

Luxulyan Parish Council **DRAFT** Minutes
Ordinary Meeting, THURSDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2024
6.00 pm, at Luxulyan Memorial Institute

PRESENT:

Cllr Dan Cordy (Vice-chair), Cllr Michael Grindley, Cllr Sarah Kemp, Cllr Francis Payne, Cllr Carl Tonkin.

ALSO PRESENT:

Clerk to the Parish, Mrs Christine Wilson and no Members of the Public.

ABSENT:

Cllr Michaela Linfoot (Chair), Cllr Keith Bilston, Cllr Helen Francis, Cllr Bob Hatton, Cllr Margaret Higman, 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 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, as the Chair was not present, the Vice-chair led the meeting. He welcomed all.

23/142 Apologies

Apologies were received from ML, KB, HF, BH, MH, Cllr P Guest & Cllr C Martin.

23/143 Declarations of interest or requests for dispensation.

None.

23/144 Public Session

None.

23/145 Meetings and governance

A The council **RESOLVED** that the minutes, as read, of the meeting held on 11 January 2024 are a true and correct record (proposed SK, 2nd CT) and they were duly signed.

B The council **RESOLVED** that the minutes, as read, of the extraordinary meeting held on 1st February 2024 are a true and correct record (proposed FP, 2nd MG) and they were duly signed.

23/146 Finance

A There were no questions about the accounts and it was **RESOLVED** (proposed FP, 2nd CT) to receive the Clerk's reports, *Bank Reconciliation, Budget Comparison and Cash Flow* to the end of January 2024, as a correct record.

B The council reviewed the Financial Regulations. It was noted that, regarding paragraph 6.11, the sealed dated envelope retained by the Chair should be updated and the Clerk

will see to this. The council did not propose any changes to the document.

ACTION: Clerk

C The council **AUTHORISED** payments for February 2024 totalling £3,849.89 (proposed SK, 2nd CT).

Description	Amount with VAT	VAT
Clerk's salary and expenses	£1,557.07	-
HMRC payment	367.19	-
Clerk's Pension	94.15	-
Playground inspections	120.00	-
Public Convenience Cleaning Jan24	460.94	76.82
Public Conveniences, electricity	39.93	1.90
Public Conveniences, water (reading)	84.66	-
Granite Towers postage Feb/Mar	52.70	-
Office supplies, paper	33.25	5.54
Cemetery clean up and moss removal	300.00	-
Boundary hedge of playing field pruned	400.00	-
Playing field gates maintained + new gate	180.00	-
Removal ash tree, play area	160.00	-

23/147 Reports

A Report on Actions.

- i. The clerk reported that the fill under the play equipment cannot be delivered until the weather improves.
- ii. SK reported that the fingerpost below Gatty's Bridge just needs some paint and it will need dry weather.

B Chair's report. None

C Cornwall Councillor Peter Guest's report to the Parish (Lockengate Ward)
I'm sorry that I can't be with you tonight, I have to attend a road safety meeting with our M.P. about a particularly dangerous road that needs urgent action.

We are now back into the full swing of Council business and I've been kept busy so far this year.

As you know, the new Waste Collection System began on our patch a couple of weeks ago. This is a major piece of work and anecdotally it appears to have gone fairly smoothly so far. There are bound to be teething problems, in fact, I dealt with a couple myself which were swiftly resolved. Should you be approached by any resident with concerns, the easiest way to resolve it is by using the online reporting page. <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/rubbish-recycling-and-waste/new-food-waste-recycling-and-rubbish-service/> I attended the recent Waste Roadshow held at Lux Village Hall, there was a steady stream of people coming through the door and most of their questions seemed to be answered.

Two Fridays ago, I was at a briefing about 'Unauthorised Encampments' and what to do about them. Although it was primarily aimed at Holiday makers looking for a cheap holiday, the link that I have provided below can also be used to report any Gypsy and Traveller families who turn up unannounced. There are strict protocols in place, that kick in as soon as a report is received. If you would like more detail, I'd be happy to expand on this.

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/environment/environmental-protection/environmental-crime/report-an-unauthorised-encampment/>

I know that I regularly put website links in my reports, but should any resident have trouble getting online or is not confident using the forms, I'm always happy to assist, just ask them to

give me a phone call.

Last month, with my Vice Chair of the Licensing Committee hat on, I spoke at Full Council about the Licensing Act Policy Review we had carried out and recommending that it be adopted. It's a pretty dry piece of legislation that needs to be reviewed every couple of years and any alterations that reflect our changing times have to be accounted for. We've been working on this for a couple of months now and I was glad to see it voted for by 86 for, 0 against and 1 abstention. One major change that I advocated for was increasing the training for Staff regarding the spiking of drinks, something that would appear sadly to be on the increase. Hopefully, this will raise awareness of this heinous practice leading to its eventual stamping out.

I had a really interesting 'Day Out' in Newlyn recently. I went to a Conference/ Harbour tour hosted by the Cornish Fish Producers association. The fishing industry is a major contributor to the Cornish economy, for example, did you know that £50 million worth was landed in 2022 or that up to 8,000 jobs are dependent on this sector. The conference aimed to highlight just how important fishing is to our economy and what measures can be taken to protect and expand it. It was a really worthwhile visit, absolutely freezing, but well worth it.

You'll also be pleased to hear that on Friday I was on my best behaviour in Plymouth mixing with the great and the good at the South West Conservative Conference. I minded my P's and Q's and managed to get a couple of name checks in for our patch, banging on about both the A.30 Link Road and the Mid Cornwall Metro.

As you all know, I'm heavily involved with the Children & Families Committee. I spoke at length at it last week, specifically on our Children in Care provision. Sadly, the number of children coming into care for a variety of reasons is on the increase. It seems that this is a nationwide trend, but I would like to re-assure you that having worked with other local authorities 'up Country', Cornwall is head and shoulders above them. It is a very strong team filled with compassionate and very capable people. While we are on the subject of our younger generations, I attended the latest sitting of Cornwall's Youth Council. I always enjoy these meetings, they are a very knowledgeable bunch, not afraid to ask awkward questions and certainly keep me on my toes!

As part of the same brief, I am the Vice Chair of the Cornwall Adult Education Service and with that hat on, I was pleased to open the new centre in Torpoint on Tuesday. Adult Ed is about so much more than 'Holiday Spanish' and 'Macrame workshops', our main drive is to improve people's employability skills, either to improve their prospects within their chosen career, retrain for a different career or even get them into employment in the first place.

Alongside my committee work, I have been kept busy with residents' casework. The scale of issues varies from the relatively minor [although it isn't minor to the resident concerned] to some quite serious and involved work. One thing that doesn't change is the volume of it that comes through to me. This to me is the most important part of my workload. To support, advocate for and generally help people is the reason that I stood for election in the first place.

As to matters 'more local', I recently had a site visit to meet with the TR7 people who are setting up a skateboard training centre at Victoria/Roche. I spent an interesting hour with them discussing their plans and aspirations. This is a very exciting project which will bring a new attraction to the Division. It is currently subject to a funding application. Once that has been approved, they aim to move quickly and hope to be up and running certainly before the summer holidays and hopefully for the Easter break.

I spent a couple of hours at the public consultation on the proposed new Village Hall in Whitemoor recently. This was well attended and I'm looking forward to seeing the results of the consultation. I believe it will be well supported within the village and I will be backing this project.

As I write this report, we're still waiting to hear back from Danish Crown as to whether or not they will be willing to host a Polling Station for the upcoming elections. I have asked the question, but, to the best of my knowledge, there has been a polling station there since time began. The P.C. and myself agree that it is vital that the residents of Lockengate have the

opportunity to vote and not have to schlepp a couple of miles down the road to Bugle to exercise their democratic rights. The initial response from Cornwall Council that the residents have the option of a postal vote didn't wash and after pressure from both the P.C. and myself they agreed to reconsider. As and when there is progress on this, I will let you know.

I keep in touch with the Clerk and the Chair on a regular basis, but, if something does crop up, please don't wait for the next meeting, either drop me a line or give me a call at the time.
Peter | cllr.peter.guest@cornwall.gov.uk | 07947 826627.

D Cornwall Councillor Colin Martin's report to the Parish (Luxulyan Ward). None.

23/148 Considerations

A The council **RECEIVED** a statement of account (2010-2023) for the Luxulyan CLT from Cllr Payne, the CLT Secretary. He reported that the CLT's financial year is from 1st June – 31st May and that the CLT must submit its year-end accounts to Companies House before 29th February. FP is preparing the accounts and will call a meeting of the CLT to approve the accounts before submission. The CLT will meet 22 Feb, 6.30 pm in the Village Hall.

B The council **RESOLVED** (proposed CT, 2nd SK) to accept the 2024-25 Local Maintenance Partnership to maintain the parish footpaths and bridleways.

C The decision about acquiring a dog mess bin or bins was **DEFERRED**, because the Clerk has not received a reply as yet to her query about the cost of emptying the bin(s).

23/149 Planning

A Correspondence. Planning decisions are reported in Clerk's Notes.

B Applications for consultee comments.

i. **PA23/09883 | Reserved matters application for access, appearance landscaping, layout and scale for the construction of a single residential dwelling on the northern plot as approved under outline permission reference PA21/03156 | Atwell Gardens Luxulyan Bodmin Cornwall PL30 5DW.**

All members were familiar with the site. They looked at the plans and after discussion **RESOLVED** (proposed FP, 2nd SK) to submit the following consultee comments:
*** Luxulyan Parish Council has NO OBJECTION to this application.

23/150 Highways & Flooding

A The council **RECEIVED** a lengthy letter about the fly tipping and litter at and around Innis Downs roundabout.

B The council **RECEIVED** an email sent by Cornwall Council's Land Drainage Team on 18 Jan about flooding at Bridges. The officer explains the procedure and permissions needed to change any flow of water along the leats, particularly at the Cams weir area.

C The cross at Lockengate is now at an angle leaning against a tree. The Clerk is investigating who is responsible for it and will report back to the council in due course.

23/151 Assets – reports and maintenance

A Playing Field. Playing Field inspections for January 2024 were received and **NOTED**.

B Cemetery. A&A cleared the moss in the Cemetery and its car park before Christmas. The Clerk has not had a reply from the person who cleared the moss with a sweeper.

C	Footpaths.
	i. The clerk received information about a popular Equestrian Fun Ride that could follow bridleways through Luxulyan and the surrounding parishes. We are awaiting more information.
	ii. It was again reported that the lack of steps and a handrail on Footpath 408/14/1 at Bridges is dangerous for walkers. It is easy to fall. The clerk will chase this.
D	Luxulyan Memorial Institute. Nothing to report.
E	Village Toilets.
	i. Three quotes for cleaning the public toilets in the next fiscal year have not yet been received so this item is DEFERRED .
	ii. The Clerk has not had a reply from the electrician that originally installed the lights at the Public Toilets. The council AGREED that the clerk will contact another electrician to fix the blinking light.

23/152 Parish Matters – reports

A	Luxulyan Parish Community Fund. Nothing to report.
B	Luxulyan Valley Partnership. ML attended the last meeting but was not present to report.
C	Village Hall Committee. Nothing to report.

23/153 Correspondence & Invitations

Nothing to report outside these Minutes and Clerk’s Notes.
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23/154 Business for the next meeting

No business was requested.

23/155 Dates of next meetings.

A	Ordinary Meeting Thurs, 14 March 2024, 7.00 pm at the Luxulyan Memorial Institute. PLEASE NOTE the change of time to 7pm.
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 6.59 pm and the Chair thanked everyone for attending.
Mrs C Wilson ~ Parish Clerk ~ 9 February 2024*

SIGNED:

THESE ARE DRAFT MINUTES.

Chair: _____ Date: _____