

DRAFT MINUTES

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Minutes of a Meeting of Lanlivery Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 25th June 2014 at 7.00pm

14/18 Present Cllrs Haley, Christophers, Hughes, Richards, Roberts, Sinkins and Turner

In attendance The Parish Clerk, Sally Vincent
Cornwall Cllr Miss Benedicte Bay
4 members of the public

14/19 Apologies PCSO Natalie Phillips

14/20 Declaration of Interests

- i. Pecuniary** - None
- ii. Non Registerable** - None
- iii. Dispensations** - None

14/21 Public Questions/Police Report

Police Report

There had been no reported crime in June but 6 logs had been generated – 3 x tree down in road, 2 x a tent on Helman Tor (cleared by Wildlife Trust), 1 x admin/intel.

Public Questions

Ross Morcom and Jeremy Dunn addressed the meeting on behalf of a group – Protect Our Valleys -that had been set up to protest against the proposal to erect a 77m wind turbine at Polharmon Farm. They made the following points

- The group was putting together a case to present to Cornwall Council and were hoping for support from all the surrounding parish councils
- If this turbine was allowed it could only result in more applications given the financial gain to landowners. The return on this particular turbine to the landowner would be between 35K/40K per annum.
- The proposed site was completely inappropriate given its proximity to Great Pelean Farm, to an adjacent public footpath and to the Austen Engine House.
- The turbine would be highly visible from many sensitive sites in the vicinity
- The landscape of Cornwall was slowly being overpowered by the presence of wind turbines, which were simply cash cows for the big wind companies. Something must be done to protect the county as a centre of tourism.

Jeremy Dunn added that the group were holding a fund raising evening on 4th July and hoped for a good attendance.

14/22 Minutes of meetings of 28th May 2014

It was proposed by Cllr Roberts, seconded Cllr Sinkins and RESOLVED that the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

14/23 Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda – *for report only*

14/13. Cllr Christophers reported that the repairs to the telephone kiosk had been carried out.

14/12. Cllr Richards reported that there was a big pothole in Lanlivery Lane.

14/12. Cllr Hughes reported that the repairs to the lane to Tregantle had been completed

14/24 To receive reports from the Cornwall Councillor

Cllr Bay reported

- She had chased Teresa Frost again about the potholes in the parish
- She had visited the site of the proposed Polharmon turbine and would be happy to represent the parish council's views at the planning meeting

14/25 Resolutions from Councillors

None

14/26 Correspondence – *for information only*

The correspondence list had been circulated and the correspondence was left 'on the table' for Councillors attention.

14/27 Accounts for Approval

It was proposed by Cllr Christophers, seconded Cllr Roberts and RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £507.39 be approved.

14/28 To receive reports from Parish Council Representatives

Luxulyan Valley Partnership. Cllr Sinkins reported that the funding application to the Heritage Lottery was on hold at the moment as additional information was required.

Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Roberts reported that the group now had a firm leader, Sue Reardon, from St Sampson parish council. An application to join the group was anticipated from St Veep & St Winnow; Cllr Roberts feared that the group was in danger of becoming too big and Lanlivery might be better served working alone.

School Governor. Cllr Turner reported that the school had entertained a group of students over the past fortnight, who had visited to experience the ethos of the Forest School.

14/29 Community Emergency Plan

Cllr Turner reported that the important thing for Lanlivery was to have a Plan catering for Floods and Accidents within the parish. Cllr Turner would compile a list of contacts and information about where to obtain essential supplies/services/skills in an emergency. She would include an appeal in the Granite Towers for parishioners with items such as 4 x 4's, barbeques, generators, medical knowledge etc. to register their details with her.

14/30 Provision of a Defibrillator for Lanlivery

Cllr Sinkins had applied to Lostwithiel Rotary for funding and completed an application to the turbine community fund, which she had passed to the Clerk. Cllr Haley reported that the Feast Committee had promised £100. The Clerk had obtained the application form for Cllr Bay's Community Chest and would submit this over the next couple of days, when the final figures were available.

14/31 Planning

PA14/05070. A single wind turbine of max 77m to tip, along with associated infrastructure including access track and electrical housing. Polharmon Farm, Par. Cllr Sinkins had attended the Protect Our Valley meeting and looked carefully at the application and she put forward several reasons why this application should be refused. After further discussion it was proposed by Cllr Christophers, seconded Cllr Sinkins and RESOLVED that a recommendation of objection should be made to Cornwall Council. *Reasons: 1) The proposed turbine would impact heavily on the setting within the local landscape of the Grade I listed Church at Lanlivery, especially when viewed from St Austell Bay and the B3269. The tower of the Church is extremely prominent and was historically used as a daymark by mariners. The plans also indicate that the proposed turbine may be in part visible from the Church itself.*

2) The Luxulyan Valley World Heritage Site includes Austen's Engine House and this important mining heritage site is situated at approximately 1 km from the proposed development. The proposed turbine would have an adverse impact on its setting within the landscape.

3) The Grade II listed building known as Great Pelean Farm is only approximately 460 metres from the proposed development and would be dominated by the height of the turbine. This would not only have an adverse impact on the historical aspect of the farm but would also impact on the general visual amenity of the residents and their visitors, especially as the farm provides residential holiday accommodation to those with special needs, including autism.

4) There is a public footpath some 612 metres to the south of the proposed development site. A huge turbine would have a significant adverse impact on the visual amenity of walkers be they tourists or local residents.

5) Similarly there is public footpath only 165 metres or so to the north of the proposed turbine site and the dominance of a 77m structure would compromise the visual amenity afforded by the views from this path across the Fowey River Valley and AONB.

Although the Cornwall Local Plan Strategic Policies Document states in Policy 1 that "there is a presumption in favour of sustainable development", Policy 1, 1.2 states "...underpinning this is the need to protect the quality of our environment"

Policy 2, Key Targets & Spatial Strategies has as one of its keynote statements, "development overall should respect the natural and historic character of Cornwall" This is reinforced by parts 6a - 6d of Policy 2 which aims to ensure that developments -

6a)" Promote & enhance the special qualities that make up the diverse & locally distinctive landscapes of Cornwall"

6b) *“Identify the value and sensitivity of all landscapes, understanding what is important to the character to allow them to be protected, enhanced and conserved”*

6c) *“Ensure people continue to be drawn to Cornwall to visit “*

6d) *“Protect the natural beauty of the AONB & undeveloped coast”*

The plan also highlights the importance of Cornwall’s historic assets on Policy 24 – “development proposals need to protect or enhance Cornwall’s historic environment & assets” and more specifically

a) *“protect, conserve & enhance the historic environment of designated & undesignated heritage assets and their settings”*

b) *“Protect, enhance & promote the outstanding universal value of the World Heritage Site and its setting”*

The planning considerations from the Cornwall Local Plan Strategic Policies Document as outlined above all apply to the specific sites mentioned in points 1-5 above. These considerations together with the small scale, tranquil local landscape pattern, with characteristic Cornish hedges, occasional woods and scattered dwellings make this area particularly sensitive to large scale development such as this proposal for a 77m turbine.

6). *The Lanlivery Parish Plan supports the concept of renewable energy but states that such schemes should be small scale and non commercial.*

Voting was unanimous.

14/32 Parish Councillor Reports

Cllr Roberts had reported serious fly tipping in the Luxulyan Valley to Cornwall Council. Cllr Bay added that the public could get a free permit to use the waste facilities using a van or trailer but this was only for private waste. Details were on the Cornwall Council website.

Cllr Roberts reported that there was a broken BT manhole cover behind Thomas Bullock Close, which she had also reported.

Cllr Sinkins had asked for a note to be put in the school newsletter reminding parents that dogs were not permitted in the Playing Field or the Forest Field. It was agreed that the Clerk should put a notice in the Granite Towers reminding dog owners of the parish council’s policy banning dogs from these areas.

Cllr Turner reported that there was every likelihood that it would be forbidden to cut field hedges between 1st March and 31st August from 2015 to protect nesting birds

Cllr Turner reported that the Church was applying for a faculty to concrete the Church path

Cllr Richards noted that vision was very restricted exiting Lanlivery at Pelyn Barn. Cllr Bay would report this to Highways.

Cllr Christophers would arrange for the picnic area at Helman Tor to be cut.

Cllr Hughes reported that Gilbert Rawlings had been clearing his site and it was much improved.

Date of Next Meeting 23rd July 2014

Meeting Closed 8.16pm

