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Minutes – 14 October 2020

Minutes of the meeting of Ludgvan Parish Council held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 14 October 2020, a remote meeting held via Zoom.

Councillors present: Councillors: R Mann (Chairman), M Parker (Vice-Chairman), N Badcock, A Branchett, S Elliott, S Miucci, J Munday, N Osborne, C Price-Jones, M Squire (until 7.15pm), M Taylor, L Trudgeon

Officer present: Parish Clerk

MINUTE NO.	AGENDA ITEMS
	Chairman's Announcements – The chairman welcomed all present to the meeting and advised that an additional (confidential) item would be considered, a complaint regarding Longrock allotments.
LPC104	Apologies for absence – None.
LPC105	Declarations of Interest Cllr Branchett advised, with regard to MinuteLPC130 that he was a neighbouring allotment holder.
LPC106	To approve written requests for dispensation - None
LPC107	Public Speaking - None
LPC108	Cornwall Councillor report C.Cllr Elliott reported that: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- There had been a compromise on the s.106 for the proposed development at Longrock – the traffic funds are to be used in Longrock and not elsewhere. It has been delegated to planning officers to finish negotiations on the basis that s.106 for transport is to be spent on traffic safety in Longrock (speed, reduction in vehicle weight through the village, and potential to divert HGVs from industrial estate to the Eastern Green roundabout, though this would need more consideration). Any remaining funds to be spent on other Longrock traffic related issues, such as the cycle path.- The proposed development should bring a new parish hall for Longrock, and traffic improvements- There have been concerns at removal of trees at Tolverth Field, this was due to the condition of the trees and risk to neighbouring properties. Cllr Elliott will meet arboricultural officer on site to consider suitable replacements, with a local resident. Potentially a fruiting woodland,

	<p>could enhance the noise reduction and opportunity for improvement, working with the Woodland Trust.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Visited the heliport last week, met chief executive and local residents, viewed information on actual flight paths, noted how strict the flight path was. The chief executive was made aware of the level of concern and nuisance experienced by local residents over the 2020 summer. It is their intention to only run one helicopter from next year. Noise reduction through tree planting is being considered, and could be an option for neighbouring properties. <p>The update report was noted.</p>
LPC109	<p><u>Minutes of meeting of the council held on 9 September 2020</u></p> <p>Resolved – 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>
LPC110	<p>Clerk’s update report</p> <p>Cllr Squire left the meeting at this point, with technical problems making it difficult for him to hear the meeting.</p> <p>Resolved – that the report be noted.</p>
LPC111	<p>Community Governance Review</p> <p>Members considered the report circulated prior to the meeting, noting the recommendations of the Electoral Review Panel at Cornwall Council. There was a recommendation to the panel that <i>“land be transferred from St Erth parish to Ludgvan parish at Cannon's Town and land be transferred from Ludgvan parish to St Erth parish at Rose An Grouse (map 5.0a), and that the LGBCE be requested to adjust the 2021 Electoral Division boundary accordingly”</i></p> <p>This recommendation was in response to representations from St Erth Parish Council.</p> <p>During discussion it was noted that the residents of Canonstown are understood to consider themselves to be part of Ludgvan. Also that the residents are more likely to have the A30 as one of their key concerns – something which is a focus of Ludgvan Parish Council, and so this council are better serving their interests.</p> <p>Resolved – that the position of Ludgvan Parish Council regarding the parish boundary between Ludgvan and St Erth remains the same as its previous submission – for the boundary to follow the railway line.</p> <p>Cllr Elliott abstained from voting on this matter, to avoid any risk of pre-judging this matter when voting on it at Cornwall Council.</p>

LPC112	Planning Applications	
	(a)	<p>PA20/07283 – Rosevidney Barton, Road between lane to Tregilliowe Farm and Gitchell Lane, Rosevidney, Crowlas TR20 9AZ – Erection of four dwellings with integral garages.</p> <p>Resolved – application supported provided that it is in line with the Parish Design Statement, and that an environmental survey is carried out during the nesting bird season (ie late May) for the bat, nesting birds (particularly swallows) and barn owl assessment, if it has not already been carried out. The parish council requests that the application is consulted on again, once the Environmental survey has been carried out, so that it can be taken into account.</p>
	(b)	<p>PA20/07452 – Poniou House, Poniou Lane, Longrock TR20 8YE – Conversion and extension of existing dwelling to form 2 dwellings and associated works.</p> <p>Resolved – application supported.</p>
	(c)	<p>PA20/07564 – 70 Polmor Road, Crowlas TR20 8DF – First floor side extension</p> <p>Resolved – Application supported.</p>
	(d)	<p>PA20/06991 – Gonew View, Lelant Downs, Hayle TR27 6NH – Certificate of lawfulness for existing use of land as front garden and rear garden to be classed as curtilage.</p> <p>Resolved – objection. The concerns raised by the parish council in the previous application for this site have not been addressed. The area of land is considered to be a paddock.</p>
	(e)	<p>PA20/07944 – Bowls Farm, Castle Road, Ludgvan TR20 8HD – Outline planning with all matters reserved for new dwelling plot on land north of Bowls Farm</p> <p>Resolved – application supported at outline stage. Note that when the next stage of the application is submitted, it will need to meet the NDP Development Plan, Parish Design Statement and any concerns that highways may have.</p>
LPC113	<p>Consultation – Perranuthnoe Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>Members considered the consultation, details of which had been circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Resolved – that the proposed Perranuthnoe Neighbourhood Development Plan was a strong and well-written document, and that there were some policies in particular that the council wished to support: HTA2 (building design) and HTA3 (heritage character. It was also agreed to recommend that Perranuthnoe adopts a Parish Design Statement.</p>	
LPC114	<p>Traffic survey update</p> <p>Cllr Price-Jones updated on the traffic survey and work being carried out to move this forward:</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There was a small group of people gathering empirical data - FOI request have been made to Cornwall Council - The working group was gathering the data needed in order to hold informed discussions with Cornwall Council. <p>Cllr Elliott noted that Cornwall Council consider the cement works as important for employment, though there had been no evidence given for a need for it at this site rather than elsewhere, closer to the A30. He noted that Cornwall Council had chosen to make it an industrial site, rather than a quarry on the edge of an AONB. The problem has been made worse, it could be manageable if there was only a quarry, but the current situation has resulting traffic impact on local villages, however it will be difficult to start a conversation with Cornwall Council on how to retain the quarry as a Strategic Minerals Site, while also reducing activity at the site and resulting heavy vehicle traffic.</p> <p>It was noted that - the working group’s work on the traffic survey continues.</p>
LPC115	<p>Design Statement update</p> <p>Cllr Price-Jones reported that he was reviewing and tightening up the Parish Design Statement. Any comments on the existing document (available on the parish council website) to be sent to Cllr Price-Jones, to take into account for a revised Design Statement, to be brought to the next council meeting for consideration and adoption.</p> <p>During discussion, it was noted that the Design Statement has provision for cladding, but no stipulation on plastic cladding as opposed to wood. Fencing was another area where amendments had been proposed and would be included.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
LPC116	<p>Affordable housing update</p> <p>Cllr Price-Jones reported that an offer has been made for the land to the west of Lower Quarter, a response is awaited.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
LPC117	<p>Long Rock public toilets</p> <p>Cllr Elliott reported that the Cornwall Council officers had not got back with any further information. The position of the parish council has been put forward, that to take on the toilets, the parish should also receive supporting income, such as a proportion of the income from Longrock Beach car park. A meeting would be held regarding the proposed cycle path in the coming week, and so funding and support for the public toilets would be raised at that meeting, especially in view of the food outlet concession nearby.</p> <p>An estimate of annual running costs was £18,000 and there would be a need for capital investment to bring the toilets to a standard where they can be opened.</p>

	<p>Cornwall Council will not reopen the public toilets and so unless a commercial venture takes it on, the only way for the toilets to reopen will be if the parish council decides to take them on.</p> <p>It was considered that it is important to be able to provide beach toilets if possible, and that it could be made a better option for the parish council if the transfer was supported by the income from the food concession and a proportion of the income from Longrock Beach car park.</p> <p>It was noted that it was likely to be a busy tourist season in 2021 and so there was a need for the toilets to be open from Easter 2021, if possible.</p> <p>Considered whether a car park levy of 10p or 20p could help to raise annual revenue to support the public toilets.</p> <p>Agreed that Cllr Elliott would continue to try to progress this matter with Cornwall Council, initial discussions to enable a transfer of the public toilets to the parish council.</p>
LPC118	<p>Long Rock Memorial Hall</p> <p>Cllr Mann reported on a recent site visit with the chairman of the hall Trustees, who was amenable to the transfer of the hall to the parish council.</p> <p>It was noted that the hall occupied a good-sized plot of land and would be a good redevelopment site for a replacement hall. An option for a rebuild of the hall to be incorporated into the proposed housing development at Longrock had been considered, but the developer only wished to build a community hall on the development site.</p> <p>There could be an option for the hall to be sold, and for capital raised to fund the running of a new hall on the housing development site. The proposed new hall in the proposed development will have open area (a long windy garden that could be a memorial garden).</p> <p>It was noted that there is a need to check whether there is a limit on the freehold ownership of the hall.</p> <p>Resolved – that</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Cllr Branchett to collect and arrange for storage of the two Memorial Boards 2) Roger Taylor be appointed to provide legal advice on the transfer 3) If needed, action between council meetings is delegated to the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman
LPC119	<p>Request for repair of bench – Longrock</p> <p>Members considered a request to repaint the bench at Longrock, opposite the entrance to Tolverth Field (it's been in situ since around 1953). The bench is now beyond repair. It is a bench that is sat on, though not a great deal as it is on the wrong side of the road.</p>

	<p>Cllr Branchett suggested that the bench from the Amenity Area could be relocated to replace it. That bench is made of oak and was provided for the former bus shelter by the Longrock WI. It was not thought that parish funds should be used to replace a memorial bench, this would be for the family to do. Councillors considered replacing as a bench for the parish, rather than a memorial bench, if it is a bench that people use and enjoy, and would expect to be replaced.</p> <p>Agreed – that Cllr Mann will discuss with the local resident to see if they are willing to replace the memorial bench. Cllr Price-Jones will provide costings based on a memorial bench recently purchased. An update to be provided at the next meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Miucci asked about the bench at the bottom of Cockwells Lane. It was believed that this bench was a parish council responsibility.</p> <p>Resolved – that the Clerk arrange for repairs to the Cockwells bench and also for some maintenance and re-planting at the memorial garden at Church Hill (allowing £100 for the memorial garden).</p>
LPC120	<p>Joint working with Marazion Town Council</p> <p>Members can refer to the response from Marazion Town Council, appended to the clerk’s update report. The Clerk also reported that with regard to the proposal to reopen a railway station at Marazion, Network Rail had offered to meet in the coming weeks.</p> <p>Resolved –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) to arrange a (remote) meeting with Network Rail, Marazion Town Council, MP and Cornwall Council: Cllrs Mann, Munday and Elliott to attend; and 2) to arrange a (remote) meeting with Marazion Town Council representatives: Cllrs Mann, Parker and Badcock to attend.
LPC121	<p>Seasonal dogs on beaches PSPO review 2020 – Cornwall Council</p> <p>Town and parish councils have been asked to respond to a survey by Cornwall Council – closing date 21 October 2020.</p> <p>During discussion, the following views were expressed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the dog owning population have taken over the beaches. Bathing beaches should be a no-go area for dogs in the summer months due to health risks to children. - there needs to be greater clarity and it would be a more equitable and enforceable proposal, if labelled as two separate beaches and two separate zones - noted that many families with dogs holidayed in the area, in addition to local dog walkers. - noted the need for beaches to be kept clean, and for enforcement to be effective. - noted the need for dog owners to be responsible – control of dogs in addition to the fouling problems. Many people are scared of dogs, or prefer not to swim or bring their children to beaches with dogs, and so there need to be dog-free beaches in areas. - need much better signage at Longrock beach.

	<p>- concerns that wading birds from the SSSI are on the beach at times when dogs are allowed onto the beach.</p> <p>Resolved – that the parish council response be that Longrock beach to be split into Longrock and Eastern Green beaches – Eastern Green to be dog friendly year-round, and Longrock to have no dogs, year-round.</p>																					
LPC122	<p>Schedule of Payments</p> <p>Resolved – that the payments set out in the schedule be approved for payment.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="288 663 1485 1140"> <thead> <tr> <th>Payee</th> <th>Purpose</th> <th>Amount payable</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>St Aubyn Estates</td> <td>Rent for Longrock allotments (25/3/20 – 28/9/20)</td> <td>£40.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Viking Direct</td> <td>Stationery supplies</td> <td>£37.18 (inc VAT of £6.20)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>H Rich</td> <td>Footpath cutting: 3) Tree cutting £288.00 4) Path cutting £240.00 5) Grass cutting £150.00</td> <td>£678.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>L Dowe</td> <td>Clerk’s salary (September)</td> <td>£2,315.76</td> </tr> <tr> <td>L Dowe</td> <td>Clerk’s expenses (September)</td> <td>£51.65</td> </tr> <tr> <td>NEST Pension scheme</td> <td>Pension contribution (September)</td> <td>£113.73</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Payee	Purpose	Amount payable	St Aubyn Estates	Rent for Longrock allotments (25/3/20 – 28/9/20)	£40.00	Viking Direct	Stationery supplies	£37.18 (inc VAT of £6.20)	H Rich	Footpath cutting: 3) Tree cutting £288.00 4) Path cutting £240.00 5) Grass cutting £150.00	£678.00	L Dowe	Clerk’s salary (September)	£2,315.76	L Dowe	Clerk’s expenses (September)	£51.65	NEST Pension scheme	Pension contribution (September)	£113.73
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LPC123	<p>Finance report and bank reconciliation</p> <p>Resolved to note the reports circulated prior to the meeting.</p>																					
LPC124	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>Members noted the correspondence which was circulated for information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Crowlas Speed Limit TRO (Cormac, consultation outcome) <p>Cllr Elliott noted that public consultation had been carried out and that the outcome and the TRO to be implemented were based primarily on safety issues. It was a concern that Cornwall Council did not consider traffic safety improvements to be an economic priority.</p> <p>Further concerns were raised regarding cars parking on both sides of the road by Ludgvan School and the resulting traffic safety and traffic movement issues.</p> <p>It was noted that there were many more issues to be addressed to improve traffic safety on and around the A30 through the parish.</p>																					
LPC125	<p>Agenda items for a future meeting</p>																					

	Parish Design Statement update	
LPC126	<p>Planning White Paper Consultation</p> <p>Noting the current consultation which had been circulated to councillors by email prior to the meeting, it was</p> <p>Resolved – that individual councillors will send responses to the questions by email by 20 October, to form the basis of a parish council response to the consultation.</p>	
LPC127	<p>Free parking at Cornwall Council car parks</p> <p>In response to the Cornwall Council request for views:</p> <p>Resolved – Longrock and Marazion Station car parks – to request the free parking day over the festive period, to be Boxing Day.</p>	
LPC128	<p>Exclusion of the press and public</p> <p>Resolved - that in accordance with s.1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following business owing to the confidential nature of that business.</p>	
LPC129	<p>Burials – exercise of discretion</p> <p>The Clerk sought the views of councillors on a request regarding a burial plot for a member of a longstanding Ludgvan parish family as a parishioner, having latterly moved from the parish. In view of the strong family connections with Ludgvan, it was agreed that discretion could be exercised on this occasion, and if similar requests were received, then the clerk will consult with the Chairman and relevant councillor/s.</p>	
LPC 130	<p>Complaint regarding Longrock Allotments site</p> <p>Cllr Branchett declared an interest in this item, as an allotment plot tenant at Longrock and withdrew from the meeting during consideration of this item.</p> <p>Resolved – that the complainant be contacted and advised that in the absence of evidence, the council would not be taking any action on the matter.</p>	
	<p><u>Meeting closed: 9.37 pm</u></p>	<p><u>Signed by Chairman:</u></p>

