

Luxulyan Parish Council **DRAFT** Minutes  
Ordinary Meeting, THURSDAY 14 OCTOBER 2021  
6.00 pm, at Luxulyan Village Hall

**PRESENT:**

Cllr Michael Grindley (Vice-chair), Cllr Keith Bilston, Cllr Helen Francis, Cllr Bob Hatton, Cllr Margaret Higman, Cllr Francis Payne, Cllr Carl Tonkin.

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Clerk to the Parish, Mrs Christine Wilson, Lockengate Ward Member Cllr Peter Guest, Luxulyan Ward Member Cllr Colin Martin, and three Members of the Public.

**ABSENT:**

Cllr Michaela Linfoot (Chair), Cllr Dan Cordy, Cllr Sarah O'Toole.

**ABBREVIATIONS:**

Councillors are abbreviated with their initials; Luxulyan Parish Council (LPC), Cornwall Council (CC), Cornwall Assoc. of Local Councils (CALC), Footpath (FP), \*\*\* 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.

**MINUTES:**

*The meeting began at 6.04 PM and the Chair welcomed all.*

21/75 Apologies

Apologies were received from ML, DC and SO.

21/76 Declarations of interest or requests for dispensation.

None.

21/77 Public Session

A A member of the public spoke for a nascent community group that is looking to obtain land around Luxulyan village to establish a community green space in Luxulyan. They were interested in purchasing a plot currently up for sale at a guide price of £25K and requested help from the parish council.

A member of the Luxulyan CLT spoke for the CLT and explained that the Community Land Trust had been formed for just this purpose, to purchase land for the benefit of the community. He pointed out that the CLT with the parish council are in the best position to hold land for the current and future well-being of Luxulyan Parish.

The council **AGREED** to move Item 21/81.D forward. See the decision at that Minute.

*A member of the public left the meeting.*

B The agent for PA21/09387, Item 21/82.D.iv, spoke about the proposed development at St Cyriac and answered questions from the council.

The council **AGREED** to move the Item forward. See the decision at that Minute.

*Two members of the public left the meeting.*

21/78 Meetings and governance

A The council **RESOLVED** that the minutes, as read, of the meeting held on 6 September 2021 are a true and correct record (proposed KB, 2nd MH) and they were duly signed.

B The council **RESOLVED** (proposed HF, 2nd FP) to appoint HF and FP for free access to

Climate Literacy online training for one year, as offered by Cornwall Council. They will report back to the council on information or action that might be of interest.

ACTION: Clerk

- C In the summer, Cllr Barry Jordan of Cornwall Council asked all parishes for comments, suggestions and complaints about Cornwall Council. The council **RESOLVED** (proposed HF, 2nd FP) to send the following statement:
- WASTE & RECYCLING:
- It's disappointing to see neighbours still actively avoiding recycling. Some form of incentive could be added to council tax to motivate residents.
  - A positive and visible campaign should be activated immediately, with results to be measured over a realistic timeframe to see if the campaign has had an impact. After this point, financial penalties could be put in place to further motivate residents.
  - We'd like to see Cornwall Council providing incentives to local businesses going above and beyond to reduce plastic packaging, especially the hard-to-recycle variety. Eg. takeaways should move from plastic to compostable containers. Cornwall should be seeking to be plastic free across the county, not just in coastal communities.
- AFFORDABLE HOUSING:
- There is clearly not enough affordable housing. This needs to be a concerted effort.
  - We'd like to see more innovative building methods take the place of sub-standard cheap building materials that degrade in very short period of time. Cornwall should be looking to European countries (eg. Scandinavian countries, Germany) for inspiration in affordable and green house building. Developers need to not hold all the cards and should be forced to create schemes that have the community at their heart, not their corporate bottom line.
  - We'd like to see Cornwall Council taking a more hardline approach to rogue landlords profiting off renting out housing that's unfit for habitation.
- SECOND HOME:
- Cornwall Council should introduce a ban on 2nd homes.
  - Existing second home owners should absolutely pay more Council Tax. Everything should be done to deter people from looking at houses as otherwise-unused boltholes, escapes from city life for 2-4 weeks a year.
  - There should be no opportunity to avoid paying Council Tax in full on a property, regardless of its usage.
- WHAT CORNWALL COUNCIL GETS RIGHT:
- Cornwall Council are comparatively progressive when it comes to tackling climate change, and there's clearly a strong focus on this across all departments.
- D The council **NOTED** that its Community Link Officer will change from Tasha Davies to Zoe Bernard-John for the St Blazey, Lostwithiel & Fowey Community Network Area. Zoe has been invited to the next PC meeting.

## 21/79 Finance

- A KB reported that Audit Panel had met that day before the ordinary meeting. The internal control checks were completed for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarters and all is correct. The Audit Panel will meet again to continue the discussion of the 2022-23 Budget and Precept to present to the November meeting.
- B There were no questions about the accounts and the Clerk's reports, *Bank Reconciliation, Budget Comparison* and *Cash Flow* to the end of September 2021, were **NOTED**.

C	The council <b>RESOLVED</b> (proposed KB, 2nd HF) to approve the Clerk's training, SLCC Budgeting Basics at £30 + VAT, to be shared with her other council.	
D	The council <b>AUTHORISED</b> payments for October 2021 totalling £1,972.25 (proposed KB, 2nd HF).	
Description	Amount with VAT	VAT
Clerk's salary and expenses	£1,046.20	4.52
HMRC payment	109.69	-
Clerk's Pension	38.92	-
Playground inspections	60.00	-
Granite Towers postage	35.52	-
Public Conveniences, electricity	13.61	0.64
Annual fee to ICO	35.00	-
Website annual hosting fee	168.00	28.00
Website update, 2nd payment (delayed)	270.00	45.00
Printer toner x2	75.43	12.57
Chairmanship training x1	24.00	4.00
2x pad sets for Institute defibrillator	95.88	

## 21/80 Reports

A	Report on Actions. See the items below for reports.
B	<p>Chair's report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Chair, other councillors, the ward members and the clerk met with a representative from South West Water to discuss possible overflow into the River Par from the pumping station. It was explained that according to the data from the pumping station, this has not happened, but residents will continue to monitor the river.</li> <li>At the same time they met with a representative of StARR. They visited and discussed the leats at Cam Bridges and drainage off the road through Prideaux Woods.</li> <li>The Chair also met with the Highways manager and took a tour of the parish. They particularly looked at road conditions through Prideaux Woods and uncut hedges at Carne Cross.</li> </ul>
C	Crime & Prevention. Nothing to report
D	Cornwall Councillor Peter Guest's report to the Parish (Lockengate Ward). There was no formal report this month. There will be Red, White & Blue wildflower seeds available to plant for the Queen's Jubilee. All those interested can contact Cllr Guest.
E	Cornwall Councillor Colin Martin's report to the Parish (Luxulyan Ward) There was no formal report this month. He encouraged everyone to visit the Let's Talk Cornwall website to submit their opinion about the possible closure of Leisure Centres and also the housing crisis.

## 21/81 Considerations

A	There was no proposal to purchase expensive glow in the dark anti dog mess signage from Keep Britain Tidy.
B	The clerk will post the Let's Talk Homes Survey on Facebook so any individual can submit their views.
C	The council <b>RESOLVED</b> (proposed KB, 2nd HF) that it has no objection to Purple Gecko Events using the Cemetery car park for a few hours in the spring as a 'rest and refuelling

station for a Trail Run.

- D After a lengthy discussion during the Public Session, the council **RESOLVED** (proposed BH, 2nd CT) to use funds from the Bodwen Solar Park Fund to make a bid of £5,000 for the land currently for sale at Bridges. If successful, the land would be developed as a nature reserve.

ACTION: Clerk

## 21/82 Planning

- A Planning issues and correspondence. Planning decisions are reported in Clerk's Notes and on the website.  
It was **NOTED** that Gavin Smith DM Group Leader is hoping to speak to Councillor Martin to discuss the principle of the application: **PA21/03156 | Outline permission for the construction of 2 detached dwellings with all matters reserved | Atwell Gardens.**
- B Beswetherick update. Cllr Martin will look into the enforcement of the original contract with the developer. This was left with CC legal team 12 months ago.
- C StARR project update. Cllr Martin reported that the StARR Project is spending around £30 million to protect 600-800 residents for 25 years. Since this project was approved, in general, there is now more emphasis on developing natural catchment areas further upstream to project communities downstream.
- D Applications for consultee comments.
- i. **PA21/08665 | Extension forming school classroom | Luxulyan School Road From Hill Bunkers To Post Office At Luxulyan Luxulyan PL30 5EE.**  
After a short discussion the council **RESOLVED** (proposed KB, 2nd CT) to submit the following consultee comments:  
\*\*\* Luxulyan Parish Council has NO OBJECTION to this application.
  - ii. **PA21/08804 | Change of use from a redundant calf barn to a 1No. 2bed 3person private residential dwelling | Lower Harros Farm Roche St Austell PL26 8LN**  
The council had held a site visit. It discussed the application and **RESOLVED** (proposed FP, 2nd BH) to submit the following consultee comments:  
\*\*\* Luxulyan Parish Council has NO OBJECTION to this application.
  - iii. **PA21/09236 | Change of Use. Strip of land to become garden and extending existing single garage to form a double garage with driveway access | The Bungalow Bridges Luxulyan Bodmin Cornwall PL30 5EF**  
The council has requested a site visit which will be arranged by the Clerk.  
ACTION: Clerk
  - iv. **PA21/09387 | Proposed erection of two detached dwellings with integral garages, the provision of a new vehicular access serving each dwelling and the installation of two septic tanks | Land North West Of 12 St Cyriac St Cyriac Luxulyan PL30 5QA**  
The agent for the application attended the meeting as was able to answer questions from the councillors. After discussion, the council **RESOLVED** (proposed FP, 2nd BH) to submit the following consultee comments:  
\*\*\* Luxulyan Parish Council has NO OBJECTION to this application.

## 21/83 Highways & Flooding

- A BH reported on the severe flooding of a property at Bridges and Cllr Guest will follow this up with Cormac.

ACTION: Cllr Guest
B The clerk reported that a letter was sent, as decided at the last meeting, to the owner of the riverbank and the penstocks/sllice gates at Cam Bridges. There is yet no reply.
C Luxulyan Valley Partnership. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> (proposed MG, 2 <sup>nd</sup> FP) at the suggestion of Cllr Martin, Chair of the LVP that the parish council supports the enlargement of the remit of the Partnership to include the area outside Cornwall Council ownership, including the leats, so that the Partnership can better understand and improve the environment there.
ACTION: Cllr Martin

*Cllr Martin left the meeting.*

#### 21/84 Assets – reports and maintenance

A Playing Field. Playing Field inspections for month were received and <b>NOTED</b> .
B Defibrillator. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> (proposed MG, 2 <sup>nd</sup> MH) to purchase 2 sets of pads for the defibrillator at the Institute as the time has come to replace the original ones and there should also be a spare set. £95.88 is the cost of two sets. ACTION: Clerk
C Cemetery. Nothing to report.
D Footpaths. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The council has received the same reply from CC to its many reports of missing signposts: "We are keeping a note of all broken signs in the hope that we can replace them in the future."</li> <li>ii. A member of the public has renewed a request for the tidy up of Dark Lane (FP 408/6/1). One of the major problems there is fly tipping and Cllr Guest will look into the possibility of installing CCTV cameras.</li> </ul> ACTION: Cllr Guest
E Luxulyan Memorial Institute. Nothing to report.
F Village Toilets. The Wallgate unit in the Ladies is out of order. Neither the water nor the air works. It has been fixed twice by Cormac. The clerk has requested that someone contact her to discuss the problem and awaits a reply.

#### 21/85 Parish Matters – reports

A Luxulyan Parish Community Fund. Nothing to report.
B Luxulyan Valley Partnership. See Minute 21/83.C.
C Village Hall Committee. The clerk will request heat for the November meeting.

#### 21/86 Correspondence & Invitations

Nothing to report outside these Minutes and Clerk's Notes.
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#### 21/87 Business for the next meeting

Budget and Precept.
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#### 21/88 Second Public Session for feedback from the public

None.
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21/89 Dates of next meetings.

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| A Audit Panel meeting via Zoom. Date and time to be determined.  |
| B Ordinary Meeting 11 November 2021, 6.00 pm at the Village Hall.  |
| C An extraordinary meeting may be called by the Chair if needed for planning or other business. An agenda would be posted 3 clear days before. |

*The meeting closed at 9.20 pm and the Chair thanked everyone for attending.*

*Mrs C Wilson ~ Parish Clerk ~ 20 October 2021*

**SIGNED:**

**THESE ARE DRAFT MINUTES.**

Chair: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_