed the application and **RESOLVED** (proposed MLi, 2<sup>nd</sup> KBi) to submit the following consultee comments:  
\*\*\* Luxulyan Parish Council **SUPPORTS** this application. The owners have followed statutory procedures and it is time to let them get on with the development of the property.
- ii. **PA20/01440** | Construction of a general purpose agricultural building | Savath Farm Savath Lane Lockengate Bugle St Austell Cornwall PL26 8SA.  
The council discussed the application. FP noted that the application had to be submitted because it will be more than three metres high within 3 miles of Roche Airfield; however, the council does not see that this will be a problem and it **RESOLVED** (proposed FP, 2<sup>nd</sup> MLi) to submit the following consultee comments:  
\*\*\* Luxulyan Parish Council **SUPPORTS** this application because Savath Farm consists of a medium size commercial agricultural business which is positioned in one of the more rural areas of the parish. The council therefore considers that, by not hindering the continued progress of such a business, it allows such businesses to fulfil their role in achieving the Neighbourhood Plans Vision for the Parish: *THE VISION FOR LUXULYAN PARISH In 2030 Luxulyan Parish will be a vibrant rural community with housing and employment opportunities that are sympathetically sited within the parish, respecting its heritage, built and natural environments, all producing a balanced economic and social community.*  
This vision will be achieved by using a series of objectives such as 6.3: • *Maintain the existing character of the parish as a viable working rural area.*  
It is for these simple but encompassing reasons that Luxulyan Parish Council wishes to support this application.

## 19/212 Highways &amp; Flooding

There is a huge pothole at the entrance to the Luxulyan Valley car park just beyond Gatty's Bridge and the clerk will report it.

**ACTION: Ref No. W2041870**

## 19/213 Assets – reports and maintenance

## A Playing Field.

i. FP did inspect the area where previously knotweed had been found. It is coming up. The council **RESOLVED** (proposed MLI, 2<sup>nd</sup> FP) that MLI will contact the contractor to treat the knotweed at the appropriate time.

**ACTION: MLI**

ii. Playing Field inspections for March up to 17 March were received and **NOTED**. The play equipment has been closed since 25 March 2020.

iii. The council **RESOLVED** (proposed MLI, 2<sup>nd</sup> MLa) that the contractor continue to inspect the play equipment weekly. This decision will be reviewed next month.

iv. The Clerk reports that the annual play equipment inspection is going ahead in April or May as scheduled.

## B Village Toilets.

i. Small Business Rate Relief has again offset the Business Rates that the parish council would normally pay for the Public Toilets. £1,347.30 is reduced to zero.

ii. The Wallgate units have not been maintained nor the soap dispenser in the ladies' been fixed because Cormac is only doing emergency repairs at the moment. The clerk has asked them to let her know when the repair is rescheduled.

iii. The clerk has requested clarification from Cormac Cleaning services about the contract for 2020-2021 in light of the Covid-19 emergency measures. The council **AGREED** that it would like Cormac Cleaning to continue with its normal schedule when the toilets are again open to the public.

iv. The clerk reported that Cormac Cleaning services is offering a 'deep clean' service, which the council may wish to use before the toilets are again open to the public.

C Defibrillators. The clerk reported that South Western Ambulance Service confirms that both defibrillators (at the Luxulyan Memorial Institute and at Gunwen Chapel) are listed with their ambulance service through the Ronnie Richards Memorial Charity.

## 19/214 Correspondence (complete list in Clerk's Notes)

None.

## 19/215 Business for the next meeting

Review of play equipment inspections. Garden Award.

## 19/216 Second Public Session.

Congratulations to young Grace who has a green belt in karate and has won two Gold Medals in her age category. She is currently participating in her sports classes via Zoom and continues her training programme at home. Well done.

19/217 Dates of next meetings

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| A Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting will be held on Friday, 17th April, 6.00 pm for Year-End Finances 2019-2020, ONLINE via Zoom. |
| B Ordinary Meeting will be held on Thursday, 14th May 2020, 6.00 pm, ONLINE via Zoom.  |

*The Chair thanked everyone and closed the meeting at 6.26 pm.*

*Mrs C Wilson ~ Parish Clerk ~ 18 April 2020*

*Signed: \_\_\_\_\_, Chair of meeting. Date: \_\_\_\_\_*