

Luxulyan Parish Council **DRAFT** Minutes
Ordinary Meeting, THURSDAY 11 JANUARY 2024
6.00 pm, at Luxulyan Memorial Institute

PRESENT:

Cllr Michaela Linfoot (Chair), Cllr Keith Bilston, Cllr Helen Francis, Cllr Bob Hatton, Cllr Margaret Higman, Cllr Sarah Kemp, Cllr Carl Tonkin.

ALSO PRESENT:

Clerk to the Parish, Mrs Christine Wilson, Lockengate Ward Member Cllr Peter Guest and no Members of the Public.

ABSENT:

Cllr Dan Cordy (Vice-chair), Cllr Michael Grindley, Cllr Francis Payne, 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 23/ prefix. At the May 2024 meeting the first item on the Agenda will be 24/01.

MINUTES:

The meeting began at 6.00 PM and the Chair welcomed all.

23/123 Apologies

Apologies were received from DC, MG, FP and Luxulyan Ward Member Cllr Colin Martin.

23/124 Declarations of interest or requests for dispensation.

CT regarding the item 23/127.B because it is his family's business.

23/125 Public Session

None.

23/126 Meetings and governance

A The council **RESOLVED** that the minutes, as read, of the meeting held on 9 November 2023 are a true and correct record (proposed KB, 2nd HF) and they were duly signed.

B The council **RESOLVED** that the minutes, as read, of the meeting held on 14 December 2023 are a true and correct record (proposed BH, 2nd MH) and they were duly signed.

23/127 Finance

A ML and SK reported that Audit Panel had met that day before the ordinary meeting. The internal control check was completed for the 3rd quarter and all is correct.

CT left the chamber for the duration of the discussion and vote on the next item.

B The council received one estimate of £480 for the felling and removal from site of three large dead ash trees and one dead smaller tree from A1 Tree & Grounds Ltd. The council

RESOLVED (proposed ML, 2 nd HF) to accept the estimate.		
C	There were no questions about the accounts and it was RESOLVED (proposed KB, 2nd BH) to receive the Clerk's reports, <i>Bank Reconciliation</i> , <i>Budget Comparison</i> and <i>Cash Flow</i> to the end of December 2023, as a correct record.	
D	The council AUTHORISED payments for January 2024 totalling £1,991.39 (proposed HF, 2nd KB).	
	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount with VAT</u>
	Clerk's salary and expenses	£1,180.29
	HMRC payment	£121.71
	Clerk's Pension	£50.05
	Playground inspections	£120.00
	Public Conveniences, electricity	£33.41
	Public Convenience Cleaning Dec23	£460.93
	FoLV membership 2024	£25.00
		<u>VAT</u>
		-
		-
		-
		-
		£1.59
		£76.82
		-

23/128 Reports

A	Report on Actions. The clerk reported that the bin for the play area has not yet arrived.
B	Luxulyan Village Hall - Waste Engagement Road Show – 31st Jan, 5-9pm.
C	The clerk asked Cllr Guest to enquire whether the new statutory Planning Guarantee would impact on parish councils, particularly regarding extensions of time to submit consultee comments. ACTION: Cllr Guest
D	Lockengate Polling Station. It was confirmed by the Electoral Office at Cornwall Council that the polling station for Lockengate Ward will return to the car park of Danish Crown. The council thanked Cllr Guest for his help in persuading Cornwall Council to move to a more accessible location for Lockengate Ward residents.
E	Chair's report. The grit bin at St Sulien is still empty. The Highway Manager has not yet set a date to review the roads in Luxulyan with the Chair. The clerk will chase this. ACTION: Clerk
F	Cornwall Councillor Peter Guest's report to the Parish (Lockengate Ward). Happy New Year/ Bledhen Nowydh Da to you all. I hope you're returning to your P.C. duties, rested, refreshed and raring to go, having had a great festive break. I'd better qualify this report by saying that I am writing it in advance of cracking open my first Babycham of the Christmas holidays in order to get it into the Parish Clerk in good time and to avoid a telling off from her! Given that I am writing it early, there may be changes or updates, but, if needed I will bring you up to date at the meeting. A couple of important decisions were made in December. One that particularly caused concern in this in the Division was the proposal to potentially cut the school bus services on certain routes in the future. The Poltair route caused a lot of concern and disquiet locally, as did the Brannel one mainly affecting St Stephen and Treverbyn. After the Cabinet meeting in mid-December, it was decided to drop all current proposals and do a review of the entire school transport system. This was a common-sense decision. The school transport budget is horrendously big and a massive pressure on the Council given the rising costs across the board. The current policy is out of date and not fit for purpose, there are quite a few anomalies, historical quirks and outdated practices that need revisiting. We do need to save money, but this can be done quite easily without

endangering children’s lives. [which was a comment made by an ill-informed journalist and quickly and firmly refuted.] I spoke at length on this subject at the Cabinet meeting where the decision was made and it is highly likely that I will be heavily involved in the new review when it gets underway.

The second important decision taken at that meeting was signing off the next stage of the Mid Cornwall Metro Link. Bugle and Roche will be getting enhanced traffic measures and improvements to their rail stations. It is expected that the Clay Country as a whole will benefit from the improved regularity and enhanced connectivity. Again, I spoke at length on this subject on the day, supporting the project but reminding the Cabinet that we had been let down on certain aspects of the St Austell Link Road Project and made it clear that my continued support was dependant on the work in the Division being carried out. I was re-assured that should there be any budget overruns, contingency plans were in place to ensure these would be carried out.

At the last Parish Council meeting, the polling station [or lack of] at Ebenezer for the Lockengate electorate [394 at the last count] was discussed. The Clerk, myself and Colin all wrote to Cornwall Council expressing our concerns that these voters could potentially be disenfranchised if they had to travel to Bugle Village Hall to cast their vote in future elections. The Officer responsible is writing to Danish Crown to see if they are willing to have a polling station at their factory. We haven’t won the battle yet, but we will keep on at them. [Since writing this report, the polling station at Danish Crown is confirmed.]

The next Community Area Partnership will be held on February 26th at a venue to be confirmed. All Parish Councillors are welcome to attend, but Luxulyan P.C. will only have one vote. It’s an ideal opportunity to get together with other P.C.s. I’d be happy to go into more detail on what the C.A.P actually does if you think it will be useful.

They say that New year is a time to make new resolutions. I’m very mindful that I don’t spend as much time ‘out and about’ as I should in the Parish as a whole and Lockengate in particular. I want to change that in the coming year. If you hear of any community events in the Parish, I’d be quite happy to come along and help out or even just show my face. Another offer/suggestion is that I do a lot of talks at various groups [Roche over 55 Club, Bugle Darby and Joan, etc]. If you feel that this is something that may generate some interest, again, please let me know. I’d also be happy to ‘tag along’ if ever you are doing the rounds of the Parish or want to highlight a particular issue.

A reminder that on Wednesday 31st January between 17.00 and 21.00 at the Village Hall, there will be a roadshow to answer any queries that you or Parishioners may have about the new Waste Collection system. I’ll be there for the majority of it, so, if you fancy getting together for a cuppa, let me know.

By the time we meet, Cornwall Council will be back in full swing following the Festive Break and I may have more to report on.

Peter

G Cornwall Councillor Colin Martin’s report to the Parish (Luxulyan Ward). None.

23/129 Considerations

A BH reported that paperwork for the new Luxulyan CLT bank account is almost complete.

B ML confirmed that she would be able to attend the Luxulyan Valley Partnership hybrid meeting on 24th January at 5.30pm using the online link.

23/130 Planning

<p>A Correspondence. Planning decisions are reported in Clerk’s Notes.</p>
<p>i. PA24/00137 Prior approval notification to determine if planning permission is required for: Surfacing of existing agricultural trackways and provision of new hardstanding is required to maintain all weather access from site entrance, around holding and to and from buildings with sufficient maneuvering for vehicles to enter and leave the site in forward gear Land South East Of Nanscawen St Blazey Cornwall PL24 2SR. Case Officer: Rosilyn Baker</p> <p>It was noted that no consultee comments have been requested for this application; however, the parish council was concerned about the profusion of development on this site which seems to have appeared without planning permission. It also noted that the Annexe (supported by the PC as PA19/01357) has become a separate residence similar in size to the original residence. The PC also noted a lack of agricultural activity (PA20/06352). The council RESOLVED (proposed KB, 2nd MH) that the Clerk should fill in a form for breach of planning at this site and advise the case officer of the council’s concerns.</p> <p>ACTION: Clerk</p>
<p>B Applications for consultee comments.</p>
<p>i. PA23/09823 Proposed erection of a detached dwelling, an attached garage and the installation of a septic tank without complying with condition 2 of decision PA22/00677 dated 28/04/2022 Land To The South Of Little Oaks Carne Cross St Blazey PL24 2SX.</p> <p>The council discussed the application and RESOLVED (proposed SK, 2nd BH) to submit the following consultee comments:</p> <p>*** Luxulyan Parish Council SUPPORTS this application as long as building regulations are followed.</p>
<p>C Applications for consideration since the posting of this Agenda.</p>
<p>i. PA23/08666 Retrospective: Siting of a Shepherds Hut for Use as a Holiday Let Land East Of Owl Barn Treskilling Luxulyan Cornwall PL30 5EL.</p> <p>The council looked at photos of the site provided by the applicant and was concerned about the discrepancy between the account put forward by the applicant and the objection sent by the neighbour complaining of overlooking. The Clerk will arrange a site meeting for 24th January at 10.30 am and request of the case officer that its comments be accepted afterwards.</p>

23/131 Highways & Flooding

<p>It was noted that , generally, if a car is damaged because of pothole, and the pothole has been reported to CC and not fixed, Cornwall Council may be liable. The CC form to claim damage is the <i>Highways claim for damage or injury</i> : www.cornwall.gov.uk/the-council-and-democracy/council-spending-and-finance/insurance/highways-claim-for-damage-or-injury/ The clerk will upload this link to the council website under <i>Parish Highways</i>.</p>
--

23/132 Assets – reports and maintenance

<p>A Playing Field. Playing Field inspections for month were received and NOTED.</p>
<p>B Cemetery. Nothing to report.</p>

C	Footpaths. The clerk has posted on the website under <i>NOTICES</i> information from Cornwall Council about the responsibility of landowners who have animals in fields with Public Right of Way.
D	Luxulyan Memorial Institute. Nothing to report.
E	Village Toilets.
	i. The Clerk received reports that the light outside the Ladies' is blinking at night. Also, the Disabled loo has been closed because it is blocked again. ACTION: Clerk
	ii. LPC has a contract with Corserv Facilities for the cleaning of the toilets. The council RESOLVED (proposed ML, 2 nd SK) to accept Corserv's move to a sister company and its change of name from Corserv Facilities to Corserv Solutions. The Clerk will sign the agreement on behalf of the council.

23/133 Parish Matters – reports

A	Luxulyan Parish Community Fund. Nothing to report.
B	Village Hall Committee. No meeting has been held.

23/134 Correspondence & Invitations (A complete list is in Clerk's Notes.)

	Lanlivery Parish Council wrote about the signpost north of Gatty's Bridge. The finger for Lanlivery is illegible and the other two fingers have deteriorated quite a bit. They inquired about maintenance of the sign with Cornwall Council but they were told that it is the responsibility of the Luxulyan PC. After discussion SK agreed to monitor the signpost. ACTION: SK
--	--

23/135 Business for the next meeting

	No business was requested.
--	----------------------------

23/136 Dates of next meetings.

A	31 st January, 5-9pm – Waste Engagement Road Show – Luxulyan Village Hall.
B	Ordinary Meeting 8 February 2024, 6.00 pm at the Luxulyan Memorial Institute.
C	The clerk requested a later start for the March meeting and the council RESOLVED (proposed ML, 2 nd HF) to change the start time of the 14 th March meeting to 7.00 pm.
D	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 7.10 pm and the Chair thanked everyone for attending.

Mrs C Wilson ~ Parish Clerk ~ 18 January 2024

SIGNED:

THESE ARE DRAFT MINUTES.

Chair: _____ Date: _____