

## LUXULYAN PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of the meeting held in the Luxulyan Memorial Institute at 7.00 pm on  
**THURSDAY 13th JUNE 2013**

PRESENT: Cllr C Austin (Chair), Cllr G Haywood, Cllr C Eich, Cllr B Fahey, Cllr R Keam,  
 Cllr D Olford. Parish Clerk: Mrs C Wilson.

ABSENT: Cllr J Fisher, Cllr M Linfoot, CC S Rix

ALSO PRESENT: 3 members of the public

*The meeting began at 7.00. The Chairman welcomed all.*

13/015 **Apologies for absence.** Cllr J Fisher, Cllr M Linfoot, CC S Rix, PCSO N Phillips.

13/016 **Declarations of interest** from Members re:

- a) Agenda Items. None.
- b) Requests for Dispensation. None.

13/017 **Public Session.** No one requested to speak.

13/018 **Minutes.**

a) To approve minutes of the Annual & Ordinary Meeting held on 9th May 2013.

- i. Some councillors had not received the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting. It was resolved to defer the signing of the **Annual Meeting** minutes until the next meeting.
- ii. The minutes of the **Ordinary Meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> May 2013** were confirmed to be true and correct and signed by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr Olford, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Keam.

b) To approve minutes of Planning Committee held on 23rd May 2013. There were not enough councillors who were present at the Planning meeting to approve the minutes. It was resolved to defer the signing of these minutes to the next planning or ordinary meeting.

13/019 **Police Report.** The Chairman read out the crime statistics sent by PCSO Phillips, comparing 2012 to 2013. The only reported crime in May '13 was the theft of a garden strimmer from a driveway (thus far 'undetected'). 7 Logs generated: 1 Animal related; 3 Admin/intel/alarm; 2 ASB/Neighbour dispute; 1 RTC

13/020 **Luxulyan Memorial Institute.**

a) **It was resolved to transfer ownership** of the Solar Panels to the Luxulyan Memorial Institute. Proposed Cllr Olford, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Eich.

b) **Report** from Cllr Eich.

- Electrical work almost done. Work at front complete and all outside paint now one colour.
- New radiators will be simpler to use.
- Photovoltaic Panels are working! And by 13 June they had already generated 0.6 MW. The company who installed the panels would like to meet with the Council or some councillors and it was considered a good idea.
- The Institute has paid back all money owed to Luxulyan Council.

- The Institute is looking to improve its service for hiring the rooms and find a better way to get the key to the hirers.
- Recent fundraising over £350. More fundraising needed.
- The AGM is 4<sup>th</sup> July, 7.00 pm.
- They are looking for grant money to fit a wheelchair ramp. The design is not finalised.

13/021 **Luxulyan Toilets.**

- a) **Update** on progress of renovations & solar panels.
  - The work should be finished by the end of June, if not before.
  - The solar panel company has **agreed** to put the 7 panels, left-over from the LMI installation, onto the toilet roof.
  - 8 panels will fit on the roof of the toilet. Cllr Austin reported that one panel would **cost** the Council about £200, and it was **agreed** to buy one panel to complete the installation.
- b) **The legal process** for transfer of freehold is taking longer than expected at County Council. It will **cost** Luxulyan about £400 for Stephens Scown LLP, solicitors in St Austell, to look over the document on our behalf when we get it from CC.

13/022 **Correspondence** (Clerk).

- a) General correspondence received since last meeting not covered under any other item.
  - i. The Councillors signed their Email Request Forms which specify which email address the Clerk will use and which asks each councillor to inform the Clerk if and when their email address is not working.
  - ii. A clean-up of the laptop will cost £24 from Mr J Wood of Nanstallon.
  - iii. A list of councillors will be placed by the Clerk on all notice boards.
- b) Correspondence received since Agenda posted. None.
- c) It was delegated to the Clerk to write to Mr N Witcomb of Rural Foundations CIC to request his attention to the remedial works in the occupied Affordable Houses of St Cyriac, which includes: sewage system, street lights, and footpath.

13/023 **Finance.**

- a) Monthly update and authorisation of payments (Clerk). The Clerk reported the balance in each account, but cheques could not be signed because she mislaid the chequebook.
  - i. Salary and expenses of the Clerk, N Legard, approved. Prop Cllr Olford, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Eich.
- b) Consideration of use for extra funds. The Council will continue to look into the possible uses of the extra funds.
- c) The Clerk requested a signatory on the bank account change the address on the account to the address of the new clerk.

13/024 **Neighbourhood Planning.** Consideration for funding available to help prepare a plan was deferred to the next meeting.

13/025 **Planning.**

- a) Applications. **PA13/03710.** Construction of 35 acre solar photovoltaic park with attendant infrastructure at Bodwen.

*The Chairman allowed full and free discussion of the proposed solar farm and invited the members of the public to participate. The Council unanimously resolved to strongly object. Proposed Cllr Olford, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Fahey.*

Response:

Firstly, the Council was surprised by the lack of public consultation. The application reported that 3 parish councils were consulted, yet Luxulyan Council was never consulted.

Secondly, inconsistent environmental reports were noted. One survey said it was very wet poorly drained and not good for crops. Another survey of the same site said it was good for trees.

Thirdly, concerns over water drainage and the erosion of the soil below dripline of the panels, making the fields less viable for future agricultural use.

Fourthly, grave concerns if herbicides will be used to control vegetable growth.

Fifthly, the site will be out of keeping with the rural way of life, the listed buildings in the area, and adversely impact on tourism to the beautiful Luxulyan Valley.

A sixth point is that the Bodwen area is shown in the 1851 census to be a probable tin streaming area of worldwide significance.

Seventh, solar panels in Luxulyan and neighbouring parishes could be better placed on roofs and not agricultural land.

Eighth, the people of the Parish are very much opposed to further industrialization, a 'proliferation of panels', which would change the Parish's aspect and 'feel' for over a generation.

Ninth, the Council holds 25+ letters from the residents of Bodwen objecting to the photovoltaic park.

- b) Report on planning decisions. None.  
c) Other Planning & Enforcement Correspondence. None.

13/026 **School Management Committee.**

- 19 new pupils enrolled for September 2013, possibly requiring a new teacher.
- 'Booster sessions' gave very good results.

13/027 **Playing Field.**

- a) Sign to acknowledge the grants for the playing field will be put up on the entrance gate next to the Village Hall.
- b) **Play equipment inspection report received.** There was one instance of Moderate risk and nothing of High or Very High risk. The full report will be sent to the Playing Field Committee for action.

13/028 **Luxulyan Valley Partnership.** None.13/029 **Cemetery & Open Spaces.**

- a) Dangerous Junction. Exiting from Bodelva Road onto the Luxulyan/St Austell road at the junction of Fahey's Concrete and H Orchard's scrapyard — the hedge needs cutting back. The lack of visibility is dangerous. Action is delegated to the Clerk to advise Highways concerning this.

- b) Cllr Fahey reported that speed bumps had been requested from Bodwen residents because of the lorries and fast traffic to and from Tulip Foods. The Clerk is delegated to report to Highways.
- c) Quotes for Tree trimming at the cemetery are requested. Cllr Linfoot to report next meeting.
- d) Devon & Cornwall response in Lanlivery: **devonandcornwall4x4response.com**. The Clerk is delegated to request more information for the notice boards.

Devon and Cornwall 4x4 Response is a group of unpaid volunteer 4x4 drivers who are willing to put their specialist vehicles and skills at the disposal of the Emergency Services and other public bodies, for emergency logistical support. We are available to transport emergency staff or supplies in severe weather or other emergencies working closely with Police, Fire, Ambulance etc and Health and Social Services. We are part of the National 4x4 Response Network.
- e) Ash trees are not looking good: 200 yds south of the Railway Station below the Railway Bridge. The Clerk will advise Cornwall Council.

13/030 **Village Hall Committee report.**

- Solar Panels are doing OK.
- Bookings for the Hall are down.
- Pre-school is doing well.
- Cllr Linfoot was absent so there was no more to report.

13/031 **Community Network Area.** Nothing to report.

13/032 **Footpaths.** As reported (13/022 c.) the new St Cyriac footpath is not complete.

13/033 **Training.** Training courses were reported by Cllr Haywood. No requests for training.

13/034 Dates of next meetings: Planning if needed **June 27th**, Full Council **July 11<sup>th</sup>**. Both at 7pm, Luxulyan Memorial Institute.

*The Chairman thanked everyone who came and closed the meeting at 9.40 pm.*

**Mrs C Wilson ~ Parish Clerk**

**To be signed by Cllr C Austin (Chairman) at the meeting of 11 July 2013.**