

# Ludgvan Parish Council

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## Minutes – 8 July 2020

Minutes of the meeting of Ludgvan Parish Council held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 8 July 2020, a remote meeting held via Zoom.

### Councillors present:

Councillors: R Mann (Chairman), M Parker (Vice-Chairman), J Munday, C Price-Jones, M Squire (until 8.42pm), L Trudgeon, S Elliott

### Officer present:

Parish Clerk

**Also attending:** Two members of the public for the public speaking period, with respect to planning application PA20/04802 (speaking in support) and PA20/04666 (speaking in support). Note that the meeting was live-streamed via the parish council website and so the meeting was available to view online.

AGENDA NO.	AGENDA ITEMS
LPC041	<b>Apologies for absence</b> – were received from Cllrs Miucci and Taylor.
LPC042	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> Cllr Squire declared an interest in Minute LPC049 (d) (PA20/04666) as the applicant, and withdrew from the meeting during consideration of this item.
LPC043	<b>To approve written requests for dispensation</b> None
LPC044	<b>Public Speaking</b> Representative of St Aubyn Estates spoke in support of planning application PA20/04802, answered cllrs questions and agreed to consider revisions to the plans.  Cllr Trudgeon joined the meeting at this point.  Mr Squire spoke in support of planning application PA20/04666.
LPC045	<b>Cornwall Councillor report</b> Cllr Elliott reported on a number of matters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Recognized the work of Cornwall Council in supporting the local community during the covid-19 emergency, noting in particular the amazing work of Community Newtwork Officer, James Hardy.</li><li>- Re covid-19, there had been issues in care homes in Cornwall, including the Penwith area, these are being addressed.</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cornwall Council consider the public toilets at Long Rock to be available for tender. These are the only toilets between Penzance and Marazion stations and would be for the parish council to take them on, unless a tender is taken up by a private business. Noted that it would be difficult for a private company to open them at this time. This raised the question: Does the parish council wish to take on responsibility for this summer? This could enable them to be opened this summer, and the parish council could then, potentially, put them out to tender at a later date.</li> <li>- Highways – concerns at Crowlas and Lower Quarter with regard to speed restrictions, double yellow lines, speed bumps etc, looking to resolve traffic safety, parking, and highways issues in the area. As ward member, Cllr Elliott is meeting with relevant Cornwall Council / Cormac officers on Friday. No current date for the Crowlas speed limit being dropped to 30mph, but it seems imminent due to the additional consultation on roads off the A30. It could be possible for this work to be carried out before September, but this has not been confirmed. Residents parking might be a possibility on the Carvossa estate and so this is being explored with Live West.</li> <li>- There was discussion also about the need to make progress on controlling large vehicles travelling through Lower Quarter and Churchtown.</li> </ul>
LPC046	<p><b>Minutes of meeting of the council held on 10 June 2020</b></p> <p><b>Resolved</b> – that the minutes of the meeting of the council, as above, having been circulated, be taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record of the meeting.</p>
LPC047	<p><b>Clerk’s update report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Public toilets – Jordan’s café managers had been supported with sourcing guidance on re-opening following the covid-19 restrictions</li> <li>- Church Hill allotments – the clearance of plot 32 at Church Hill was nearing completion within the budget allocated. The plot would not be cleared totally, but hazardous rubbish and structures would be removed. The clerk agreed to meet on-site with Cllr Price-Jones to review and consider whether further works would be needed. There was concern expressed at the costs involved, and it was noted that steps were being taken to avoid similar situations in future, a more proactive inspection regime and refundable deposits being charged to new tenants.</li> <li>- Casual vacancies – it was noted that there had been no call for an election for the recently advertised casual vacancy, and so the council could now co-opt to a total of three vacancies. It was agreed to extend the application deadline to mid-August and to hold interviews and an extraordinary council meeting to appoint co-opted member/s in late August, in readiness for the September council meeting.</li> <li>- Residents survey on lorry movements – the draft survey had been circulated to cllrs and two schools of thought were emerging: a light-touch initial survey to seek views, and calls for more detailed evidence to give greater weight to lobbying for improvements. <b>Resolved</b> that the survey would be light-touch and would include an additional question, seeking agreement to respondents being contacted at a later date for more detailed consultation, and that evidence gathering could be considered separately, alongside the residents survey.</li> <li>- Banking arrangements – the switch to Unity Bank is due to be actioned.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Potential to re-open Marazion Station. The MP had responded to confirm that he would be willing to work with the parish council on this, and that he awaits further notice of meeting/progress from this council. During discussion it was noted that the former station building would not be an option, and so a new-build platform and station would be needed. <b>Resolved:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <b>To invite the views of Marazion Town Council</b></li> <li>ii. <b>Cllr Elliott will update further on proposals for the cycle path</b></li> <li>iii. <b>The clerk to contact landowners at Lodey Sails to explore whether they would be interested in this scheme (Cllr Elliott to provide contact details)</b></li> <li>iv. <b>The clerk to seek the views of Network Rail and GWR</b></li> </ol> </li> <li>- Long Rock Memorial Hall – see Minute LPC050 below.</li> <li>- Footpath maintenance work was underway and a small amount of tree-work had been agreed with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, to be carried out by the contractor at additional cost to the parish council.</li> <li>- IT equipment for cllrs had been sourced, configured and delivered to cllrs with the benefit of expertise and time given by Cllr Elliott. The clerk and councillors thanked Cllr Elliott for all his efforts in sourcing the IT and supporting the set-up process.</li> </ul>
	<b><u>ITEMS FOR DECISION:</u></b>
LPC048	<b>Planning Applications</b>
	<p>(a) <a href="#">PA20/04643</a> – 3 Beachfield Cottages, Pensilva, Access to Island View, Long Rock TR20 8JF – Amendment to original planning (PA16/01869) Proposed side extension and associated works</p> <p><b>Resolved – no objection.</b></p>
	<p>(b) <a href="#">PA20/04802</a> - Trenow Barn, Ludgvan, Penzance TR20 8YQ – Proposed construction of two dwellings following demolition of existing barns, in lieu of prior approval consent PA19/08645</p> <p><b>Resolved – no objection, provided that the flood risk assessment is clarified as there is not considered to be sufficient evidence regarding potential flood risk. Request that an additional car charging point be included in the development.</b></p>
	<p>(c) <a href="#">PA20/05127</a> – 54 Godolphin Road, Long Rock, Penzance – Proposed single storey rear extension</p> <p><b>Resolved – application supported.</b></p>
	<p>(d) <a href="#">PA20/04666</a> – Unit 2, Rospeath Industrial Estate – Change of use from B1 to D2 (boxing/fitness centre)</p> <p>Cllr Squire declared an interest in this item, as the applicant, and withdrew from the meeting during its consideration.</p> <p><b>Resolved – that the application be supported.</b></p>

	<p>(e) <a href="#">PA20/04825</a> – 2 Bowglas Cottages, Castle Road, Ludgvan TR20 8HF – Demolition of rear and front upvc conservatories, 2 new rear rooflights, new oak front and rear conservatory.</p> <p><b>Resolved – application supported, welcome the improvements to the design, and use of materials.</b></p>
LPC049	<p><b>Grant Applications</b></p> <p>Cllrs confirmed that grant applications would normally be considered at the January and July meetings, at six month intervals.</p> <p><b>Resolved</b> – that in 2020, grants will be considered in August and then continue in January / July 6-monthly intervals from January 2021.</p>
LPC050	<p><b>Long Rock Memorial Hall</b></p> <p>Cllr Mann updated the council, advising that he had discussed with one of the Trustees the potential transfer of the Memorial Hall to the parish council, and that the Trustee was in agreement with this being the way forward. He would consult with the other Trustees and if, as expected, all Trustees agreed, then the parish council would need to appoint a solicitor to carry out the legal transfer.</p> <p>Members were pleased with this progress and noted that the hall had been well-used before it fell into disrepair, and had the potential to be a useful community facility. Due to it's condition, it might have to be demolished and rebuilt. One of the first actions to be carried out when taken on by the parish council, would be to secure the boundaries and to arrange for safe storage of the Memorial Boards, commemorating the war dead, possibly at the parish church, temporarily.</p> <p><b>Resolved</b> - that Cllr Mann and the Clerk would continue to liaise with the hall Trustees to move this forward.</p>
LPC051	<p><b>Street trading</b></p> <p>Members considered a street trading consultation from Cornwall Council: Clive Wilson trading as 'Wilson Produce' at the layby on Marazion Bypass, noting that the street trader had operated from this location for a number of years and that there were no undue concerns.</p> <p><b>Resolved</b> – that the application be supported.</p>
LPC052	<p><b>Long Rock public toilets</b></p> <p>Following the update on this matter (see C.Cllrs report, above), it was apparent that it is now a matter for the parish council to decide whether to take on these public toilets to enable them to be opened for the summer 2020 season, and so the Chairman included this as an urgent agenda item.</p>

	<p>Cllr Elliott advised that the planned cycle trail (Marazion to Penzance) would be concreted and was proposed as a tourism experience and so a much greater footfall was expected in future.</p> <p>During discussion it was noted that this was a public health concern, with limited facilities in the area, and the additional visitor numbers expected, and the need for facilities to be covid-secure. Cllr Elliott advised that Cornwall Council would not open the toilets. It was acknowledged that it would not be possible to devolve ownership to the parish council in readiness for the summer season and so the solution this year might differ from future years.</p> <p>It was suggested that in future the parish council had the potential to put the toilets out to tender, to be privately run as part of a business venture. There was little scope for additional building adjacent to the toilet block, should planning permission even be possible, and so if taking on the freehold or leasehold of the toilets, the parish council should seek to take on a footprint of land which would enable the premises to be extended.</p> <p>It was agreed that the only viable option for this summer would be for Cornwall Council to reopen the toilets, and funding towards this be provided by the parish council, as in previous years.</p> <p><b>Resolved</b> – that Cornwall Council be asked again to reopen the Long Rock public toilets for at least a 6-week summer season, and that the parish council will contribute up to £3,000 towards the cost of doing so. The level of contribution to be delegated to the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.</p> <p>Cllr Elliott offered to liaise with relevant officers at Cornwall Council to progress this.</p> <p>Cllr Squire left the meeting at this point – 8.42pm</p>
LPC053	<p><b>Internal Audit report and arrangements for External Audit</b></p> <p>The clerk advised that the 2019/2020 year end accounts had been completed, relevant documents and records collated, and the internal audit process was currently underway. This update was noted.</p>
LPC054	<p><b>Schedule of Payments</b></p> <p><b>Resolved</b> – that the payments be made, as set out in the schedule circulated.</p>
LPC055	<p><b>Finance report and bank reconciliation</b></p> <p><b>Resolved</b> that the report be noted.</p>
<p>Meeting closed: 8.49 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><u>Signed by Chairman:</u> .....</p>