

LUXULYAN PARISH COUNCIL  
**DRAFT** Minutes of the meeting held in the Luxulyan Memorial Institute at 7.00 pm on  
**THURSDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2014**

**PRESENT:** Cllr Chris Austin (Chair), Cllr George Haywood, Cllr David Olford, Cllr Michaela Linfoot, Cllr Jodie Fisher, Cllr Clare Eich, from item 14/084 Cllr Andy Cottrill joined the Council. Clerk to the Parish: Mrs Christine Wilson.

**ABSENT:** Cllr Ralph Keam, Cllr Barbara Fahey, Ward Member Simon Rix.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mr Andrew Cottrill, Mr J Satterthwaite (for the duration), and 2 members of the public.

**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 7.00 pm and the Chairman welcomed all.*

14/081 **Apologies for absence.** BF; RK because of his health.

14/082 **Declarations of interest.**

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

*Mr A Cottrill left the meeting room while the co-option was discussed and voted on.*

14/083 **Co-option of new member.** Mr Andrew Cottrill was co-opted onto Luxulyan Parish Council by unanimous vote. Proposed CA; 2<sup>nd</sup> DO. A Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed by him before the Clerk, and he was given a copy of LPC's Standing Orders.

*Cllr Cottrill took his place at the Council table and was welcomed by all.*

14/084 **Public Session.** Two members of the public wished to draw the Council's attention to the state of the roads.

**Potholes.**

Firstly, into Lanlivery there are numerous potholes, but most dangerous are the number of holes on the side of road, some with 2 ft drops, and at least one is 4 ft deep. The bollards have disappeared at the holes on the side of the road by Gatty's Bridge and Gready entrance. These are a danger to vehicles, drivers and motorcyclists.

Gatty's bridge is in our parish, but most of the road is in Lanlivery, so the Clerk will copy in Lanlivery's clerk when she writes to Highways.

Secondly, the road from Bridges to Treskilling Downs was fixed and all the potholes have opened up again. There is very little road left in some places. However, the most damage will be caused when it rains and flows down over common land CL626 along the newly widened road to Lestoon Farm. At the entrance to CL626 the flooding on the road will increase because the work there has compromised the drains. There is also a dip with a large pothole, particularly dangerous for motorcyclists, just below the council houses at Treskilling.

The Clerk will write to Highways about these problems.

It was also reported that the Footpath behind the school is filled with dog fouling and piles of dog mess in bags around overflowing bins.

**Bins.** The Clerk reported that she had complained last month about the overflowing bins to Cory who have promised to increase their rounds if necessary. It was noted that the bins appear to be reasonably empty at the moment. The council will keep a weather eye open, and we also appreciate updates from the public.

14/085 **Meetings.**

a) The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council, 14 August 2014, were approved and signed by the Chairman. Proposed DO; 2<sup>nd</sup> GH.

14/086 **Playing Field inspection.** The Clerk received last month's inspection reports. The inspectors for the next four weeks will be: DO, JF, AC, CE.

The playing field was inspected in August by the same company as last year. The highest risks found were three areas of moderate risk all relating to metal parts. A copy of the inspection report was given to ML who will give it to Mr B Oliver who is maintaining and repairing the metal equipment.

It was agreed to renew the contract with The Play Inspection Company for next year which will ensure the same price as this year. Proposed ML, 2<sup>nd</sup> CA.

14/087 **PCSO report.** The Police continue to request any information about the owner of the lurcher type dog that killed another dog in the Valley last month. Logs generated in August: 7 relating to a 'peeping' Tom in the grave yard; 1 relating to the dog killing; 1 neighbour dispute; 1 alarm; 1 ASB.

14/088 **Cllr Rix's report to the Parish.** None, and no apology sent. LPC asked the Clerk to write and request apologies and a written report if our Ward Member can not attend.

*The 2 members of the public left the meeting.*

14/089 **Planning.**

a) Reports on planning decisions. (See Clerk's Notes 11-9-14; also reported on website).

- i. Noted for Treverbyn Parish. PA14/06457 Scoping Opinion Decision. Applicant: Cornwall Council. Location: Land At West Carclaze And Baal Carluddon St Austell Cornwall. Proposal: Scoping Opinion for proposed West Carclaze/Baal Eco-Community.
- ii. Dismissal of the Kernick turbine at appeal was noted with great interest. The 2 reasons given were "firstly, the effect of the proposed turbine on the character and appearance of the surrounding area, including the setting of the Helman Tor Scheduled Ancient Monument (SAM), and secondly, the effect on the living conditions of the occupiers of nearby residential dwellings, with particular regard to shadow flicker and noise." (APP/D0840/A/13/2208456 and **PA13/00824**).

LPC fails to understand how the same criteria were not applied to the Lestoon turbine which must be turned off frequently because of flicker. LPC has also had a complaint from a nearby resident about the rhythmic whooshing noise all night.

b) Planning correspondence.

- i. Consultation on changes to the Cornwall Council Local Plan was noted, and the notice also posted on the notice boards and website.

- ii. Planning Conference for Local Councils, 30 Sept, 8 Oct, 18 Nov, £10pp. It was agreed that Cllrs ML, BF, JF, AC, and the Clerk will attend. The Clerk will confirm places and workshop choices.

c) Applications.

- i. **PA14/07273.** Tulip Ltd Ebenezer Bugle St. Austell PL26 8RR Formation of new car park with associated works, including provision of new access, motorbike/bicycle shelter, lighting and landscaping - Tulip Ltd - PA14/07273 (Case Officer - Miss Michelle Billing)

\*\*\* Luxulyan Parish Council has NO OBJECTION to this application with the following two qualifications. The expansion of Tulip Foods will bring more traffic through the area from the A391 junction at Lockengate and along the Bodwen road to the factory and new car park. 1) The A391 junction at Lockengate is dangerous at the best of times, requiring extreme caution from all angles. Luxulyan would like to see the safety of this junction addressed and improved. 2) The road through Bodwen needs some form of traffic calming now. On more than one occasion in the past Luxulyan has complained about the speed of the factory workers and heavy good vehicles trying to get to the factory on time. With increased traffic for Tulip Foods this will become much more of a problem. Luxulyan would like some traffic calming measures implemented from the A391 Lockengate junction to the new car park.

- ii. **PA14/07240.** Water Meadow Luxulyan Bodmin Cornwall PL30 5DW Erection of double car port and erection of porch. - Mr Ian Thomson - (Case Officer - Miss Myra Trust). LPC voted unanimously to SUPPORT this application. Proposed ML; 2<sup>nd</sup> CE.
- iii. **PA14/07432.** Rock View Rosemelling Luxulyan Bodmin Cornwall PL30 5EQ Application for a lawful development certificate for existing use of caravan for family use. - Mr Tony Lee - (Case Officer - Ben Bassett). LPC voted unanimously to SUPPORT this application. Proposed ML; 2<sup>nd</sup> DO.

14/090 **Flooding.** The Clerk read a reply from Teresa Frost (Highways) who offered to meet again about the flooding problem in Rosemelling. The Clerk will set up a meeting and it is hoped that all parties can attend.

ML and BF are confirmed to attend the Cornwall Community Flood Forum Conference at the Eden Project, 1<sup>st</sup> October.

14/091 **Maintenance of Cemetery & Open Spaces.**

- a) Playing Field fence. The extent of the fencing required was clarified and the Clerk will request tenders for the replacement fencing.

14/092 **Footpaths.**

- a) It was noted that the recruitment of members for the Cornwall Countryside Access Forum will begin again at the new year and LPC will put a candidate forward then.
- b) It was reported that the footpath in 3 areas around Bridges is overgrown so that it is necessary to walk in the road. CE and CA will find out the postal addresses of the residents who should be in charge of their hedges. The Clerk will write to The Occupiers of these properties asking them to keep their gardens from encroaching on the footpath.

14/093 **Parish Matters**

- a) CLT – Community Land Trust. No news until the 5 year period ends in November.

- b) Luxulyan Memorial Institute. A Christmas Craft fundraiser planned for November. They are trying to organise a Farm Produce market at the Institute.
- c) School Management Committee. They have a very good number of pupils (90-92) and HMI will be visiting shortly in response to the Ofsted report as planned. Fundraising for new classrooms will be organised soon.
- d) Village Hall Committee. The April-July Treasurer's Report was given to the Clerk. It was noted that the LPC grant of £3,000 for the new floor does not appear to be ring-fenced. CE will bring this up at the next meeting.
- e) Village Rubbish bins. If the bins are overflowing regularly, we can bring this to Cory's attention and they could review their pick-up schedule. Please keep LPC informed.
- f) Luxulyan Toilets. The cleaner reported problems in the gentlemen's and wheelchair accessible toilets. The Clerk requested maintenance from D Cordy, which appears to have been carried out.
- g) Luxulyan Valley Partnership, report on 10 Sept meeting. The water turbine is not working because it needs a fish and eel screen. They are awaiting news from the Heritage Lottery Trust.
- h) Minorca Lane Project. No meeting has been called. However, it was noted that a number of caravans in Minorca Lane (mainly Roche Parish) have received Certificates of Lawfulness and this must mean that they now pass inspection for health & safety, etc.
- i) The Church has installed potable water. Our grant of £3,000 last year was for this. It was noted that there had been a leak of water on the road and it appears to have been fixed quickly.
- j) The Clerk will enquire about the proliferation of private business signs along the roadside in the parish. One sign is attached to an official traffic sign!
- k) The Clerk will contact A&A to have the Bus Shelter verges cut, because they look very untidy, also to raise the new Luxulyan village marker to be more visible, and to put up the new highway signs on the side of Hayley Cottage.

#### 14/094 **Finance.**

- a) New signatories. CE reported that Lloyds Bank has lost our paperwork for the new signatories. It was agreed that the Clerk would investigate moving our accounts to another bank.
- b) Insurance renewal. It was decided the cost of insuring the play equipment for material damage was too high. The insurance will be reduced by £134 and we have agreed to stay with our insurers until Sept 2017 which gives us a further 5% saving. Proposed GH; 2<sup>nd</sup> ML.
- c) Clerk's finance report was discussed. It was noted that some virements must be made in order to adjust the budget in certain categories. It was also noted that CC *estimates* that it will curtail the Council Tax Support Grant by 15% in 2015-16 and 10% each year thereafter. LPC's grant this year is just under £2,500.00.
- d) It was noted that the call account facility with Cornwall Council requires a minimum transaction of £25K and is therefore unworkable for LPC.
- e) Payments totalling £1,785.74 were authorised. Proposed ML; 2<sup>nd</sup> DO. The Play Inspection Company, £71.94; Clerk's salary & expenses, £376.88; A Hawken, cleaner, £227.09; HMRC, cleaner, £56.80; Bricknells Stationery £50.63; Vision ICT, website, £168.00; Insurance £834.40.

14/095 **Luxulyan Good Citizen Award.** The Luxulyan Community Good Citizen of the Year Award was decided unanimously. This year's Award will be announced at the Community Fun Day, Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> September at the Village Hall. The Clerk is

delegated to purchase a plaque which can be engraved each year, plus a smaller plaque for the honouree, costing in total no more than £200. Proposed ML; 2<sup>nd</sup> DO.

14/096 **Correspondence & Invitations.** (complete list in Clerk's Notes 11-9-14)

- a) JF will attend the St Blazey, Fowey and Lostwithiel community network meeting about CC Budget: **Monday 20 October** from 7pm Alexander Hall, St Blazey, Middleway St Blazey PL24 2JH.
- b) Clerk's SLCC Regional Meeting in Saltash, 25 Feb '15. Fees of £69 + mileage were approved. Proposed CA, 2<sup>nd</sup> ML. The Clerk will register right away and may receive a bursary as a first-time attendee.
- c) FOI request about Parking Place Orders. It was confirmed that we have none.
- d) Campaign to improve the South West Peninsula's Roads and Rail. LPC prefers to focus its energy on the pothole problem which affects us very badly at the moment.

14/097 **Business for the next meeting.**

- a) LPC Grants
- b) Precept 2014/15.
- c) Verges by the Luxulyan village bus shelter.

14/098 **Dates of next meetings:** Planning if needed September 25th 2014. Full Council 9 October 2014. Both at 7.00 pm, the Luxulyan Memorial Institute. The Audit Panel will also meet at 6.00 pm on 9 October at the LMI to discuss proposals for next fiscal year's Precept.

*The Chairman thanked everyone and the meeting closed at 9.50 pm.*

Mrs C Wilson ~ Parish Clerk ~ 19 September 2014