

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly of the Parish Council held at Lanlivery Village Hall on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 7.00 pm**

**Present** Cllrs Haley, Christophers, Hughes, Richards, Roberts, Sinkins and Turner.

**In attendance** The Parish Clerk, Sally Vincent  
Cornwall Cllr Mrs B Jenkinson  
11 members of the public.

**15/171 Apologies** PCSO Merrikin  
Tasha Davis, CC Community Link Officer

**15/172 Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2015**

The Clerk read the minutes and it was proposed by Cllr Sinkins, seconded Cllr Roberts and RESOLVED that they be approved and signed by the Chairman.

**15/173 Matters Arising**

None.

**15/174 To receive the Chairmans Report**

Cllr Haley gave her annual report

Thank you all for attending our Annual Parish meeting. I can't believe another year has gone by so quickly.

We have had a busy year on the council and I would like to thank my fellow Councillors and our Parish Clerk for attending the meetings in all weathers - especially this past wet winter – thank you.

Sadly, last May, we lost our dear friend and fellow Councillor, Terry Bonney, who had served on the Parish Council and was chairman for many years.

Terry was always ready and willing to help with anything that needed doing, whether it was for the Parish Council, the Feast Committee, the Village Hall, the Rally, the Scouts, Shelter Box or many other charitable organisations - I could go on and on. He is sorely missed by us all.

In June the Councillors received an invitation to attend a Tea Party in Luxulyan Village Hall to celebrate 100 years of the Woman's Institute. We were presented with a slate plaque to put beside the young Horse Chestnut tree which has been planted at the top of our new churchyard commemorating the Centenary.

Work on the Neighbourhood Plan for our parish has been ongoing throughout the year. As you know the questionnaires were circulated to the community, and Councillors Sinkins and Roberts and the Clerk have spent many hours collating the results. The Steering group has met to discuss the document and a draft plan has been completed. I'm sure Councillor Sinkins will give you an update in her report.

The Emergency Plan is being revised for the first time since the late eighties. Councillor Roberts has been working tirelessly on this project and we look forward to her report.

Another big issue this year has been the "Paperless Planning Application". In its wisdom, Cornwall Council has decided to withdraw the paper plans that usually arrive with planning applications. It is normal practice to circulate the

paper plans to each Councillor prior to the meeting so that we had time to study them in detail and better able to make an informed decision. In the absence of these paper plans all the parish and town councils are required to purchase the electronic equipment for example - a new laptop, a projector and a suitable screen. This is expensive but we have no choice.

There has been much speculation about Churchtown Farm over the past couple of years since the demise of Scope. The Parish Council have tried many times to find out what was happening, but information was not forthcoming. Finally, we were told that it had been sold. Earlier this month several Councillors met at Churchtown with Tim Smit and his sister Vicky, who have bought the premises. They explained what they were intending to do there. It will be a centre for the disabled and underprivileged in connection with the school that Vicky Smit runs in Berkshire. We hope this project will be as successful as their other ventures in Cornwall i.e. The Eden Project and Heligan, and we wish them well.

As you are well aware the roads and potholes around the parish are in a poor state. Hopefully, now that the government has pledged over one million pounds to repair the roads in Cornwall, this situation should improve in the not too distant future.

Thankfully, crime is low in our parish, but flytipping continues to be an issue. If you see anyone dumping rubbish around the roads or in beauty spots like Helman Tor, please take their vehicle number and report them to Cornwall Council or to our local representative of the Neighbourhood Watch, Robbie Patterson. Many thanks to Robbie for all the works he does with the N.W. Our gardens around the village and the cemetery are all tidy and looking good - our thanks to Ed Veerman and his team for maintaining them.

The Parish Council received a letter from the Village Hall committee last Autumn requesting financial help to lay a concrete path around the hall. The Council discussed this and donated £500 to the cause. I am sure you will all agree this was money well spent.

I would like to thank our County Councillor, Benedicta, for attending all our meetings and helping us with issues that we can't resolve. I'm sure she will have more time in the future for other things once all the potholes have been eliminated!

We must not forget that our Queen has reached several milestones - one being her 90th birthday and also she is now the longest serving monarch in history. The Parish Council is considering doing something to commemorate this wonderful occasion in June.

Once again thank you to the Councillors for all their dedication and hard work that they do on your behalf.

From my fellow Councillors and myself, I would like to give a special vote of thanks to Sally, our Clerk, for all she does at our meetings and beyond, especially the legality issues and the dreaded "Code of Conduct", and to show our appreciation I hope she will accept this bouquet of flowers..

Please join us for some refreshments at the end of the meeting provided by Neighbourhood plan fund and myself and Mike.

#### **15/175 To receive the report of the Cornwall Councillor**

Cllr Jenkinson gave her annual report

- It had been another busy year at Cornwall Council and for the Planning Portfolio Advisory Committee, of which she was a member. . Unfortunately, the Committee had had to revise its original proposal in respect of the number of houses to be built in the county over the next 20 years and accept a figure of 55,000. Some of these houses had already received planning permission or had already been built. However, it was unlikely that Lanlivery would see many of them.as they would be built in and around existing towns.
- Wind turbine applications have dropped significantly since the Ministers statement last year.
- She had much enjoyed attending the school nativity play at Christmas

**14/176 To receive the Police Report – attached at appendix 1**

PCSO Natalie Merrikin had supplied the annual crime report.

- There had been 13 crimes recorded in the parish during the year - 5 x violence with injury, 2 x violence without injury, 3 x other theft, 4 x criminal damage, 1 x public order. Nine of the crimes had taken place at Pontsmill where there was an ongoing neighbour/land dispute. 33 incidents had been recorded during the year.
- In March 2016 there had been 2 crimes recorded – 1 x violence with injury, 1 x criminal damage (both at Pontsmill) and 2 incidents recorded

**14/173 To receive the report from the Tree Warden**

Cllr Hughes - no report.

**14/174 To receive the report from the Friends of the Luxulyan Valley**

Cllr Hughes reported that.

Luxulyan Valley is being maintained and monitored to enable visitors to have a wonderful walk throughout in relative safety as long as they are sensible, There have continued to be reports of vandalism but these seem to be fewer than previous years. The trees have taken a beating this year with several falling but the maintenance crews have cleared them as quickly as they could. They have some funding towards a project to improve the Valley to develop its history and walks and talks continue to be interesting and to see what is in the pipeline people should access their website at [www.luxulyanvalley.co.uk](http://www.luxulyanvalley.co.uk).

**14/175 To receive the report from the CALC representative**

Cllr Roberts advised that this was the Cornwall Association of Local Councils but that at present there was nothing to report.

**14/176 To receive the Thomas Bullock Report**

Cllr Christophers gave her report

The AGM had been held on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2015 when the officers had been returned en-bloc and the audited accounts to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2014 adopted. . The Trustees had agreed that 28 beneficiaries should be awarded £15.00 per person for the year and that a grant of £500 should be made to the village hall committee for improvements to the path.

**14/177 To receive the report from the Luxulyan Valley Partnership**

Cllr Sinkins gave her report

The Luxulyan Valley Partnership continues to meet on a quarterly basis. Its membership comprises all the stakeholders in the Valley including Cornwall Council who own the majority of the site, Cormac whose ranger, Jenny Heskett is responsible for day to day maintenance, Cornwall Heritage Trust, who own the viaduct, the Friends of the Luxulyan Valley as well as the neighbouring Parish Councils.

This year Cornwall Council has finally been successful in obtaining earmarked Heritage Lottery funding of £3.4 million for the Luxulyan Valley Restoration Project. There will now be an 18 month period of detailed planning before the final stage when the funds should be released. The main benefits of the project should be the restoration of the viaduct and the replacement of the hydro-electric turbine at Pontois Mill as well as improved visitor facilities.

**14/178 To receive the report from the Community Network Representative**

Cllr Roberts gave her report

The Community Group is a way in which information from Cornwall Council relating to specific areas can be dispersed to a number of different people including Town and Parish Councils, Cornwall Councils, Community Network Managers and public. The group comes together quarterly to discuss items and allows neighbouring parishes know what's happening in the larger area. This year we have discussed Par Beach, Par Running Track, Community Emergency Plans, Local Govt Boundary Review, Neighbourhood Plans, Road works etc

**14/179 Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Sinkins gave her report

Following the receipt of completed questionnaires from those who live and work in the Parish, a draft neighbourhood plan has now been compiled by Tony Lee. I would like to thank all of those who have helped progress the Plan including the steering group members, Cllr Roberts and our Clerk, Sally Vincent, for their help with compiling questionnaire results and amending the first draft. Special thanks to Tony for his work on the drafting the plan.

**14/180 Community Emergency Plan**

The current Emergency Plan for the village dates back to the 1980's therefore we are now in the process of re-writing it in order that it is a plan that works for our current climate and takes into consideration a wide range of emergencies from changeable weather to national disasters. Throughout the year information has been put into the Granite Towers with helpful advice regarding what individuals can do in their own home to assist in an emergency. Once the plan is further developed then it is anticipated that we will create a planning group to go through it in detail, the main sections will be published in the local magazine and a full copy will be on the website plus will be kept in various locations around the village which can be easily accessed.

## 14/181 Public Questions

Tony Lee explained that the Plan was on the second formal draft and that he had incorporated the best of the adopted Plans from Cornwall and nationally. The policies contained in the Plan were framed to respond to the questionnaire responses, which had highlighted

1. Protection of the local environment and culture.
2. Promotion of an element of growth comprising of low cost housing throughout the parish and catering for local first time buyers and people wanting to downsize. The questionnaire responses promote a policy of small properties on small plots but not subject to a S106 agreement.. Conditions would be attached to prevent excessive extensions and therefore preserve the properties as low cost. There was agreement that there must be something in the Plan to restrict growth to 20 new properties over the lifetime of the Plan.
3. Overwhelming opposition to wind turbines and solar farms.
4. He would now rewrite the Plan, put it before the Steering Group for scrutiny and it would then be submitted to Cornwall Council for an initial assessment.

Colin Dunn asked what 'affordable housing' was. Tony Lee explained that currently developers had to provide houses to be sold at a discounted price to 'local' qualifying buyers and this was governed by a S106 agreement. However, this policy was set to change as there was a new housing bill going through Parliament aimed at providing 'starter homes' at an initial 20% discount, which would diminish over the first 20 years of the homes life. This was because the government was very keen to promote home ownership.

Ed Veerman noted that, following the recent tax haven scandal, there had been a suggestion that any public servant must publicise their tax statement and this would include town and parish councillors.

Colin Dunn asked when the roads were going to be sorted out. Cllr Jenkinson responded that they would be done as soon as possible and this work would be helped by the recent injection of Government funding.

Chris Hoddinott asked if a date had been fixed for the village tidy up. Cllr Richards reported that the Feast Week flags would be going up on the 7<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm and suggested that the tidy up should be done at the same time. This was agreed. Cllr Roberts reported that the annual inspection and cleansing of the Lanlivery roads would be carried out in July.

Verna Roberts asked if anything could be done to provide superfast broadband to outlying properties in the parish. Cllr Sinkins responded that she understood that some funding was coming on line for this. Cllr Richards reported that there was a meeting scheduled at Lanhydrock Village Hall to discuss the issue.

Cllr Christophers asked Cllr Jenkinson if there were any covert cameras available to position at bad fly tipping locations as the parish was being targeted. Cllr Jenkinson would investigate.

Cllr Richards asked how much money the parish was receiving from the solar farm at Rew Farm. The Clerk confirmed that it was £2530.00 pa.

Cllr Hughes noted that the sign at Colwith Farm was obscuring vision for motorists. Cllr Haley confirmed that she had already asked for it to be repositioned..

The Chairman invited all present to enjoy some refreshments and a glass of wine kindly provided by her husband and herself and the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

Meeting Closed                      7.50pm