

LUXULYAN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Luxulyan Memorial Institute at 7.00 pm on
THURSDAY 12th DECEMBER 2013.

PRESENT: Cllr C Austin (Chair), Cllr C Eich, Cllr D Olford, Cllr B Fahey, Cllr R Keam. Clerk to the Parish: Mrs C Wilson.
ALSO PRESENT: CC S Rix and 1 member of the public.
ABSENT: Cllr M Linfoot, Cllr J Fisher, Cllr G Haywood.

The meeting began at 7.05. The Chairman welcomed all.

13/128 **Apologies for absence.** Cllrs Fisher and Haywood.

13/129 **Declarations of interest.**

- a) Declarations re agenda items. None.
- b) Requests for dispensation. None.

13/130 **Public Session.**

- A letter from the Minister of State for Energy and Climate Change, G Barker, of 14 Oct 2013 discusses the need to use brownfield sites rather than greenfield sites, and to avoid siting solar panel on inappropriate parts of the countryside. Using a small proportion of domestic, commercial and industrial roofs would fulfil the government's clean energy targets easily.
- There is no impact assessment from Roche Rock for the proposed Bodwen solar park.

13/131 **Minutes.**

- a) The minutes of the Finance Committee held at 6pm on 14 November 2013 were approved as read. Proposed Cllr Olford, 2nd Cllr Eich. These are the last minutes of the finance committee, which has changed to a working party so that in future it will bring its reports and proposals to the ordinary meetings for consideration.
- b) The minutes of the ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 14 Nov 2013 were approved as read. Proposed Cllr Fahey; 2nd Cllr Keam.
- c) It was agreed to bring the planning applications forward to discuss before the other items on the Agenda. (See 13/144 c.)

13/132 **Playing Field inspection rota.** Volunteers for this month's weekly inspections are: CA, DO, CE, and RK.

13/133 **CC Rix's report.**

- The complaint against the high roof line in the new housing area adjacent to St Cyriac is going forward (previously discussed Aug'13). We hope this will ensure compliance with planning regulations and that no other new houses will be allowed build so high.
- CC Rix has a Community Fund and the deadline for applications from community groups is 2nd February. The LMI will consider applying to finish building works. Cllr Austin and CC Rix will contact the people organising the Community Bus for Luxulyan to see if this fund can help.

13/134 **PCSO Phillips' report.** None.

13/135 **Community Land Trust (CLT).** The Clerk will write to the agents (Mr N C Witcomb of RURAL FOUNDATIONS C.I.C.) about the lack of street lighting which is urgent with a copy to the CC Portfolio holder for Housing, CC G Brown.

13/136 **Lorry signs for the village.** The Clerk will write to Highways to find out how to get a **graphic sign which means 'Not suitable for HGVs' (to avoid language problems)** for the village. Cllr Keam says it could be put on the side of Hayley Cottage across from the Church.

13/137 **Highways.** Weed treatment in Luxulyan village will no longer be provided by CC. Luxulyan PC will maintain a wait and see policy. At the moment the pavements around St Sulien are mossy and slippery and the Clerk will write to see who is in charge of this.

13/138 **Donations.**

- a) A donation for **Granite Towers** of £200.00 was agreed unanimously. Proposed Cllr Eich, 2nd Cllr Austin. The Clerk will send the cheque to J Cleare and also request that the date for Luxulyan PC meetings be in the Diary in every issue.
- b) **Air Ambulance.** LPC refused the request for a donation. The Clerk will explain that LPC uses its funds to help the parish directly. Many people in the parish support the Air Am. privately.

13/139 **Finance.** The Chair met with A&A concerning the Rosemelling grass cutting, which now will be cut only at the Council's request. Also, A&A have agreed to invoice LPC promptly and include a breakdown of all works. Authorisation of payments was approved. Proposed Cllr Olford, 2nd Cllr Keam.

- i. Eurooffice, £66.58.
- ii. SLCC membership, £101.00
- iii. Salaries, clerk's expenses, and HMRC, £764.93
- iv. A&A Garden Services. £1,410.00.
- v. Donation Granite Towers, £200.00.
- vi. Tree surgeon, £168.00

13/140 **Footpaths.** The Clerk will find out why the Saints' Way is listed as part of the LMP.

13/141 **Maintenance of Cemetery & Open Spaces.**

- a) **Cemetery Car Park.** Cllr Linfoot will bring a quote for the work to the next meeting.
- b) The Clerk will write to the PCSO about the cars at Innes Downs, which are a nuisance and some appear not to be taxed.

13/142 **Matters for Report.**

- a) **The Village Shop & Post Office.** Opened 2 days early. We wish them all the best.
- b) **Luxulyan Memorial Institute.** Open Day, 10am – 12pm, Sat 14 Dec.
- c) **School Management Committee.** The school is in the process of deciding whether to join with another school(s) in a cooperative, a federation or an academy.
- d) **Luxulyan Valley Partnership.** Cllr Eich was unable to attend the 11 Dec meeting.
- e) Village Hall Committee. No report
- f) **Village Rubbish bins.** The rubbish bins have been emptied, but not put back properly.
- g) **Luxulyan Toilets.** The Clerk reports that British Gas has finally sorted out its meter reading. We will now start the process of ownership. The Clerk will investigate a recommended energy broker who can also handle the regeneration contract for the solar panels.
- h) **Bus shelter.** This month A. Hawken began cleaning the bus shelter on a monthly basis.
- i) **Flooding.** Speaking with the residents, it is not the river that floods the properties near Bridges, but the leat.

13/143 **Correspondence & Invitations.**

- a) **Reply from PCC Hogg, Police Commissioner.** The Clerk will reply to explain that his response was inadequate.
- b) **Localised Tax Support Grant.** We budgeted: £1701.00, but it will be £2,452.03 this year, then decrease each year by 10-15%.

13/144 **Planning.**

- a) Reports on planning decisions were read out. Details can be found on the website.

- i. APPROVED. PA13/07854 Applicant: Mrs A Thomas. Location: Chavestan Carne Cross St Blazey Par Cornwall. Proposal: Siting of three mobile homes, erection of three day rooms including blocking up existing vehicular access and formation of new vehicular access.
- ii. APPEAL IN PROGRESS. PA13/00824 |Installation and operation of a single 500kW wind turbine (maximum hub height 50m, maximum blade tip 74m)|Kernick Farm Luxulyan Bodmin Cornwall PL30 5DX. APPEAL- Ref. No: 13/00360/REF

b) **Planning correspondence.** Lestoon Wind Turbine - PA13/08209. Accdg to email received, the case officer will recommend approval though the LPC objected. In light of this, the Clerk and CC Rix will request the decision be taken to the Strategic Planning Committee so that CC can hear Luxulyan's objections directly.

c) **Applications.**

- i. **PA13/03710** Construction of solar photovoltaic park with attendant infrastructure (application accompanied by an environmental statement). Land South Of A391 Near Bodwen Bugle Cornwall. OBJECTION. Proposed Cllr Olford, 2nd Cllr Fahey.

*** Firstly, all nine objections which Luxulyan Parish Council submitted on 21 June 2013 still stand. Public consultation has been and remains very poor. IN ADDITION to our comments from June, Luxulyan adds: 1) Our previous point seven, about the placement of panels on ROOFS, has been validated by the Minister of State for Energy and Climate Change, G Barker MP, who in his letter of 14 October writes that Solar Energy is unwelcome on green-field sites and better placed on brownfield sites and roofs. 2) We would like to reemphasise Luxulyan's commitment to solar energy exemplified by the existing Tredinnick and Trenoweth photovoltaic parks, solar panels on every public building, including the Public Conveniences, and on private residences. 3) SOIL. The soil assessment question, which resulted in the July Regulation 22 letter, is unresolved; firstly, because in her reply Ms Hoyt did not provide any new information, and secondly because the inspection was made on an uncharacteristically wet day, and because the fields are placed in the geographic category of the Clay Country. It is unlikely that soil samples from the Bodwen fields would be similar to soil in the Clay area. The soil is likely of a higher quality for agriculture. 4) The significant LOSS OF PASTURELAND is of concern to the rural parish economy of Luxulyan and the country as a whole. 5) SEQUENTIAL IMPACT. Along with the photovoltaic site at Tredinnick, this solar park would contribute to an unacceptable sequential and cumulative impact. Luxulyan is an area of outstanding beauty and historic value, with many touristic amenities which exploit the natural and historic beauty of the area, which include The Saints' Way and Luxulyan Valley. 6) Nick Russell, Assistant Inspector of Ancient Monuments for English Heritage, has recently, on 20 December, requested an impact assessment for Roche Rock (NGR: SW 9910 5961, Scheduled Monument CO191, HER 19839) and Luxulyan also believes this is very important. No decision should be made until an assessment from ROCHE ROCK can be taken into consideration. 7) Luxulyan, in agreement with Roche Parish, resolves that this application should not be left to a delegated officer, but rather should be assessed directly by the Planning Committee of the Cornwall Planning Authority.

- ii. **PA13/10692** Erection of extension to existing building to cover manure storage area. Lestoon Farm Treskilling Luxulyan Bodmin Cornwall PL30 5EL. SUPPORT. Proposed Cllr Keam, 2nd Cllr Olford

*** The Council supports this extension to the farm building.

13/145 **Business for the next meeting.** No suggestions were made.

13/146 Dates of next meetings: Planning if needed January 2nd 2014, **Full Council January 9th 2014.** Both at 7pm, Luxulyan Memorial Institute.

[Addition in green (item 136) was amended at the 30 Dec 2013 Extra-ordinary meeting.]

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending, wished them a happy Christmas and closed the meeting at 10.00 pm.

Mrs C Wilson ~ Parish Clerk ~ 16 December 2013