

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly of the Parish Council held in Lanlivery Church on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026 at 7.00pm**

**Present** Cllrs R Paterson (Chairman), Ms M Green, Mrs C Haley, R Hemmings, Mrs B Littleton and D Wright.

**In attendance** The Parish Clerk, Mrs Sally Vincent  
Cornwall Cllr S Preece  
7 members of the public.

**24/158 Apologies** Cllr Sinkins

**24/159 Declarations of Interest**

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

**24/160 Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2025**

The minutes had been approved for accuracy on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2025. It was proposed by Cllr Haley, seconded Cllr Wright and RESOLVED that the minutes be signed and adopted.

**24/161 Matters Arising**

None.

**24/162 To receive the Chairmans Report**

Cllr Paterson gave his annual report

Welcome everyone to the Annual Lanlivery Parish Meeting and again it is such a pleasure to see so many members of the public who turn up on a yearly basis. Perhaps if we have eats and liquid refreshment each month not just once per year it will to increase the headcount at our monthly meetings?

For those of you who are unaware I have worked in the role of Chairperson of the Lanlivery Parish Council since April 2023. As I state on an annual basis, our primary focus as a Parish Council is to ensure we monitor and hopefully control various aspects which affect our local area and its inhabitants. When we do encounter items which raise concerns and we cannot resolve said concerns ourselves, we duly report to the relevant authorities in order for THEM to carry out further investigation.

The key component of any Parish Council is of course the Parish Clerk and, in our case, we have been regularly and professionally kept in line regarding necessary protocol with the immense help of Sally Vincent. As you know Sally works with several other local Councils and without her guidance and advice we would as a Parish Council certainly flounder. Sally, you have our sincere gratitude for the immense time, guidance and effort you have expended in your role as our Lanlivery Parish Clerk.

Allow me to highlight a few points raised in no order of importance during these previous 12 months.

Various topics/concerns relating to Red Moor School are being raised routinely and a variety of points have been discussed and are continually being assessed by members of Cornwall Council, Police and the current Head of Red

Moor School in addition to other Senior figures involved in running Red Moor facilities in the area, plus the CEO of Acorn. Our local resident, namely Debbie Sinclair-Batchelor, has tirelessly collated numerous documents submitted by local residents relating to numerous areas of concerns and these have and are being regularly recorded for further reference. Some issues involving Red Moor School incidents are not for Lanlivery Parish Council to get involved in, however it is hoped the relevant authorities working closely on various topics can provide advice and introduce corrective procedures as necessary.

Our previous Cornwall Councillor, Colin Martin moved on and his role has been taken over by Councillor Sarah Preece who regularly attends our Parish Meetings in addition to a further seven local Parishes she is responsible for. Sarah in her role as Cornwall Councillor also attends and Chairs meetings relative to Red Moor School

Two of our local Parish Councillors stepped down last year, namely Lorraine Wright and Sue Turner, following many years of assisting our local Parish Council and the local community. We have been joined by some new members and currently our Parish Councillors are Robert Paterson (Chair) and Cllrs. Green, Haley, Hemmings, Littleton, Sinkins and Wright.

Ongoing work to the playing field continues after the initial replacement of the play equipment. However, a lengthy problem existed with the installers Kompan when substandard ground works were identified. Additional play equipment is expected soon and I would like to record thanks to Emma Haley who has spent numerous hours attempting to get replies to her emails and calls to Kompan. We are hopeful to see positive results in the near future. Some of the additional play equipment was secured at a reduced price due to the ongoing scenario with Kompan. The Parish Council sends its thanks to Cornwall Councillor Sarah Preece for granting us £100.00 from her Community Chest towards the cost of the swings and to Sally for making the application and submitting the necessary documentation. While these things sound simple it takes considerable effort by all parties to get through mountains of protocol and Sarah and Sally are humanoids, not A.I. Again, our sincere thanks to Emma Haley who has worked tirelessly and also to the Thomas Bullock Trust for giving a grant of £1,000 towards phase 2 of the play equipment improvements. A picnic bench was also obtained and secured on the ground by Cllr Wright to satisfy safety requirements.

The Forest Field has been significantly cleaned up after removal of tractor tyres, broken pallets and lots of old branches strewn across the area where children run around and were liable to hurt themselves. This has taken considerable time from various volunteers plus follow up and getting a gardener hired on a regular basis to routinely clear the area of overgrown grass, weeds, bracken and sharp logs. The gardener, namely Mark Place, has been contracted to provide regular maintenance in order to keep the Forest Field tidy and has done a great job.

A company called Situ8 in conjunction with Ross Morcom have submitted plans for Permission in Principle to build up to 9 dwellings in the centre of the village and the idea is that these homes will be available to persons with close ties to Lanlivery. This proposal is still ongoing but having seen the visual plans of these 3-bedroom stone-faced buildings which have been circulated they will be sympathetic to the environment.

Reports of the overgrown Churchyard have been considered, and while the maintenance of the Closed Churchyard is the responsibility of Cornwall Council, John and Rosemary Truscott and others have carried out a considerable cut back of overgrown weeds and branches throughout the new Churchyard. As the growth within the Churchyard is ongoing volunteers are always welcome to help.

I would also like to record thanks to Rosemary Truscott for her work distributing the Granite Towers.

School signs have been erected on the approach roads to the village schools but Highways will not support "SLOW" signs in the village. We have subsequently heard from Cllr Green that upon delving into the Roads Department it is her understanding that Lanlivery is on a rota system for consideration of a 20mph speed limit sometime in 2026. Time will tell. Various questions have arisen over the past year whether the local bus number 26 could be re-routed through the village as currently it is only stopping at Pelyn Cross and Fowey Cross. It is understood the answer from the bus company is simply "no, it is not economically viable".

I conclude my Annual Report for the past 12 months but let me remind you all that we are extremely grateful for members of the public to attend our monthly meetings and give us ideas and thoughts which could well benefit all of us.

Enjoy your evening and we shall relax and chat shortly.

#### **24/163 To receive the report of the Cornwall Councillor**

Cllr Preece gave the following report

**Elected in May 2025 as Divisional Member for the eight parishes of Lanlivery, Luxulyan, Lostwithiel, Lanreath, Braddock, Boconnoc, St Winnow and St Veep.** With the exception of Lostwithiel this is a predominately rural area which means a lot of leg work and driving around to meet residents.

**Since being elected, I spread my time between a number of activities.**

I attend **Full Council, Cabinet** and report to two **Overview and Scrutiny Committees**. I attend the **Good Growth Board, the Cultural Investment Board and the CIOs Economic Prosperity Board**. I am also Deputy Chair for the **Fifth Nation Working Group** and a member of **Bord Ertach Kernow**.

**I attend the parish meetings and give a report.** I feed information about activity at Cornwall Council into my reports, and take **issues and updates** to Cornwall Council from the parishes.

**I undertake casework** which involves residents contacting me to ask for assistance or to aid with navigating to services which can help them. **One major piece of casework in Lanlivery has been issues with Red Moor School** where I helped bring together senior members of the school, the parish council, Cornwall Council and representatives of the community to work on addressing the list of issues and concerns. There is no easy fix, but with each meeting we are making steady progress.

**I administer the Community Chest Grant of £1,400. This year I had one application from Lanlivery and was able to award £100** for play equipment for the Children's Play Area. I am always open to hearing about projects, and hope I can support a constituted body here again this coming year.

**I attend the Community Area Partnership (CAP) for Luxulyan and the Clay Country** which consists of a group of divisional members from the

geographical area, parish councillors, residents, highways, police, voluntary sector etc. **It's a good opportunity to hear what's going on across the parishes, to raise issues, to hear about topics and, critically, to hear about funding opportunities.** Two pots of funding that are administered by Cornwall Council are - the Community Highways Improvement Programme (CHIP), and the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). The first pot can be applied to for changes to highways such as adding yellow lines, or installing a dropped kerb etc. The second is for capital expenditure that relieves the impact of development in the area.

**I attend events when possible and try to get around the various farmers markets, craft fairs, celebrations and church and community gatherings.** It's not possible to attend everything with such a wide spread of parishes, but I am always open to attending things when I can, so do bear me in mind. I also judged the carnival in Luxulyan last year which was a real honour and great fun.

**One final area is the Luxulyan Valley Partnership. This has been in hiatus for the past year, but the local members intend to meet for a further year on a trial basis and will hold two meetings a year.** Previously the Divisional Member, Cllr Colin Martin Chaired this meeting and the Portfolio Holder for Environment, Cllr Martin Alvey attended. That was in part because of the potential for capital works in the valley. With no capital works now planned, one of the members will chair under new terms of reference, and the Portfolio Holder for Environment, Cllr Loic Rich, will be invited to attend. Meanwhile, as Divisional member I will give my support to the Turbine Fund which supports with small grants projects in the valley or worthwhile community activities across the four parishes of Luxulyan, Lanlivery, St Blazey, Tywardreath and Par.

In May last year, **I was also selected to be a Cabinet member for Cornwall Council.** This means I am one of eight who sit at the cabinet table along with the Leader and Deputy Leader. **Each of us has portfolio responsibilities and mine is as Portfolio Holder for Tourism, Localism, and Planning.**

**Tourism and Planning are big topics in their own right. Localism meanwhile covers a range of topics** - Culture, Libraires, Leisure, Town & Parish Councils, CAP's, Cornish Language, Devolution, Social Inclusion and Registrars. It's a wide, cross-cutting portfolio, it's very hard work and takes up a lot of time. However, I really enjoy it as there is real work that delivered and it does feel possible to make a difference. It is also so interesting to meet people involved in these areas and to contribute to meetings at Cornwall Council and across the Duchy that are driving change for residents.

Finally, **I write regular articles for local newsletter in Lostwithiel and for the Cornish Times and Cornish Guardian.** I hope they give a flavour of some of the things relevant to the local area as well as across Cornwall. I am always open to writing for other newsletters if there is an interest in that.

Residents can contact me by email: [cllr.sarah.preece@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.sarah.preece@cornwall.gov.uk) or by phone 07982377150

## **24/164 To receive the Police Report**

No report

#### **24/165 To receive the report from the Tree Warden**

Cllr Wright gave his annual report

The reporting period has seen a noticeable increase in tree damage across the parish, largely attributable to a series of winter storms that brought prolonged high winds and waterlogged ground conditions. Several large trees suffered limb loss and, in some cases, complete uprooting - particularly where root systems were compromised by saturated soils. Emergency works were undertaken to address immediate safety concerns along highways and rural lanes to clear the debris. In addition, ash dieback continues to have a significant impact on the tree population within the village and across surrounding farmland in the parish. A growing number of ash trees are exhibiting advanced symptoms, including canopy thinning and branch dieback. These conditions increase the risk of structural failure, especially during periods of severe weather. Many trees have also been uprooted due to weakened root systems.

On a more positive note, there are clear signs of early spring, with blackthorn in full white blossom and many other species beginning to leaf. He was looking to plant some new trees this year and can buy packs of trees if anybody would like to get involved.

#### **24/166 To receive the report from the Friends of the Luxulyan Valley**

Cllr Sinkins had supplied the following report

The Friends have continued to hold lots of events this year including walks, a river cruise, pottery making and a visit to the Tamar Bridge. An open day was held at the end of last year which was well attended. Members have also supported the volunteer work party days held by the new Cormac valley ranger and details of forthcoming events and volunteer days can be found on the FOLV website. They are hoping to be able to offer more support to the valley once the LVP is up and running again

#### **24/167 To receive the report from the CALC representative**

Cllr Green gave the following report

Cornwall Association of Local Councils, CALC, provides us with essential guidance on matters of local governance and provides reliable information and training for various requirements of our parish, such as the 'Code of Conduct'. This was my first year representing Lanlivery Parish at CALC and I found it very interesting and informative.

In July 2025, long time County Executive Officer Sarah Mason retired prompting organisational changes in CALC positions. Lee Dunkley is the new County Executive Officer.

I attended the CALC AGM on our behalf in November last year. Cllr. Sarah Preece, Cornwall Council portfolio holder for Localism, Tourism and Planning, was the speaker. She was joined by the Planning Team to discuss the new Neighbourhood Priorities Statements. The NPS replaces the previous Local Development Plan. A pilot programme is currently underway from which Planning will derive a template for other towns and parishes to follow. It is strongly advised we undertake our own NPS when the template is available later this year.

#### **24/168 To receive the Thomas Bullock Report**

Cllr Haley gave the annual report.

The Trustees had their meeting in January. There are 6 trustees, 2 from Lanlivery Parish Council, 2 from Lostwithiel Town Council and 2 co-opted Trustees. Mr Thomas Bullock started distributing money to the “poor homeowners, widows and fatherless children” in 1721. In his will of 1734 and upon his death, a trust was set up to continue his good charitable work, and has continued ever since, for nearly 300 years. His property was sold and the funds invested in the Charity Commission.

This year donations were made to 23 beneficiaries, mostly widows and widowers, a donation to the Granite Towers, and a large donation towards the new play equipment in the playing field.

#### **24/169 To receive the report from the Luxulyan Valley Partnership**

Cllr Sinkins had supplied the following annual report.

Unfortunately, the Luxulyan Valley Partnership has not met formally over the past year as Cornwall Council had not nominated any members and did not wish to continue the Partnership. A meeting with the Cabinet member for the Environment, Loic Rich, our divisional member, Sarah Preece, and the Countryside Officer, Charlotte Evans along with the other stakeholders was held in March and it was agreed to arrange 2 meetings a year on a trial basis under new terms of reference. Hopefully this will be a workable way forward for the Partnership.

#### **24/170 To receive the report from the Community Area Partnership**

No report

#### **24/171 Public Questions**

Ross Morcom gave an update about the proposal (which had already received PIP approval) to develop 9 houses in the village behind Churchtown Cottages. He explained that a professional financial appraisal had now been carried out based on 5 open market and 4 affordable homes and had revealed a cost deficit of £460,000, which was clearly not viable. The option of 6 open market and 3 affordables still indicated showed a £50 deficit but Ross considered that he would still be able to make this work, although it would be risky, particularly given the volatile world markets and price rises for materials. Ross explained that if he is to continue with the project, he must have the support of the Parish Council for the amended scheme; if members were not supportive he would not continue. He will come to the May meeting with his agent and explain more fully and answer any questions. Cllr Green agreed that the current economic climate was very difficult with things changing so quickly. Ross confirmed that if the scheme goes ahead his intention would be to make it a slow process and build over a 3 year period starting with 2 low cost units. A member of the public noted that there were already substantial soakaways at Willowood.

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The Chairman invited all present to join the Councillors for light refreshments

Meeting Closed            7.45 pm