## Minutes of the Meeting of Lewannick Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 7.30pm in The Methodist Chapel Schoolroom, Polyphant.

**Present:** Cllr M White (Chairman), Cllr J Newbery, Cllr A Hobden, Cllr S Jasper, Cllr K Owens, Cllr P Atkinson, and Cllr D Parnell.

In Attendance: L Coles, Parish Clerk, Cllr A Parsons, Cornwall Council.

There was 1 member of the public present.

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1	Apologies. Cllr C Newbery, Cllr B Sleep and Cllr R Finnimore gave apologies for absence and	
	Cllr Parsons gave apologies for being late to the meeting.	
2	Declarations of Interest	
	a) Agenda Items. None declared.	
	b) Gifts. None declared	
3	Consideration of written requests for dispensation. None received.	
4	Unitary Councillor's Report. Deferred until Cllr Parsons is present.	
5	<b>Public Participation.</b> Member of the public spoke about the recent meeting at Lewannick Village Hall, 26 <sup>th</sup>	
	September, for the presentation of the plans for Plusha Junction by National Highways (NH).	
	It was felt that NH members were not professional in their manner or presentation, and	
	showed an element of aggressiveness when questions were asked. NH suggested that the	
	rejection of its proposed scheme indicated a lack of concern for vehicle and driver safety; this	
	is certainly not the case but NH was resistant to listening to alternative schemes and the	
	views of the public even suggesting that if there was another fatality at Plusha the Coroner	
	could insist on implementing the NH scheme. There was also a distinct lack of knowledge of	
	the numbers both of the costings and the displacement of traffic which will be forced onto	
	local roads if the scheme goes ahead. The site is now recognised as the worst accident black	
	spot in Cornwall and a solution needs to be prioritised going forward; it is felt that only a	
	flyover or grade separated junction will solve the problems. In excess of 400 people attended	
	the meeting on 26 <sup>th</sup> September and 320 of those completed Lewannick Parish Council's straw	
	poll questionnaire. The general consensus is that a flyover or similar is needed. The member	
	of the public said that the Peninsular Transport Strategic Transport Body would have to	
	recommend a flyover or grade separated junction to the Department of Transport which	
	would then escalate this to the Minister for Transport. Members of Cornwall Council sit on	
	this committee and it was agreed that a meeting will be set up between those members and	
	the Parish Councils to take this forward to the PTSTB in the first instance. The local MP will	
	also need to push this forward. The Clerk will liaise with Cllr Adrian Parsons over this. It is felt	Clerk
	that the Parishes are being blackmailed by NH who, having developed an acceptable scheme	
	for a grade separated junction 24 years ago has failed to act on it and is now proposing an	
	unsuitable cheap solution. If all of the traffic is pushed onto the local roads it will only cause	
	black spots elsewhere which will then become a problem for Cornwall Council. There is a	
	questionnaire on the NH website for people to complete but this is loaded and biased	
	towards either accepting the NH solution or indicating a lack of concern. The Clerk was also	Clerk
	asked to invite Peter Allen, local activist, to its next meeting. Finally the member of the public	
	congratulated Cllr Adrian Parsons for his efforts and said that the NH meeting would not have	
	happened if not for him.	

4	Unitary Councillor's Report.	
	There was a meeting of the Full Council last week but not much was on the agenda; most	
	decisions are being made in Cabinet. However, three motions were put forward to do with: 1)	
	Vaping and children, 2) Cuts to the winter fuel payments and 3) Educational Health and Care	
	plans, all of which were supported. There is currently a vote of no confidence in the Leader of	
	Cornwall Council, Linda Taylor. There is another full council meeting on 7 <sup>th</sup> November.	
	Scrutiny has not been allowed to take place regarding Newquay Airport.	
	Cllr Parsons thanked all those who attended the NH meeting on 26 <sup>th</sup> September and said that	
	NH was not prepared for the amount of people who did attend. It was difficult to see the	
	information boards. He urged people to fill out the questionnaire on the NH portal and to pay	
	particular attention to the 'comments' box. Cllr Parsons has got an extension of time for this	
	consultation until the end of the month.	
6	Planning.	
	a) Planning applications received before the agenda was finalised: None	
	b) Planning applications received after the agenda was published: None	
	c) Planning decisions notified by Cornwall Council.	
	PA24/06934, Landry Cottage, Old Hill, Lewannick, Launceston. Non Material Amendment	
	in relation to decision notice PA23/08519 dated 12.03.24, namely 1) reduce bedrooms to	
	one, 2, changes to room configuration. APPROVED.	
	d) Other Planning Matters. The Clerk has circulated details of the planning training via	
	Teams.	
7	Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September 2024.	
	It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Minutes are a true record of the Meeting, minutes <b>proposed by</b>	
	Cllr Hobden, seconded by Cllr J Newbery, with all those who had been present at that	
	meeting in favour.	
8	Matters Arising from the above Minutes. None	
9	Parish Matters.	
	a) Telephone Kiosk at Lewannick. No update	
	b) It was reported that the Clock hand has been taken away but Cumbria Clocks has not	
	replaced it on the Clock yet.	
10	Highway and Footpath Matters.	
	a) A30/B3257 junction at Bodmin Moor Services (Plusha). Already covered but it was	Claula
	reported that the vegetation at Plusha is obscuring the visibility and needs to be cut back	Clerk
	as does that at the Two Bridges crossing. The Clerk will contact NH.	
	The hedge going into Polyphant Quarry needs to be cut back and the Clerk will contact	Clerk
	and ask for this to be done.	
11	b) Landers Lake. No update.  Play Areas and Open Spaces. The Clark will ask Darren Humber to gut the grass.	Clerk
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	The play equipment at Lewannick is all repaired and is being well used. The fence still	
	needs to be removed between the two play areas.	
	b) Polyphant Green. Nothing to report.	
12	Correspondence. Circulated to Members	
	a) VE Day 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2025. Deferred until a future meeting.	Clerk
12	Finance	
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	Online _ Launceston Print, Newsletter printing - £62.00				
	<ul> <li>Online – CUMBRIA Clock Co, 2<sup>nd</sup> 30% payment for repair - £1392.48</li> </ul>				
	Online – J Newbery, swings repair - £8.00				
	<ul> <li>Online – Schoolscapes, final invoice for equipment repairs - £2353.99</li> </ul>				
	<ul> <li>Online – Lewannick Village Hall, hire of hall for meetings - £49.00</li> </ul>				
	b) Receipts. Deposit account interest - £427.89				
	c) Bank Reconciliations. It was RESOLVED that the bank reconciliations for September				
	are correct, proposed by Clir C Hobden, seconded by Clir Parnell				
	d) Budget and Precept. The Clerk circulated the budget papers for discussion at the				
	November meeting.				
14	Any Other Business.				
	The Remembrance Day Service will be held on Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> November at 3pm at the Memorial				
	in Lewannick followed by refreshments in the village hall.				
	Cllr J Newbery reported that he has hung the King's portrait in the village hall.				
	The Christmas meal has been booked for December 17 <sup>th</sup> at 8pm, the Chairman will bring the				
	menus to the next meeting.				
	Cllr Jasper asked everyone to bring a decoration or something to hang on a string in the				
	Church to the November meeting.				
	The Clerk reported the various NH road closures for resurfacing on the A30 between				
	Dunheved and Trebursye from the 4 <sup>th</sup> to the 28 <sup>th</sup> November.				
15	Items for the next Agenda.				
	Budget and Precept				
	VE Day				
16	Date and time of the next meeting.				
	The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on <b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2024</b> and will				
	commence at 7.30pm_in Lewannick Village Hall, Lewannick.				

There being no further business	to tran	isact the	Chairman	ciosea ti	ne meeting at 8.45pm

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