

Luxulyan Parish Council **DRAFT** Minutes  
Ordinary Meeting, THURSDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2023  
6.00 pm, at Luxulyan Memorial Institute

**PRESENT:**

Cllr Michaela Linfoot (Chair), Cllr Keith Bilston (Vice-chair), Cllr Michael Grindley, Cllr Margaret Higman.

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Clerk to the Parish, Mrs Christine Wilson and one Member of the Public.

**ABSENT:**

Cllr Dan Cordy, Cllr Helen Francis, Cllr Bob Hatton, Cllr Sarah Kemp, Cllr Francis Payne, Cllr Carl Tonkin, Lockengate Ward Member Cllr Peter Guest, Luxulyan Ward Member Cllr Colin Martin.

**ABBREVIATIONS:**

Councillors may be abbreviated with their initials; Luxulyan Parish Council (LPC), Cornwall Council (CC), Cornwall Assoc. of Local Councils (CALC), Footpath (FP), Community Land Trust (CLT), \*\*\* 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.

**NOTE ON NUMBERING:**

The prefix will follow the Municipal Year which begins in May. January-April will carry the 22/ prefix. At the May 2023 meeting the first item on the Agenda will be 23/01.

**MINUTES:**

*The meeting began at 6.02 PM and the Chair welcomed all.*

22/165 Apologies

Apologies were received from DC, HF, BH, SK, FP, CT and both Ward Members.

22/166 Declarations of interest or requests for dispensation.

None.

22/167 Public Session

The owner of Eden Meadows at Carne Cross came to let the council know that he has lodged a criminal complaint against Cornwall Council for damage to his property and pollution of his land.

22/168 Meetings and governance

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| A | The council <b>RESOLVED</b> that the minutes, as read, of the meeting held on 12 January 2023 are a true and correct record (proposed MH, 2nd MG) and they were duly signed.  |
| B | The review of the Draft Minutes for the 31 <sup>st</sup> January Parish Meeting were <b>DEFERRED</b> until the March meeting. The minutes will be signed at the next Parish Meeting.  |
| C | At the Parish Meeting on 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan, there was no proposal about the Parish Council's response to the 'big deal' consultation. The parish council decided that it would respond and <b>RESOLVED</b> (proposed ML, 2 <sup>nd</sup> KB) to respond with the concerns explained in the Draft Minutes of the Parish Meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A Mayor would have "an effective veto over decisions" regarding the Cornwall Plan, the Annual Budget and Strategies for Cornwall because it would take a 2/3 majority of</li></ul> |

the members to amend any proposals made by the Mayor.

- A Mayor may also approve the planning for his own projects.
- The Mayor may choose a cabinet of advisors, but the cabinet has no power other than to advise. One person, the Mayor, would have enormous decision-making power over the budget and future plans & strategies & planning.
- A Mayor is elected using the ‘first to the post’ method. Therefore, whoever has the most votes will win (even though those votes might represent only 15% of the electorate). The Mayor could be elected by a small minority of people in Cornwall.
- There is no way to remove the Mayor from office. Even if there were a vote of no confidence by Cornwall Council, such a vote has no real power.
- Kate Kennally, Chief Executive of Cornwall Council, has stated that of the £12million per year offered as the ‘deal’, £8m per year would be used to service the debt for the mayor’s projects. The first Mayor could tie up all the devolution deal funds – and more – in the first 5 years.
- The entire consultation process has been very biased toward the Mayor and the deal. It is felt that the Leader Linda Taylor will not accept criticism of the deal. Overall, the information from Cornwall Council and even the wording of the consultation survey is blatantly biased in favour of the ‘deal’.
- The information generated about the deal by Cornwall Council greatly embellishes the promises made in the deal and exaggerates the powers that the deal devolves to Cornwall. For example, vague remarks in the Cornwall Devolution Deal: “Government recognises the need for major investment in the UK’s onshore and offshore electricity networks” and “Government will consider the proposals to enhance the A38” are made to sound like Government promises.

ACTION: Clerk

D The council **RESOLVED** (proposed ML, 2<sup>nd</sup> MG) to request a referendum so that the people of Cornwall can directly decide whether or not they want a mayor. The Clerk will write to the Ward Members who will vote on a referendum in April.

ACTION: Clerk

22/169 Finance

A KB reported that Audit Panel had met that day, before the ordinary meeting. The internal control check was completed for the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> quarters. All is correct.

B There were no questions about the accounts and it was **RESOLVED** (proposed KB, 2<sup>nd</sup> MH) to receive the Clerk’s reports, *Bank Reconciliation*, *Budget Comparison* and *Cash Flow* to the end of January 2023, as a correct record.

C The council **AUTHORISED** payments for February 2023 totalling £1,960.33 (proposed ML, 2<sup>nd</sup> MG).

Description	Amount with VAT	VAT
Clerk's salary and expenses	£1,203.77	-
HMRC payment	93.59	-
Clerk's Pension	45.15	-
Playground inspections	120.00	-
Public Convenience, electricity	17.43	0.83
Public Conveniences Cleaning Jan23	341.34	56.89
Granite Towers postage	44.10	-
2x batteries for 2x defibrillators	invoice not yet received	

Duplicate keys for shed	18.00	-
Public Conveniences, water	73.60	-
Book: Local Council Admin. 12th Ed.	3.35	-

22/170 Reports

A	LPCF. The Luxulyan Parish Community Fund has more than £10K every year for community benefit. Details about applying for the fund and details of previous grants have been updated on the council’s website under the menu: <i>Our Community / LPCF - Luxulyan Parish Community Fund</i>
B	DEFIBRILLATORS. The Clerk reported that both defibrillators (at the Institute and at Gunwen Chapel) needed the software upgraded urgently. RRMC, the provider of the defibrillators had a technician at their offices in Penzance last week and, the clerk took the equipment for the upgrade. It was found that the batteries needed replacement in both machines and this was done. An invoice to Luxulyan Parish Council will arrive in due course. The defibrillators are back in place and ready for use.
C	Luxulyan CLT. The previous Secretary has resigned and Cllr F Payne is the CLT’s new Secretary. A meeting will be arranged in due course.
D	Cornwall Councillor Peter Guest’s report to the Parish (Lockengate Ward). No report.
E	Cornwall Councillor Colin Martin’s report to the Parish (Luxulyan Ward). No report.

22/171 Considerations

A	The council <b>RESOLVED</b> (proposed ML, 2nd MG) that it will request £250 from the Community Chest for use at the Institute to make it a ‘Warm Hub’ once a month. ACTION: Clerk
B	The council <b>RESOLVED</b> (proposed ML, 2nd KB) to purchase mugs for the school children for the Coronation of King Charles III. ML will get the exact numbers. They will be purchased using the Bodwen Solar Park fund. ACTION: ML & Clerk

22/172 Planning

A	Beswetherick update. Nothing to report.
B	Planning issues and correspondence. Planning decisions are reported in Clerk’s Notes and on the website. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <b>PA23/00534   Certificate of lawfulness for proposed placement of Caravan/Log Cabin within the residential curtilage of the property for ancillary purposes   Little Innisvath Lockengate Bugle St Austell Cornwall PL26 8SA.</b> The council had made a site visit recently, but the application was withdrawn. The council agreed that it has no objection to this application but it does not require consultee comments.</li> <li>ii. <b>Proposed upgrade of existing base station installation at CORNERSTONE 24153021 / 095522 VF - Land at Tregarrick Farm, Luxulyan, Bodmin, Cornwall, PL30 5RP (NGR: E204644, N057537).</b> Before an application or pre-app is submitted, Cornerstone Telecommunications Infrastructure Limited wrote to the council to request its opinion about the upgrade of a telecommunication mast on land at Tregarrick Farm, Luxulyan PL30 5RP. The mast will be no taller nor much wider than the current mast. After a brief discussion</li> </ul>

it was **RESOLVED** (proposed ML, 2<sup>nd</sup> MG) to raise NO OBJECTION to the upgrade.

C Applications for consultee comments and Pre-applications.

i. **PA22/10015 | Listed building consent for Proposed solar panels to modern workshop metal roof. | Unit 7 The Old Clay Dry Luxulyan Bodmin PL30 5EF.**

The council discussed the application and **RESOLVED** (proposed MH, 2<sup>nd</sup> KB) to submit the following consultee comments:

\*\*\* Luxulyan Parish Council has NO OBJECTION to the installation of solar panels on the roof of this listed building because it is a workshop for a current business and all businesses should be aided to reduce electricity costs and to use clean energy. The panels will not be unsightly and they will be in-keeping with the setting.

D Applications for consideration since the posting of this Agenda.

i. **PA22/11440 | Proposed first floor extension | Rosemelling Cottage Rosemelling Luxulyan Bodmin Cornwall PL30 5EQ**

The council will hold a site visit, to be arranged.

ACTION: Clerk

ii. **PA23/00848 | Application for Outline Planning Permission with some matters reserved for the construction of a dwelling namely access only. | Land North Of Damarcris Treskilling Luxulyan Cornwall PL30 5EL**

The council will hold a site visit, to be arranged.

ACTION: Clerk

#### 22/173 Highways & Flooding

Nothing to report.

#### 22/174 Assets – reports and maintenance

A Playing Field. Playing Field inspections for month were received and **NOTED**.

B Cemetery. As in previous years, Purple Gecko Events have requested the use of the Cemetery Car Park for a running event on the morning of Sat, 1<sup>st</sup> April. It was **RESOLVED** (proposed ML, 2<sup>nd</sup> MG) that they be allowed to use the car park with conditions: 1) that they have their own insurance; 2) that they respect anyone who is coming to visit a grave; and 3) that they take away their rubbish without using the Cemetery bins.

C Footpaths. Nothing to report.

D Luxulyan Memorial Institute. The treasurer of the Institute Committee asked that the council approve a change of electricity supplier in order to save a good deal of money. The parish council **AGREED** that it would respect and support the decision of the Institute Committee.

E Village Toilets. Nothing to report.

#### 22/175 Parish Matters – reports

A Luxulyan Parish Community Fund. See Minute 22/170.A.

B Luxulyan Valley Partnership. Nothing to report.

C Village Hall Committee. Nothing to report.

#### 22/176 Correspondence & Invitations

Nothing to report outside these Minutes and Clerk's Notes.

22/177 Business for the next meeting

No business was requested.

22/178 Second Public Session for feedback from the public

It was **AGREED** that this section should be dropped as a standing item on the Agenda.

22/179 Dates of next meetings.

A Ordinary Meeting 9 March 2023, 6.00 pm at the Luxulyan Memorial Institute .

B 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 6.57 pm and the Chair thanked everyone for attending.*

*Mrs C Wilson ~ Parish Clerk ~ 23 February 2023*

**SIGNED:**

**THESE ARE DRAFT MINUTES.**

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