

LUXULYAN PARISH COUNCIL  
 DRAFT Minutes of the meeting held in the Luxulyan Memorial Institute at **6.30 pm** on  
**THURSDAY 12 MARCH 2015**

**PRESENT:** Cllr Chris Austin (Chair), Cllr George Haywood (Vice-chair), Cllr Ralph Keam, Cllr Barbara Fahey, Cllr Jack Satterthwaite, Cllr David Olford, Cllr Andy Cottrill, and Ward Member Simon Rix (arrived at 7pm and left after his report). Clerk to the Parish: Mrs Christine Wilson.

**ABSENT:** Cllr Clare Eich, Cllr Michaela Linfoot, and Cllr Jodie Fisher.

**ALSO PRESENT:** 3 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 6.30 PM and the Chairman welcomed all.*

14/192 **Apologies for absence** were received from ML, CE, and JF.

14/193 **Declarations of interest.**

a) AC declared an interest in Item 199c.i. as it is his application and signed the Declarations book.

b) Requests for dispensation. None.

14/194 **Public Session.** Three members of the public spoke about their planning application (Item 199.c.ii). The applicants explained their reasons for submitting this application, gave details about the construction and brought photographs of the site. The Chairman thanked them for coming and bringing the photos for further clarification, and also explained that the council could only use the information on the application to make their decision.

It was decided to bring all the Planning items forward (item 199) and to discuss item 199.c.ii first. (See Item 199 for the planning decisions.)

*The three members of the public left after the discussion and decision of item 199.c.ii.*

14/195 **Meetings and governance.**

a) The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council 12 February 2015 were approved and signed (proposed GH, 2<sup>nd</sup> JS). The minutes from 8 January 2015 had not been approved at the last meeting because the decision for approval of those minutes was inquorate. They were now approved and signed (proposed CA, 2<sup>nd</sup> DO).

b) Playing Field inspections. The previous month's forms were received and the volunteers for this month's weekly inspections are: AC, DO, GH, JS.

c) Tri-parish Focus Group. CA reported on the meeting held at Treverbyn Parish Council offices on 23 Feb, attended by CA, GH and the Clerk, the Chairmen of Roche and Treverbyn parishes, and PCSO Steven Tibbles and a few other councillors. LPC agreed (proposed DO, 2<sup>nd</sup> CA) to participate in the Tri-parish Focus Group (Luxulyan, Treverbyn and Roche) which will meet every 3-4 months and discuss items of mutual interest, such as the proposed eco-community (PA14/12186) and

the Minorca Lane project. Members of the Minorca Lane community will be invited to attend.

d) Parish Records. The clerk found paperwork in the files relating to a Tithe Map and Apportionment digitisation project from 2008. The associated CD has been lost and can be replaced at a cost of £25. There was no proposal to replace the CD at the moment.

e) The clerk handed out a detailed list of Luxulyan Parish Council records available from the Cornish Records Office under the reference: PCLUX.

14/196 **PCSO report.** Two crimes were recorded in February. 1 Burglary Non-dwelling and 1 Other Offence. Incidents recorded were 6 Public Safety, 10 Transport and 1 Crime. PCSO Merrikin has been invited to the Parish Meeting in May.

14/197 **Cllr Rix's reported:**

- It was reported to Cllr Rix that there is a need for dog waste bins in the Valley. Litter from dog mess and dog mess bags is a problem.
- Cllr Rix wanted to highlight the problem of Radon, which has gone under the radar for some time, but is still a worry in Cornwall. It does not only affect older properties but new builds as well because builders do not seal the foundation correctly. FREE tests are available from the Health Protection Agency, who can also give advice. Grants for remedial action are no longer available from Cornwall Council.

*Cllr Rix left the meeting.*

14/198 **Swing Set for the Playing Field.** A number of quotes were considered, for various heights and a wide range of prices from 7 suppliers, for the supply and installation of a swing set with grass mat safety surface. The council agreed (proposed AC, 2<sup>nd</sup> DO; RK did not support the proposal) to ask the Outdoor Play Company to supply a 3 meter, flat seat, double swing set at a cost of £1,820 plus VAT. The clerk will confirm with Outdoor Play that its equipment conforms to all current British standards.

14/199 **Planning.**

a) No planning decisions were discussed. (A list of all decisions is on the website).

b) Planning correspondence.

- i. It was noted that the CC Local Plan has been submitted to the Secretary of State and it is not known when a decision will be made.

c) Applications.

*Cllr A Cottrill left the room for the duration of the discussion and the decision on item 199.c.i. and returned before the next item.*

- i. **PA15/01602.** Demolish garage and erect single storey kitchen extension. The Old Vicarage Luxulyan Bodmin Cornwall PL30 5EE. The council voted unanimously to SUPPORT (proposed BF, 2<sup>nd</sup> RK).

\*\*\* Luxulyan Parish Council is happy to SUPPORT this application. It is in keeping with the dwelling and will be an improvement to the property.

- ii. **PA15/00917** | Conversion of range of traditional barns to two dwellings | Trescoll Farm Lockengate Bugle PL26 8SB. After a short discussion, the council voted unanimously to SUPPORT (proposed RK, 2<sup>nd</sup> AC).

\*\*\* Luxulyan Parish Council is happy to support this application. Applications of this type enable local people to remain in the parish.

- iii. TREVERBYN. **PA15/01479**. Land At OS Grid Ref 204361 55434 Land At Trethurgy Par St Austell Cornwall Cornwall Erection of a single wind turbine 79.6m to blade tip height, two associated metering units and access track - Mr David Kingdon - (Case Officer - C Pitt). Cllr Satterthwaite requested the council look at this application and it was agreed to do so. After discussion it was unanimously agreed to OBJECT to this wind turbine (proposed JS, 2nd DO).

\*\*\* Luxulyan Parish Council OBJECTS to turbine PA15/01479 for many reasons. Firstly, the visual impact will adversely affect most of Luxulyan parish and, secondly, the cumulative impact with the Lestoon turbine (PA13/08209) at Treskilling, combined with the other existing and recently approved turbines in Treverbyn parish, will increase the negative impact. A third adverse effect is the turbine's noise and flicker which will negatively impact the the Gold Bridleway at its foot. Fourthly it is too close to the village of Trethurgy so that the flicker and visual impact will negatively affect the amenity of the rural landscape for a large population.

#### 14/200 **Highways.**

- a) A response from Cormac concerning the Rescorla Canna Hill area was read out. Cormac explained that the Asset Team was reviewing the list of requested sites throughout Cornwall and building up a programme for the coming fiscal year. The clerk has requested a copy of the programme so that we know which areas will be treated in next year's budget.
- b) It was noted that Cllr B Fahey, as a member of the 4x4 response team, has recently qualified for a Traffic Management Certificate.
- c) The 'No Lorries' graphic sign was unsuitable and will be changed for a sign that is part graphic, part words (proposed GH, 2<sup>nd</sup> AC). The previous holes must be filled in and the clerk will advise A&A to do so.
- d) The drain is still blocked beside the phone box in Luxulyan village. The drain at the entrance to Fahey's Concrete is also blocked. The clerk will advise Cormac.
- e) It was reported that, when people ring the Cormac telephone to report flytipping, they are told to go to the website and fill in a form there. The clerk will advise Cormac about the difficulty people without internet have reporting flytipping, potholes or other problems, and the clerk will request a telephone number.

#### 14/201 **Assets – reports and maintenance**

- a) Playing Field. It was reported that the playing field gate to the right of the Village Hall jams. The clerk will ask A & A to fix it.
- b) Cemetery. Nothing to report.
- c) Footpaths. Cllr Olford reported on the Footpath Committee meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2015 at which the Local Maintenance Partnership (LMP) agreement was signed between the council and A&A Garden Services for the maintenance of the footpaths during 2015 for £806. There was some discussion about the location of Footpath 16/1, but this has been settled by Cornwall Council. CC admits that it is not clearly marked on the definitive map and it will be corrected at some time in the future. The gold footpath markings on the LMP map are correct and this map has been given to A&A.

The Saint's Way, as it passes through the parish is in a much sorrier state than the footpaths LPC maintains. R Smith of the Footpath Committee sent some excellent

reports with photographs and the clerk will forward them to Cormac and monitor their response.

The footpath committee used to hold conducted walking tours of the parish and would like to do so again. They enquired with the Ramblers whether the Ramblers' insurance could cover these walks if led by a member of the Ramblers, but this can only be done for official Ramblers walks. The clerk will enquire with the council's insurance company as to whether the tours can be put on our insurance and whether there will be a cost.

- d) Luxulyan Memorial Institute. Nothing to report.
- e) Village Toilets. The clerk must finish the Feed in Tariff declaration and submit it as soon as possible.
- f) Dog mess at Rosemelling Green. It is reported that it is still a major problem. There is also a lot of rubbish around the Green. After letters were sent to all residents last month, the situation is improving, but is still not suitable for any type of play or recreation.

#### 14/202 **Parish Matters**

- a) Flooding. Nothing to report.
- b) CLT – Community Land Trust. Nothing to report.
- c) Luxulyan Valley Partnership. Michaela attended the meeting on 11 March, but is not here to report.
- d) Village Hall Committee. No report.
- e) School Management Committee. No report.
- f) Village Rubbish bins. Seen to be quite full, but not worthy of complaint.
- g) Minorca Lane Project. The Project is coming to an end in May. However, the Lead Officer, Richard Grant will organise a forum before he leaves to 'discuss what the future holds for Minorca Lane'. He fully supports the Tri-parish Focus Group.
- h) Other matters for report.

#### 14/203 **Finance.**

- a) The transfer of LPC's accounts from Lloyds Bank to Unity Trust Bank is imminent. Cheques will be written from the new Unity Trust account. Payments were authorised for a total of £820.68 and cheques were issued (proposed DO, 2<sup>nd</sup> AC): C Wilson, Feb salary & expenses, £476.79; A Hawken, cleaner, £227.09; HMRC, cleaner, £56.80; LMI, room hire Jul'14-Feb'15, £60.00. In addition, British Gas took a direct debit payment of £81.53 for 5 months' electricity.
- b) The clerk distributed the expenditure/budget comparison, and cash flow. After deducting this month's payments, the council finishes the fiscal year £1,460.94 under budget. It was noted that, though the precept remained the same at £18,405 for the coming year 2015/16, the individual rates for Luxulyan taxpayers have decreased.
- c) CALC training, Being A Better Councillor, was authorised for Cllr Satterthwaite, £60.00 (proposed CA, 2<sup>nd</sup> DO).
- d) Reimbursement of £161.26 from St Ewe Parish Council has been received for their 25% share of office supplies, the clerk's travel expenses and training expenses since July 2014. Reimbursement will normally be made every 4 months.

**14/204 Correspondence & Invitations.** (complete list in Clerk's Notes 12-3-15)

- a) AC requested the consultation from the Police and Crime Panel about Neighbourhood Watch Schemes.
- b) BF requested all Cornwall AONB correspondence.
- c) The clerk will enrol JS in CC's Code of Conduct training in July.
- d) An email from Neil Wason about Cornwall 4 Change (C4C) was read out and noted. Three articles from the Cornish Guardian about C4C were also noted.
- e) It was agreed that the clerk would unsubscribe to Orlando Kimber's political emails.

**14/205 Business for the next meeting.**

- a) Rosemelling Green.

**14/206 Dates of next meetings.**

- a) Planning if needed March 26<sup>th</sup> 2015, 7.00 pm at the Luxulyan Memorial Institute.
- b) 9<sup>th</sup> April 2015. Audit Panel and Internal Control Check at 5.30 pm to be followed by the Full Council meeting at 6.30 pm; both at the Luxulyan Memorial Institute.
- c) 14<sup>th</sup> May 2015. It was decided to begin the May meetings (AGM) at 6.00 pm at the Luxulyan Memorial Institute:
  - i. Annual Parish Meeting, followed by a statutory two minute break, then the
  - ii. Annual Meeting of the Parish Council
  - iii. Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council.

*The Chairman thanked everyone and the meeting closed at 9.30 pm.*

*Mrs C Wilson ~ Parish Clerk ~ 31 March 2015*