

LUXULYAN PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT Minutes of the meeting held in the Luxulyan Memorial Institute at **6.30 pm** on
THURSDAY 11 DECEMBER 2014

PRESENT: Cllr Chris Austin (Chair), Cllr George Haywood (Vice-chair), Cllr Ralph Keam, Cllr Clare Eich, Cllr David Olford, Cllr Andy Cottrill.
 Clerk to the Parish: Mrs Christine Wilson.

ABSENT: Cllr Michaela Linfoot, Cllr Barbara Fahey, Cllr Jodie Fisher, Ward Member Simon Rix.

ALSO PRESENT: 1 members of the public who left after the public session, and Mr J Satterthwaite who remained for the duration.

Abbreviations: Luxulyan Parish Council (LPC), Cornwall Council (CC), Strategic Planning Committee (SPC), Community Land Trust (CLT), Friends of Luxulyan Valley (FOLV), Councillors are abbreviated with their initials. *** indicates the Consultee Comments submitted to the Planning Authority by LPC, delegated to the Clerk.

The meeting began at THE NEW TIME OF 6.30 PM and the Chairman welcomed all.

14/137 **Apologies for absence** were given by JF because of work commitments, BF and ML because of illness and we hope they are feeling better soon, Cllr Rix because of a campaign meeting.

14/138 **Declarations of interest.**

a) Declarations re agenda items. None

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14/139 **Public Session.** The Council were saddened to hear that B. Hunter was in hospital and all wish her a swift recovery.

V Fahey attended the meeting to explain the reasons for her planning application and it was agreed to move the discussion and vote on the application (Item 14/145.c.i) to the beginning of the meeting. See the decision at that Item.

The Chairman read aloud a letter from V Fahey to the Council explaining her situation and why she needs the new accommodation.

14/140 **Meetings.**

b) The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on 13 November 2014 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman (proposed RK 2nd DO).

14/141 **Playing Field inspection rota.** The Clerk received last month's forms and the volunteers for this month's weekly inspections will be: AC, CA, CE, and DO.

14/142 **PCSO report.** PCSO Merrikin was on holiday and the report was emailed by another officer who also explained that it was not a good use of time to attend Parish Council meetings. Officers are available "to address any specific issues raised on an ongoing basis. ... Please feel free to email at any time, as an individual or as a representative of the council."

20 Incidents were recorded, including 3 Antisocial Behaviour, 1 Crime, 13 Public Safety, and 3 Transport. In a separate table Crimes Recorded were 2 Violence with Injury; 0 Violence without Injury; 1 Burglary Non-dwelling; and 1 Vehicle Offence.

14/143 **Cllr Rix's report** was emailed and read out by the Chairman.

The main issue that all Cornwall Councillors have been dealing with in the last month is the budget, which was set in November. Although budgets will be set formally every year, the resolution passed at Full Council included a 4 year business plan, so there should be a certain degree of predictability about future budgets. I was personally disappointed that my proposal for a referendum on the level of the Council Tax was not passed, as this would have given (subject to the result of the referendum of course) some protection for the road maintenance, library, young people / education and adult care budgets, in return for an extra £1 per week on the average Council Tax bill. This proposal didn't get passed so the Council Tax will rise by an average of 50p per week and there will be roughly £50m of cuts next year, due to the massive reduction in central government grant that Cornwall Council receives.

I am of course happy to hear Parish Councillors views on this and other more local matters. Please can you or they use both my council email address (srix@cornwall.gov.uk) as well as my personal email (simon@simonrix.com) as my Council email can be problematic at times.

14/144 **Rural Community Energy Fund.** The offer of a feasibility study for renewable energy generation in the parish was read out and discussed. No proposal was made.

14/145 **Planning.**

- a) Reports on planning decisions. (See Clerk's Notes 11-12-14; also reported on website).
- b) Planning correspondence. None.
- c) Applications.
 - i. **PA14/10774** | Siting of chalet mobile home in the garden (infill between the bungalow, the road and two other mobile homes already sited on the residential mobile home site) | Atwell Farm Luxulyan Bodmin Cornwall PL30 5DW. After discussion, LPC unanimously agreed to SUPPORT the application (proposed CE, 2nd DO).

*** Luxulyan Parish Council is fully in SUPPORT of this siting of a mobile home in the garden of the applicant's grandparents for a number of reasons. 1) The applicant and her partner will soon be parents and there is not sufficient space where they are now. The residence will fulfil the need for their expanding family. 2) The mobile home will replace a poly tunnel and the applicants will improve the area and entrance to the garden. 3) The mobile home will not be very visible from the road. 4) The mobile home constitutes infill in accordance with National Planning Policy Framework, para. 89. 5) Living close to her grandparents, the applicant will aid her mother with their care so that the burden of care can be shared between family members who also work. Health and Adult Social Care services will not be needed as much for the elderly and frail grandparents. 6) Luxulyan Parish Council enthusiastically supports applications that allow the children of the parish to remain in the parish, and in this case this application will also contribute to better care for the elderly family members.

14/146 **Highways.**

- a) It was decided to accept the offer of weed treatment from Cormac: herbicide spraying of the measured distance of 2.244km around Luxulyan village as detailed on their map for the price of £336.60. However, the Clerk will also request a quote that includes Rosevale Gardens, and also Beswetherick Fields if possible (proposed CE; 2nd AC).

It was noted that this item should be included in the next precept.

- b) The Clerk will contact Cormac again about the drain near the telephone box and the leaves on Church Hill, as nothing has yet been done about them.

14/147 **Assets – reports and maintenance**

- a) Cemetery. Nothing to report.
- b) Footpaths. No particular footpath was reported on. It was emphasised that hedgerows are the responsibility of the landowner and should not be cut by the Parish Council.
- c) Luxulyan Memorial Institute. Nothing to report.
- d) Playing Field. There will be a meeting with a company rep to discuss a swing set for older children at the playing field on Tues, 13 January at 2 pm. The decision about the new swing set can be postponed until March and it will give the Clerk time to investigate different suppliers.
- e) Village Toilets. A Hawken, our cleaner reports that the eco-save system which is installed on the toilets restricts the water and they have been blocked, making them unusable. The wheelchair accessible toilet was blocking frequently. All toilets are now open and will be monitored for extra consumables and also to see whether the wheelchair accessible toilet is less problematic now that all toilets can be used. It was agreed that the eco-save would be taken out if necessary.

14/148 **Parish Matters**

- a) Flooding. Sand and sandbags are now available from the Council.

In case of flood, if any member of the public needs

Sandbags

Contact Chris Austin, Andy Cottrill or any other Parish Councillor.

Keys are also available from the Village Shop or the Pub.

- b) CLT – Community Land Trust. Nothing to report.
- c) Luxulyan Valley Partnership. ML was unable to attend the 10 December meeting of the Partnership. However, a letter from the Heritage Lottery Fund was read out. The bid for the renovation of the viaduct was unsuccessful, but the letter outlined certain areas that could be improved for a successful bid. Though the refusal was disappointing, LPC felt that the letter was an encouraging. The bid could be reworked and resubmitted.
- d) Village Hall Committee. Nothing to report.
- e) School Management Committee. Everything is ready for the inspectors who will report back to Ofsted.
- f) Village Rubbish bins. All ship shape at the moment.
- g) Luxulyan Community Transport. After reading an article in the Granite Towers, it was clear to LPC that the mini-bus project did not have enough funds to apply for Lottery Funding. It was agreed unanimously that LPC will pledge a grant of £2,000 for the project (proposed CA, 2nd CE). The Clerk will inform the trustees.

14/149 **Finance.**

- a) Change of banks. Another page of signatures was filled in.

- b) Finance report. The Clerk handed out the monthly finance report and a Cash Flow for 2014-15. She also advised of the recent NJC Salary increase, which affects the Clerk's salary and is effective from 1st January. There is also one 'non-consolidated payment' for December 2014, but the pay agreement will not be retroactive.
- c) The request from the Clerk to upgrade some computer components for increased speed on the laptop was approved (proposed AC, 2nd DO) to a maximum of £300.00. The Clerk will buy the components and will be reimbursed through her expenses; there will be no charge for labour.
- d) Authorisation of payments totalling £2,280.44 were approved (proposed RK; 2nd CE): A Hawken, cleaner £227.09; HMRC, cleaner £56.80; C Wilson, November salary & expenses (which includes 75% of the Clerk's SLCC membership; St Ewe PC will pay the other 25%) £458.49; Jim Cleare, GT postage (5 receipts) £79.56; A&A Garden Services (2 invoices) £1,458.50.

14/150 **Correspondence & Invitations.** A complete list is found in Clerk's Notes 11-12-14.

- a) The Eden Project is organising a 100 mile recreational bike ride with Tempus Leisure for Sunday, 10 May 2015.

14/151 **Business for the next ordinary meeting.** None was requested.

14/152 **Dates of next meetings:**

- a) After a short discussion it was decided that ALL future Ordinary Meetings of the Full Council (held on the second Thursday of each month) will begin at 6.30 pm.
- b) Since the date of the December provisional planning meeting falls on Christmas Day, it was decided to request an extension for any consultee deadlines that may arise during the month.
- c) Quarterly Financial Internal Control, Thursday, **8 January 2015, 5.30 pm.**
- d) The Full Council on Thursday, **8 January 2015** at the **NEW TIME of 6.30 pm.**
- e) **Tues, 13 January 2015, 2.00 pm** at the Village Hall car park for a meeting with Sovereign Design Play Systems Ltd. to discuss the placement, design and costs of a two seat swing set and safety surface. All Councillors are invited to attend.
- f) **Thursday, 15 January 2015, 7.00pm** an extra-ordinary meeting of full council will be held for a preliminary fact-finding exchange with a company interested in building affordable homes at the edge of Luxulyan village. It was unanimously agreed that RK should attend the discussion because he knows the land quite well (proposed CA, 2nd AC) It will be the only item on the agenda and it was resolved that the public shall be excluded in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, for the duration, in order that the Council may gather all the information it can without interruption. This is exclusively for the purpose of information gathering and no decision shall be made. All subsequent LPC discussions and decisions on this topic shall be open to the public.

The Chairman thanked everyone and the meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

Mrs C Wilson ~ Parish Clerk ~ 28 December 2014