

D R A F T Minutes of the ANNUAL
LUXULYAN PARISH MEETING

Luxulyan Memorial Institute
6.00 pm, Thursday, 14th May 2015

Chaired by: Parish Council Chairman, Chris Austin

- 1) **Present.** All Parish Councillors were in attendance and 2 members of the public.
- 2) **Apologies.** Roger James, chairman of the Footpath committee and Jim Cleare, chairman of Friends of Luxulyan Valley, PCSO N Merrikin.
- 3) **Reports from organisations in the Parish.** Reports were received and are attached separately in full:
 - a) Luxulyan Memorial Institute. Nick Legard presented the report.
 - b) Footpaths Committee. Roger Smith presented the report on behalf of Roger James, chairman. A short discussion was held on the pros and cons of taking over maintenance of the gold paths. The chairman explained that the Parish Council has no plans at the moment to do so.
 - c) Luxulyan Living Churchyard Group. Roger Smith presented the report. A suggestion was made that the group could use the Council's shed, located across from the churchyard, for their equipment.
 - d) Cornwall Archaeological Society – Luxulyan Area. Roger Smith presented the report.
 - e) Friends of Luxulyan Valley. Roger Smith presented the report on behalf of Jim Cleare.
 - f) Chairman's Annual Report. The Chairman reported on the business of the Parish Council and explained that he is now stepping down as Councillor. He expressed his sadness at leaving and thanked everyone who had worked with him for making his time enjoyable and worthwhile. Cllr Keam spoke to say that they were very grateful for the years Cllr Austin had led the Council. He has been a fine chairman and will be sorely missed.
- 4) **Electors' participation.**
 - N Legard brought up the issue of a Neighbourhood Plan and thought it might be beneficial when dealing with planning and future development.
 - R Keam requested information about the progress of the Community Bus. The Over-50s Club received a letter requesting their £500 promised donation for the project. After some discussion it was agreed that not enough was known about progress and it was suggested that the Parish Council contact the Mini-bus Committee for an informal meeting.
- 5) **Date of the next Annual Parish Meeting.** Thursday 12th May 2016.

The meeting ended at 6.35 pm.

N Legard and R Smith left the meeting. An intermission of at least 2 minutes was held. During the intermission the Vice-chair, G Haywood, presented an inscribed bowl to Cllr Austin to commemorate his years as Chairman to the Council. After the intermission the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council began.

Mrs C Wilson, Clerk to Luxulyan Parish Council

31 May 2015

LUXULYAN MEMORIAL INSTITUTE

ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2015

It has been a good year with an increased number of groups and individuals booking the meeting room for a variety of uses ranging from a Pilates group to a christening party as well the regular users such as the Parish Council. The space and facilities suits smaller groups but it is hoped that some groups will grow and move on to use the Village Hall.

The use of the snooker room continues to decline though particularly with younger players, which is a concern. Membership is set at a very modest £10 and everybody is welcome.

The benefit of a full years use of the Feed in Tariffs from the PV panels has also been a boost to funds and the Institute is now self sufficient when it comes to meeting our biggest expense which is the heating.

The Institute Committee is still committed to making the premises available to as many people in the community as possible and will continue to organize events to encourage people to visit and experience the facilities. The next events planned are a Cheese and Wine Tasting evening on Friday week the 22nd May and a Village show on Saturday 18th July with classes for children and adults. It is hoped this will help re establish the Village show in the calendar so that it becomes an annual event.

The Seed & plant swaps held each month from March to October continue to be popular and it is good to see people coming in to meet up and chat as well as participate in the plant swap.

Given the nature and construction of the building it is anticipated that funds will need to be spent on improvements and repairs ; i.e. it is planned to improve the entrance hall in the next 6-12 months.

LUXULYAN FOOTPATHS COMMITTEE

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PARISH MEETING ON THURSDAY 14TH MAY 2015

This committee is chaired by Roger James and comprises three other members of the public, as well as the Parish Council representative, David Olford. A report summarising the condition of the footpaths was submitted to the council in March.

Most paths are considered to be either in good condition. To a great extent, this is thanks to Andy Hoskin and Anthony Maddams for their excellent maintenance work. The active interest of the Parish Council also deserves praise.

Of the 18 paths in the parish, only six paths are unsatisfactory: FP 6 (the Dark Lane section between Bodwen and Minorca Lane, during wet weather; although the rest is much better than it used to be); FP10 (Outer Savath to the boundary with Roche parish); FP 14 (St Cyriac to Bridges, where the developer has continually failed to make the line of the path clear to follow); FP13 (Saints' Way, Atwell to Tredinnick); and FPs 16 and 17 (Saints' Way from Luxulyan to the road east of Little Prideaux). The Saints' Way is not the responsibility of the Parish Council but it appears that Cornwall Council lacks the funding to maintain it to the expected standard.

Besides suggesting that the parish should take over maintenance of the Saints' Way, the committee has made 3 other recommendations. Firstly, that a short permissive path should be created to link FP 11 (bridleway from Treskilling to Penrose) with the permissive path on Penrose tip (and hence to the Clay trails). Secondly, it has been suggested that the programme of parish walks should be resurrected. These had ended because of the difficulty in obtaining insurance cover. A member of the committee is willing to lead walks but the parish council

would have to obtain suitable insurance cover. Finally, the ambition of reopening FP10 (Outer Savath to the parish boundary with Roche) remains. Roche Parish Council has shown no interest but there is a possibility that the Ramblers' Association might be prepared to undertake the work, if funding can be obtained.

Written by Roger Smith 1st May 2015

LUXULYAN LIVING CHURCHYARD GROUP

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Living Churchyards are managed with sympathy and understanding, for the benefit of people and wildlife. The Luxulyan Churchyard group comprises 5 volunteers led by Toni Olssen. It operates with the encouragement of the church authorities but is not a religious organisation. It carries out work on the first Wednesday morning of each month. Without its efforts, Luxulyan Churchyard would become engulfed by vegetation. Cormac strims part of the churchyard twice a year but this alone would not be sufficient to manage the area for the benefit of people and wildlife. The group tries to keep tombstones clear of vegetation, clears pathways for visitors, and deals with larger shrubs and trees. No pesticides are used and cuttings are either left on the ground for animals or placed on a dead hedge, which also provides a refuge for wildlife.

More volunteers would be welcome and would make the task of controlling vegetation growth more manageable. The parish council, a few years ago, contributed money to pay for a door to be fitted to the sexton's hut, which would permit the group to lock tools away; although more money is still needed, it is hoped to pursue this project during the coming year.



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Cornwall Archaeological Society (<http://www.cornisharchaeology.org.uk/>) has a network of volunteer Area Representatives who represent each parish in Cornwall.

The tasks of Area Representatives are to refer items of archaeological interest to the notice of the Society, and local professionals, so that their significance can be assessed; and to ensure that Scheduled Monuments are regularly inspected.

Luxulyan has a wealth of archaeological features from Neolithic to Modern Times. Within the parish there are 5 Scheduled Monuments:

- [Innis Downs earthwork](#) (a Neolithic henge)

- [Wayside Cross at Lockengate](#) (Medieval)
- [Prideaux camp](#) (an Iron Age hillfort)
- [Round barrow on Innis Downs](#) (Bronze Age)
- [St Cyor's Well House](#) (Medieval)
- [Wayside Cross in Luxulyan Churchyard](#) (Medieval)
- Combined viaduct and aqueduct called Treffry Viaduct Post-Medieval)

Each has been inspected and brief reports submitted to Historic England (formerly English Heritage) and to Cornwall Council's Strategic Historic Environment Service.

Members of the public who wish to provide, or request, information about the archaeology of the parish, are welcome to contact the Area Representative:

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FRIENDS OF LUXULYAN VALLEY

ANNUAL REPORT TO LUXULYAN PC

4th March 2015 marked the end of a second year during which the Friends of Luxulyan Valley had been running without a Chairman. To alleviate this stalemate Jim Cleare offered to stand as Chairman and was duly elected. Perhaps the post of Vice Chairman will be easier to fill.

The Board of Trustees has met on six occasions in the past year. Topics discussed were;-

The Abstraction Licence and all the conditions that were stipulated in order that it may be granted.

The HLF bid was discussed at several meetings, and, as we now know it was unsuccessful, but we haven't given up, and the Valley partnership has been working hard to strengthen the bid with a view to resubmitting it in June.

Our Ranger James Clapp has attended most meetings and we are very grateful for his regular reports and for the work which he and Graeme Miller carry out in the valley. Perhaps most noticeable is the removal of the boardwalk, although it is now hard to determine where it was.

Our Events Secretary Joan Farmer has provided us with a varied programme over the past year. Seven of these were outdoor events usually in the form of a walk, and four were illustrated talks, including, our talk at the AGM by Mike Hawkey and Carl Roberts of the Cornwall Heritage Trust. Joan would like to relinquish her post, but would be happy to work alongside somebody for the next year, after which it is hoped they would take over. Attendance at most of these events has been good, and although it may be hard to prove, I am convinced that this due to Hazel Harradence's weekly contributions to the press, for which I thank her very much. We occasionally run events in conjunction with other groups, and we gave a presentation at Wheal Martyn on Friday 20th March with a guided walk in the valley on Saturday 21st March.

There have been three work parties this year. All under the watchful eye of James Clapp who has managed to make them interesting with a variety of tasks.

Ed Harradence has overseen four Otter Surveys throughout the year. These and their follow-up meetings all help the Cornwall Wildlife Trust to gather information about these creatures.

Ed also chairs the Valley Partnership meetings which have met four times in the past year. Again the HLF bid, the future of the viaduct, and the possible replacement of the turbine occupied much of our time, along with Visitor Surveys, Abstraction licence and Terms of Reference, which is basically the constitution of the partnership.

Elaine Higman continues to produce our quarterly newsletter, and we are grateful to the school who allow us to use their printer, and to Roger Smith who hand delivers many of the copies. Another non Board member is Nick Jeffries who continues to look after our excellent website.

There are several vacancies on the Board and some crucial posts to be filled in order to ensure the smooth running of the Friends. Two such vacancies have been filled this week with David & Barry Edwards being co-opted to the Board.

Jim Cleare May 2015

LUXULYAN PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2015

Over the past year the full council has met on twelve occasions, one intermediate planning meeting, various finance (now working party) and staffing committee meetings have also taken place.

The takeover of the Public Toilets from the County Council has been completed and I am pleased to report they will now be fully opened all year round. The council's strong financial position has enabled us to maintain the precept at its current level for at least the next 12 months. The budget has been set, the required minimum reserves of three months running costs and possible election expenses are in place and donations have been made to the over fifties club and the craft club.

Following the request for affordable housing highlighted in the Parish Plan ten of the affordable units at Beswetherick Fields are now occupied by people who have demonstrated strong links to the parish, the build of the remaining three houses has been put on hold by the developers, apparently the lack of profit on the development is the reason for the delay. Three plots for the developer to build houses for sale at open market prices were originally given free of charge to form the bulk of the profits from the estate. It comes as no surprise that the profits were reduced when the developers sold the plots rather than build on them, thereby deliberately reducing the profits available! The five year stop point for the completion of the development is fast approaching, Cornwall council, Luxulyan Community Land Trust and the Parish council must come together and ensure these houses are purchased at an affordable price by the local people for whom they were originally intended.

The adoption and future safeguarding of the Memorial institute is something of which the council can and should be justifiably proud, I have been extremely encouraged by the level of public participation and support for the preservation of this important building. To Nick Legard, members of the institute committee and all those who have played a part in raising the much needed funds for the institute I extend my gratitude.

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to our latest councillor Jack Satterthwaite, over the past year we have been fortunate to benefit from his youthful drive and interest in local government, I am confident that now as a fully elected councillor his obvious talents and enthusiasm will prove to be of great benefit to both the council and the local community alike.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our clerk Christine, who not only gives a large amount of extra time and unpaid effort to the council, but without whom the task of being chairman would certainly have been that much harder.

Finally I extend my heartfelt thanks to George Haywood our vice chairman and all my fellow councillors, for without your invaluable support over the years this job would quite simply have been impossible.

My best wishes to you all for the coming year.

Cllr Chris Austin
