

LUXULYAN PARISH COUNCIL – Planning Committee

DRAFT Minutes of the meeting held in the Luxulyan Memorial Institute at 7.00 pm on
THURSDAY 24th OCTOBER 2013.

PRESENT: Cllr G Haywood (Planning Comm. Chair), Cllr B Fahey, Cllr M Linfoot. Clerk to the Parish: Mrs C Wilson.

ALSO PRESENT: 4 members of the public, including the agent for one planning application

ABSENT: Cllr Austin, Cllr Keam, Cllr Olford, Cllr M Eich, Cllr Fisher.

The meeting began at 7.00. The Chairman welcomed all.

13/5 **Apologies for absence.** Cllr Austin, Cllr Fisher, Cllr Olford.

13/6 **Declarations of interest.**

a) Cllr Linfoot declared an interest re PA13/07854 because it concerns a close friend.

b) Requests for dispensation. None.

13/7 **Public Session.** A member of the public expressed his disappointment that English Heritage had not had time to respond and was of the opinion that the cumulative effect of wind turbines and solar farms must be a material consideration for the Council.

13/8 **Planning.**

a) Reports on planning decisions.

b) Planning correspondence. An email was received the morning of 24 October from the Case Officer of **PA13/07854** (Siting of three mobile homes, erection of three day rooms including blocking up existing vehicular access and formation of new vehicular access) requesting the Council's reconsideration of its objection. As Cllr Linfoot declared an interest in the application, the Chair declared the Committee inquorate and instructed the Clerk to reply explaining the situation and, therefore, the previous Consultee Comment stands.

c) **Applications.**

- i. Reconsideration of **PA13/08209** with all statutory components. (Case Officer - Mr Ellis Crompton-Brown). Lestoon Farm Luxulyan Bodmin PL30 5EL. Erection of a wind turbine of max 77m to tip. Along with associated infrastructure including an electrical switchgear house and temporary access track. - Mr Gareth Davies. **OBJECTION.** Proposed Cllr Fahey, 2nd Cllr Linfoot.

*** Luxulyan Parish Council objects unanimously to this application for three reasons: 1) Considering the combined outputs of the Luxulyan Valley water turbine, around 40 acres of photovoltaic panels, some wind turbines, photovoltaic panels on every one of its public buildings, including the Public Conveniences, and many domestic photovoltaic panels, the residents of Luxulyan Parish feel that they have done their bit. As it states in the National Planning Policy Framework, para 97: 'planning authorities should recognise the responsibility on ALL communities to contribute to energy generation...'. No one can say Luxulyan hasn't done its bit. With all due respect, once ALL communities have done a bit as well, and more is needed, then and only then should the Cornwall Planning Authority consider approving more low carbon energy generation in Luxulyan Parish. 2) Luxulyan Parish is mainly rural, a famous holiday destination and contains areas of 'Great Landscape Value', 'Great Historic Value' (including Lestoon itself), a World Heritage Site, and a wind turbine at Lestoon will be visible from Helman Tor, which is a Scheduled Monument and Neolithic Tor Enclosure. The survey report by South West Archaeology Ltd describes how the turbine will 'compete for landscape primacy' and 'contribute to the erosion of distinctive historic character in the landscape' which includes areas of Great Landscape Value. It is undeniable that the 'negative

/moderate' effect of the Lestoon turbine will have negative ramifications for the residents of Luxulyan, the Parish's holiday businesses, and visitors' general enjoyment and appreciation of Luxulyan Parish and its surrounds. 3) At 77 metres, the Lestoon wind turbine is too big. It will dominate the landscape from most views and detract from the character of Luxulyan Parish, its rural flavour, and everyone's enjoyment. And 4th, Luxulyan Parish Council is extremely disappointed that the delay uploading the Historic Environment Assessment to Cornwall Council's website resulted in English Heritage's inability to respond. We feel this would have been a significant consideration in Luxulyan Parish's decision and once they do respond, should be taken into consideration by the Planning Authority. In their letter of 30 Sept 2013 (received 2nd October) they explain the importance of their 'formal response' about the impact of this turbine on the 'significant number' of Luxulyan's heritage assets.

ii. Applications for consideration since the posting of this Agenda. None.

13/9 **Business for the next meeting.** The Committee requested copies of the NPPF for all councillors. The Clerk will print and bind them.

13/10 Dates of next meeting: **Full Council November 14th 2013**, 7pm, Luxulyan Memorial Institute; the quarterly Finance Committee meeting will be held at 6pm on 14 November at the Institute.

The Chairman thanked everyone who came and closed the meeting at 8.00 pm.
Mrs C Wilson ~ Parish Clerk ~ 10 November 2013