

# LUXULYAN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting at the Luxulyan Memorial Institute, 6.00 pm,

**THURSDAY 12 JANUARY 2017**

**PRESENT:**

Cllr Michaela Linfoot (Vice-chair), Cllr Andy Cottrill, Cllr Barbara Fahey, Cllr Roger Smith, Cllr Keith Bilston.

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Clerk to the Parish, Mrs Christine Wilson and 2 Members of the Public.

**ABSENT:**

Cllr George Haywood (Chair), Cllr Jack Satterthwaite, Cllr Ralph Keam, Cllr Cath Grey and Ward Member Cllr Simon Rix.

Abbreviations: Councillors are abbreviated with their initials; Luxulyan Parish Council (LPC), Cornwall Council (CC), Footpath (FP), Local Maintenance Partnership (LMP), Community Land Trust (CLT), Friends of Luxulyan Valley (FOLV), Neighbourhood Plan (NP). \*\*\* indicates the Consultee Comments submitted to the Planning Authority; the general points are proposed and decided by LPC; formal submission is delegated to the Clerk.

*As Cllr Haywood was absent, the Vice-chair took the chair and welcomed all.  
The meeting began at 6.00 PM.*

**16/180 Apologies**

Apologies were received from RK, GH, CG and JS.

**16/181 Declarations of interest or requests for dispensation.**

None.

**16/182 Public Session**

**A Luxulyan Valley Heritage Lottery Fund Project**, to restore the Treffry viaduct, the hydroelectric plant and associated works. Dr Christine Garwood, Project Coordinator, explained the progress of the Heritage Lottery Fund bid, which will probably be submitted in June 2017. The main technical focus is to bring the Treffry Viaduct and leat system into working order and join them with a 21<sup>st</sup> century hydroelectric turbine. Unfortunately the engineer who was going to explain the technical aspects was unable to come because of the bad weather. However, Dr Garwood is leading the educational aspects of the project. The Heritage Lottery Projects are expected to prioritise education. There are a number of points still to be ironed out, but the Luxulyan Valley Partnership is working with the Wheal Martyn Museum and the Friends of the Valley to develop the educational side of the project. No more than a relatively modest uplift in visitor numbers (20%) is planned so that the natural environment and charm of the area is not compromised.

The ways that work on the leats and the river could affect flooding in the area was briefly discussed, and the council requested a site meeting with the project engineers in order to discuss this further. The clerk will write to Dr Garwood about this.

**ACTION: Clerk**

*Dr Garwood left the meeting at 6.35 pm.*

**B Nick Legard** explained a proposal to put broadband into the Institute. Costs be for the installation and then for the monthly fees. Some funds could be requested from the Luxulyan Parish Community Fund. The council agreed that it would benefit the Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group and the Parish Council as well as most users of the Institute. Nick also asked whether the Institute Contingency Fund was

still part of the Council's budget; however, it has not been since the major refurbishment of the building was completed. Nick requested that the council consider reinstating the reserve fund for the Institute so that major repairs, such as the roof, can be dealt with when the need arises.

*N Legard left the meeting.*

16/183 Review of action points

The points were briefly reviewed.

16/184 Meetings and governance

A The council **RESOLVED** that the minutes, as read, of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2017 were a true and correct record (proposed KB, 2<sup>nd</sup> BF) and they were duly signed.

B The council discussed the pros and cons of uploading the scanned signed minutes onto the website. It was **AGREED** that the clerk should simply scan the documents and upload them. AC will look into Optical Character Recognition software.  
**ACTION: AC**

C The appointment of the fourth Institute trustee was deferred until the next meeting.

D JS was absent and therefore unable to update the council on the Boundary Review.

E Playing Field inspections for Jan/Feb were received and the following volunteers were enlisted for the next 4 weeks:  
**ACTION: RS, BF, AC, RS.**

16/185 Finance

A Clerk's reports *Payments against Budget, Cash Flow, and Bank Rec* were **NOTED**.

B The council **AUTHORISED** payments for January 2017 totalling £1,627.96 (proposed KB, 2<sup>nd</sup> BF). The last column is recoverable VAT. NB: For ease of reporting, the cleaner's salary, authorised the previous month, is reported with this month's payments.

<i>Public Conveniences, cleaner's salary</i>	faster	£	226.84		
<i>HMRC, cleaner's salary</i>	faster	£	56.60		
<i>Clerk's salary and expenses</i>	faster	£	695.91		6.79
<i>Public Conveniences, electricity</i>	DD	£	11.81		0.56
<i>Footpaths, 2nd cut</i>	faster	£	566.00		
<i>Granite Towers postage</i>	faster	£	70.80		

C In order to pay wages on time, payments for February 2017 totalling £283.44 were **AUTHORISED** (proposed KB, 2<sup>nd</sup> BF).

<i>Public Conveniences, cleaner's salary</i>	faster	£	226.64		
<i>HMRC, cleaner's salary</i>	faster	£	56.80		

16/186 Crime & Prevention. PCSO report

A The PCSO Report for December 2017 was **NOTED**. INCIDENTS RECORDED: 1 crime recorded; 13 public safety; 17 transport. CRIMES RECORDED: 1 violence without injury; 1 other theft.

B ML reported that the PCSO will soon be holding surgeries and she will pass his schedule on to the clerk so that it will be posted on the website.  
**ACTION: ML and Clerk**

16/187 Cllr Rix's report to the Parish

No report was received, but he has mentioned that he would like to be copied into correspondence with Cornwall Council so that he can help the progress of Luxulyan's issues through the Council bureaucracy.

16/188 Neighbourhood Plan steering group report

Nothing to report since the last meeting.

16/189 Installation of superfast broadband into the Institute

After a discussion of the pros and cons, any commitment of funds was deferred until the next meeting.

16/190 Beswetherick Field

After discussion it was decided that the clerk should insist on a reply to the previous correspondence with Christopher Rose and the original case officer, Tracy Young. Cllr Simon Rix should be copied on all correspondence.

**ACTION: Clerk**

16/191 Planning

A Planning issues and correspondence of note.

B Enforcements – reports on progress (others may be listed in *Clerk's Notes*)

- i. The council has been in conversation with the site manager for the Bodwen Solar Farm to resolve the problems with the traffic at Bodwen. It appears that the issue is being resolved.

C Planning decisions (also reported in *Clerk's Notes* and on the website) were **NOTED**.

D Applications for consultee comments.

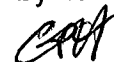
- i. PA16/11625 | Removal of the mobile home and the erection of a dwellinghouse | Lower Gillies Conce Bugle St Austell Cornwall PL26 8RT.  
The council discussed the application at some length and **RESOLVED** the following comments (proposed KB, 2<sup>nd</sup> BF):  
\*\*\* Luxulyan Parish Council **OBJECTS** to this application for a permanent dwelling, firstly, because it is in a Designated Rural Area according to the Housing Act 1981. The original permission for a caravan, granted in 2005, stated that there would be an exception for a caravan only and that, once the caravan was no longer needed, the land should return to its original agricultural use. The council is unaware of any change of circumstances for the original 2005 decision to be overturned. The council can see no reason why the exceptional circumstances that allowed a caravan on agricultural land should now be extended to permission for a permanent dwelling which would be outside the any designated development area.

16/192 Highways & Flooding

A LPC was shocked by the quote of over £4100 for the red area to be painted on the bridge at Bridges. The council will reply and explain that it is a project well outside the council's budget and copy in Cllr Rix.

**ACTION: Clerk**

B There are continuing problems with a parishioner's hedge being eroded by farm



vehicles. The clerk will write to the alleged owner of the vehicles.

**ACTION: Clerk**

C Good news that Cormac was seen filling up the grit bins.

#### 16/193 Assets – reports and maintenance

A Cemetery. The fence posts are not yet replaced, because of other work and weather.

B Defibrillator. The information plaque is not up yet.

**ACTION: Clerk**

C Footpaths. Very good news that FP6 and FP are closed for repairs being done by Cornwall Council. Work has commenced on FP10 which becomes FP4 in Roche Parish.

D Luxulyan Memorial Institute. See Items 182B and 189.

E Playing Field. Dog faeces have been found during playing field inspections in the children's play area, especially around the toddler swings. If anyone has any information as to who owns the offending dog, please contact the Clerk.

F Village Toilets. We have received a general quote for 3 new Wallgate units in the toilets. The clerk will send the quote with pictures of the new units to the councillors.

#### 16/194 Parish Matters – reports

A Community Networks: St Blazey; China Clay. Nothing to report.

B Luxulyan CLT. See Item 190.

C Luxulyan Parish Community Fund. Members of the Panel for the LPCF will attend a coffee morning at the Institute on Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> February, in order to answer any questions parishioners may have about the fund.

D Luxulyan Valley Partnership. See the public session, Item 182A.

E School Management Committee. Two requests for a place on the committee have been denied. As the school is now an academy, it does not need or wish to have a member of the Parish Council on its management committee.

F Street Sweeping. The Atwell area drains need attention.

**ACTION: Clerk**

G Village Hall Committee. No report as GH is not here.

#### 16/195 Correspondence & Invitations (complete list in Clerk's Notes)

Nothing of special interest to report.

#### 16/196 Business for the next meeting

Possible site at Gunwen for defibrillator.

#### 16/197 Dates of next meetings

A Planning if needed 26 January, 6.30 pm and the Ordinary Meeting 9 February, 6.30pm, both at the Luxulyan Memorial Institute.

*The Chairman thanked everyone and the meeting closed at 8.45 pm.*



GP Hammond  
9/3/17