

LUXULYAN PARISH COUNCIL  
**DRAFT** Minutes of the meeting held in the Luxulyan Memorial Institute at 7.00 pm on  
**THURSDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2014**

PRESENT: Cllr C Austin (Chair), Cllr G Haywood, Cllr R Keam, Cllr C Eich, Cllr D Olford, Cllr B Fahey, Cllr M Linfoot, Cllr J Fisher. Clerk to the Parish: Mrs C Wilson.

ALSO PRESENT: 1 member of the public.

ABSENT: None.

*The meeting began at 7.00 pm, preceded by the Financial Working Party at 6.00 pm.  
The Chairman welcomed all.*

13/155 Apologies for absence. None

13/156 Declarations of interest.

a) Declarations. Cllr Linfoot re 163b.i. due to family connections.

b) Requests for dispensation.

13/157 **Public Session.** R Smith has been granted permission to speak representing LAND at Strategic Planning Committee on Thurs 20 Feb at County Hall, Truro. The Case Officer is recommending approval. RS read LAND's objection to the Bodwen solar farm which took 2'40". Cllr Austin made his apologies for the that meeting.

The abstraction licence has finally been granted for the Luxulyan Valley Turbine.

13/158 Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at 7pm on 9 January 2014 were approved as read. Proposed GH; 2<sup>nd</sup> DO.

13/159 **Playing Field inspection rota.** The Clerk received the previous month's reports and this month the volunteers are: ML, JF, GH, CE.

13/160 **PCSO Phillips' report.** See attached. Also, the Clerk will email the PCSO to contact ML to find out about the long nails protruding from a fence into the highway which are of grave danger to cyclists, horses and riders, and pedestrians.

13/161 **Minorca Lane Project report.** Cllr Linfoot has met with the group lead by CC officer Richard Grant. The project is made up of people from Minorca Lane, many organisations including doctors and social workers, and the police, etc., and the main aim is to raise the standard of living for the 400 people living there. One of the first things happening is ensuring Fire Alarms are brought up to standard and owners have a valid park licence. PCSO's are visiting.

13/162 **Planning.**

a) Reports on planning decisions. (See Clerk's Notes 13-2-14). The Clerk will request clarification re **EN14/00114** for the garage at The Barn, Lower Gurtla.

b) Planning correspondence. (See Clerk's Notes 13-2-14).

c) Applications. None.

d) CALC's advice re vote of no confidence was read out. A formal complaint will be sent to CC re the behaviour of Cllr Rix with a request for representation at CC, written by the **Task & Finish Group**. (see item e. below) and also Cllr Rix will be sent the Agenda and invited to attend our next ordinary meeting so that he can explain the hastily delegated decision for PA13/08209 and look at how we move forward. Proposed RK, 2<sup>nd</sup> JF, passed unanimously.

- e) It was discussed at length and decided to get the advice of a Solicitor that is expert in Planning issues whether to take the PA13/08209 delegated decision to Judicial Review. This advice could cost as much as £2,500. Further action (at further cost) would then be brought to the Council for another discussion and decision. Proposed DO, 2<sup>nd</sup> GH, with 2 abstentions and 1 objection.

To further the Council's actions re the Lestoon turbine planning decision a **Task & Finish Group** was formed with delegated authority, made up of three Councillors: GH (chair), CA and BF. Proposed DO, 2<sup>nd</sup> ML.

#### 13/163 Maintenance of Cemetery & Open Spaces.

- a) **Cemetery Car Park.** [Cllr Linfoot left the room for the duration of this item.] Estimates for concreting the car park were received from 4 firms; however, it was decided to ask for estimates for tarmac rather than concrete because it looks better in a rural setting.
- b) **Rosemelling Green.**
- i. Discussion about turning it into a Car Park. 22 residents of Rosmelling, and 1 from Luxulyan village, signed a petition against the Green being turned into a car park. The Council agreed to keep Rosemelling Green as a play area and to look into improvements of the space. Proposed DO, 2<sup>nd</sup> ML, one abstention.
  - ii. Dog mess on and around Rosemelling Green. Signs are now up asking residents to clean up after their dog(s).

#### 13/164 Parish Matters.

- a) Footpaths. In order to claim the full LMP from CC, all gold paths must be cut. The silver paths may be cut at the discretion of the Council.
- b) Salt bins. The 5 bins have not yet been delivered.
- c) Playschool Garden. The organiser of the Playschool will attend the next meeting with a proposal for using some of the Playing Field.
- d) Luxulyan Memorial Institute. The wheelchair ramp is in place. The LMI committee has looked into broadband for the building and found that it would cost £47 per month and wondered whether the Council would like to help with the cost; however, it was considered too high and no motion was proposed.
- e) School Management Committee. All in good order. A well-loved teacher is leaving.
- f) Village Hall Committee. Fees will be 5% higher. They have currently received one quote of £20K for the floor. Booking problems are resolved. Chasing some people for payments.
- g) Village Rubbish bins. The person who fills the village bins with household rubbish is still doing it. The Clerk will write again to CC about the problem.
- h) Luxulyan Toilets. It was decided not to fight the CC concerning the excessive 80 year overage. Proposed CE, 2<sup>nd</sup> ML.
- i) Lorry signs for the village. Clerk will price a sign after asking CC for a recommendation.
- j) Luxulyan Valley Partnership. The abstraction licence has been granted!!!

## k) Flooding.

- i. **Luxulyan Sandbags Scheme.** Two bins, padlocks, sandbags, shovels, and ties have been delivered. The bins will be set up behind the LMI and K Fahey will deliver the sand. ML emphasised that the sandbags are REUSABLE if they are emptied and dried out.

The Clerk will write Granite Towers, and to K Fahey personally, to thank him for his unfailing generosity and help to the Parish, especially recently during the winter floods.

The Clerk will investigate rumours of free sandbags from CC.

- ii. Sunnyside update. ML & BF have almost singlehandedly kept floods out of the house and Cormac on their toes re drains. Cormac have promised to jet the drains. BF will deliver photos of the flooding at The Old Chapel and the Clerk will send them to Highways.

## 13/165 Finance.

- a) Report by Finance Working Party which met one hour before this meeting. The Clerk gave each councillor a copy of expenditures compared to budget 2013/14, and a Cash Flow 2013/14 with the last two months of the year projected. Formal virements (movements of budgeted amounts between categories) will be proposed at the next Council meeting to bring the budget more in line with actual expenditures.

**Signatories.** The council ratified two new signatories on the account, RK and CE. The Clerk will be a 'party' on the accounts, but not a 'signatory' and perhaps Lloyds Bank will finally change the official address.

- b) Authorisation of payments. Payments totalling £2,119.80 were approved: Clerk's salary & expenses, £449.71; Cleaner's salary, Public Conveniences and Bus Shelter; £252.00; HMRC, £63.00; Walter Bailey, Luxulyan Sandbag Scheme, £267.72; South West Water, water & sewage for toilets, 3.5 months, £63.87; A&A Garden Services, Footpaths, £471.00; A&A Garden Services, Ground Maintenance Aug-Dec, £510.00; Room Hire LMI, £42.50. Permission was given to order certificates for *Grants of Exclusive Right of Burial*, cost approx £99.

13/166 Correspondence & Invitations. (See Clerk's Notes 13-2-14) Correspondence that didn't have anything to do with other items on the agenda was not read due to the late hour. It remains for the next meeting.

## 13/167 Business for the next meeting.

- a) Report on Common Land in the parish.
- b) Playschool Garden.
- c) Bus Shelter sign.
- d) Previous Correspondence.

13/168 Dates of next meetings: Planning if needed February 27th 2014, Full Council March 13th 2014. Both at 7pm, Luxulyan Memorial Institute.

*The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting at 10.15 pm.*  
Mrs C Wilson ~ Parish Clerk ~ 25 February 2014