

DRAFT MINUTES

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Minutes of a Meeting of Lanlivery Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 5th September 2012 at 4.00pm

12/52 Present

Cllrs Roberts, Bonney, Haley, Hughes and Turner

In attendance

Sally Vincent, Parish Clerk

6 members of the public

12/53 Apologies

Cllr Christophers, Cllr Richards. Cornwall Cllr Bain

12/54 Declaration of Interests

- i. Pecuniary – Cllr Turner declared a pecuniary interest in PA12/07665.
- ii. Non Pecuniary – None

12/55 Public Questions/Police Report

Police report. No report

Public Questions. Andrew Grose addressed the meeting about his planning application PA12/06092. He explained that the proposal would not mean any external alterations to the house apart from the addition of a glass-linked corridor and the replacement of the garage doors with windows. Sarah Grose added that an annex was required to accommodate a vulnerable adult who was currently living in the main house and being cared for by them but who had reached a stage in his life when he needed separate accommodation.

Verna Roberts expressed concern about the proposal to move the hedge at the entrance to Sandyway to allow access for articulated lorries. She considered that it was unacceptable for one man to make such a huge impact on the traditional country lane, purely for financial gain. Additionally she noted that the parish had been trying to discourage over-large lorries from using the narrow lanes in the parish and this would be counterproductive; the hedgerows would be irreparably damaged and the character of the quiet, rural area changed completely.

Bob McConnell supported Mrs Roberts' views and considered that big lorries using the lane would cause a huge amount of damage to the hedgerows and road surface.

12/56 Minutes of meeting of 23rd July 2012

Proposed by Cllr Bonney, seconded Cllr Turner and RESOLVED that the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

12/57 Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda – for report only

None

12/58 Resolutions from Councillors

None.

12/59 Correspondence – *for information only*

The correspondence file was left ‘on the table’ for Cllrs attention.

12/60 Accounts for Approval

It was proposed by Cllr Hughes, seconded Cllr Haley and RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £1349.17 be approved.

12/61 To receive the report of the Cornwall Councillor

No report

12/62 Report from parish council representative on the Fowey, St Blaise and Lostwithiel Community Network Panel

No report

12/63 To receive reports from Councillor representatives on other bodies

Tree Warden (*Cllr Hughes*) – no report

Friends of Luxulyan Valley (*Cllr Hughes and Cllr Haley*). no report.

CALC (*Cllr Bonney*) – no report

School Governor (*Cllr Turner*) – no report

Thomas Bullock (*Cllr Christophers and Cllr Richards*) - no report

Police Liaison (*Cllr Christophers*)- no report

Luxulyan Valley Partnership (*Cllr Roberts*) – no report

12/64 To receive reports from Parish Councillors

Clr Hughes reported that a large pothole had appeared in the lane to Lower Tregantle; she had reported it to Highways.

Cllr Turner reported that the footpath from the Crown to Roselath needed attention and suggested that Ed Veerman should be asked to cut it. Cllr Roberts agreed to ascertain a price.

Cllr Bonney reported that the road at Iron Bars needed attention; he had reported it to Highways

Cllr Hughes reported that the surface of the play area in the playing field needed attention. It was agreed that Cllr Bain should be asked to arrange this.

Cllr Roberts reported that the Clerk had received documentation the previous day advising that the wind turbine application at Trevenning Farm would be heard by Cornwall Council Planning Committee on 12th September, with an officer recommendation for approval. He was incensed that inadequate notice had been given of such an important meeting, particularly as it clashed with the Cllr training day in Fowey involving both Lanlivery and Tywardreath & Par members, which had been arranged for many months. Cllr Roberts considered that it was completely undemocratic that the two parishes most affected by scheme should be denied the opportunity to voice their objections at the meeting. Members endorsed this view and it was agreed that the Clerk and Chairman should instruct a spokesman to speak on behalf of the parish council.

12/65 Planning

PA12/06092. Conversion of ground floor of existing garage into annex, with Glazed link to dwelling. Bracken Hill Stables. Proposed Cllr Hughes, seconded Cllr Haley and RESOLVED that a recommendation of no objection should be forwarded to Cornwall Council.

PA12/07665. The setting back of roadside boundary bank and saplings at edge of field to widen road surface and to allow better access at T Junction.

Willowood. Proposed Cllr Hughes, seconded Cllr Haley and RESOLVED that a recommendation of objection should be forwarded to Cornwall Council.

Reason:

- 1. The widening of this junction would encourage over-large vehicles to use Sandyway, causing irreparable damage to the traditional Cornish hedgerows, which are protected under the Hedgerow Act.*
- 2. Sandyway is a very narrow, single track, country lane with no structured passing places along its entire length. Any vehicles travelling along the lane and meeting large lorries would be forced to reverse long distances in order to pass. Experience has shown that some drivers find it extremely challenging to reverse along this windy lane, which is bordered by high hedges*
- 3. The lane is widely used by walkers, cyclists and horse riders who would be put at risk if larger vehicles were encouraged to use the lane. There are no places of sanctuary; all would be in danger of meeting large lorries on blind bend. They would also be unable to pass large vehicles and would be forced to go back considerable distances in order to do so.*
- 4. Over-wide vehicles would cause severe damage to the edge of the Highway, also causing further detriment to the Cornish hedges. Large granites and mud would be spread on the road surface, potentially damaging cars and putting cyclists at risk.*
- 5. Contrary to the applicants assertion that the Scheduled Ancient Monument (granite cross) at the entrance to the lane will be protected by the proposals, the parish council considers that it will be put at greater risk; it is an accepted view that the widening of the junction will encourage drivers to take less care. The traditional setting of the protected monument will also be compromised.*
- 6. The applicant accepts that there is an alternative route across fields, which would avoid any interference with the Scheduled Monument, the traditional Cornish lane, Sandyway, and minimise the danger to walkers, cyclists and horse riders. .*

Appeals

None.

Possible Breaches of Planning Control

Gilbert Rawlings' field was looking a lot clearer, although it was by no means perfect.

12/66 Neighbourhood Plan

The Clerk reported that Cllr Hughes had offered to lead on this project, subject to Cllrs approval, and that he had confirmed an expression of interest in producing a Plan on behalf of the four parishes, Fowey, Lanlivery, St Sampson and Tywardreath & Par. His intention was to call a meeting of the

four parishes in the near future to discuss the way forward. It was proposed by Cllr Roberts, seconded Cllr Haley and RESOLVED that the parish council was in full support of this approach.

12/67 Fields in Trust

This did not appear to be of any interest to the parish, although Cllr Hughes agreed to look again.

12/68 Planning Protocols for Local Councils

It was proposed by Cllr Haley, seconded Cllr Turner and RESOLVED that Cllrs should study this and report back to Cllr Roberts who would be given delegated power to respond on behalf of the parish council.

12/69 Cornwall Council Charging Framework for Local Councils

Cllr Roberts proposed, Cllr Hughes seconded and it was RESOLVED that the parish council should object to any additional charges being placed on town and parish council's in order to save money for Cornwall Council; it would simply be an additional cost to the council tax payer.

Date of Next Meeting 3rd October 2012

Meeting Closed 5.26pm