

Ludgvan Parish Council

Minutes – 8 March 2023

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Ludgvan Parish Council, held on Wednesday 8 March 2023 at 6.45pm at the Murley Hall, Ludgvan

Present: Councillors: R Mann (Chairman), C Price-Jones (Vice-Chairman), A Branchett, C Cartwright, J Mayall, S Miucci, J Munday, M Payne, R Porter, J Saville, A Segal

Cornwall Councillor/s attending: Cllrs A George and J Martin

Officer support: Parish Clerk / RFO

Minute No.	AGENDA ITEMS
LPC22.23.313	Apologies for absence - None.
LPC22.23.314	<u>Declarations of Interest:</u> Cllrs Price-Jones and Segal each declared an interest in Minute 324, as allotment plot tenants, and withdrew from the meeting during consideration of this item.
LPC22.23.315	To approve written requests for dispensation – None
LPC22.23.316	Public Speaking - None
LPC22.23.317	Cornwall Councillor reports <u>Long Rock, Marazion & St Erth</u> C.Cllr Martin gave a report which included: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- a recent meeting with Cllr Munday and Network Rail regarding the potential to re-open a railway station at Marazion, and the potential for funding- supportive of the parish council's efforts to request the developer of the housing development at Long Rock to move the provision of a community hall from the site to the Long Rock Memorial Hall site and would be willing to attend meetings with the developer to help facilitate a good outcome for the Long Rock ward. <u>Ludgvan, Madron, Gulval & Heamoor</u> Cllr George gave a report which included: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Health and social care, urgent treatment ward at West Cornwall Hospital closed at night since last August, reason given has been difficulty in recruiting staff. Cllr George is liaising with local healthcare and GP's to assess whether the issue is staffing or footfall/demand.- In the previous weekend the RCHT had been advising patients not to go to Treliske unless life threatening condition, reinforcing the need for West Cornwall to be open and able to deal with emergency care at all times.- In April, Cornwall Council will be considering the Devolution Deal (including a Mayor for Cornwall) and whether to go to referendum. In July, Cornwall Council will consider whether Cornwall Council is supportive of the Devolution Deal. Concern that these decisions appeared to be being taken in the wrong order. Concerns also that a government cannot make binding decisions on funding for successor governments and that the plans appear to be more about centralization rather than devolution.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Issues have been raised about traffic and highway safety at Ludgvan Churchtown, and the need for people to park and be able to access the church and cemetery. Working to get answers to both. - In answer to a question about recent incident between pedestrian and lorry, referred to update email from the Highways Manager, and the ongoing feasibility study - In response to a question, discussion about Cornwall Council car parks moving to pay-by-phone and the issues for motorists without smartphones, and concern about the proposed significant increase in Cornwall Council car park charges. A number of C.Cllrs are working to address the car park charge increase issue. - In response to a question, Cllr George noted concerns that without a payment card, patients and visitors cannot pay to park, or for food/drink, at West Cornwall Hospital, and will raise this as an issue at upcoming meetings with RCHT.
LPC22.23.318	<p><u>Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 8 February 2023</u></p> <p><u>Minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the Council held on 24 February 2023</u></p> <p>Resolved – that the minutes of the meetings 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>
LPC22.23.319	<p>Clerk's update report</p> <p>Painting the cemetery gates – ongoing, site visits will be needed, or revised specification for works. The gates are made from different materials and this will affect how best to treat and paint them. Noted.</p> <p>The rest of the update report was noted.</p>
LPC22.23.320	<p>Reports from Councillors as representatives on outside bodies</p> <p><u>Feasibility – new railway station for Marazion</u></p> <p>Cllr Munday reported on a recent meeting convened by the MP and attended by Cllr Munday, the MP, the Cornwall Council Ward Member and representatives from GWR and Network Rail. There was support from those attending that meeting for the re-opening of a railway station at Marazion. First step will be a business case, for application to the Department of Transport for funding under the New Station Fund. Business plan cost is likely to be in the range of £30k-£50k and some of the funding for this would need to be raised locally.</p> <p>There is a question around who should hold the funds for the business plan, eg a local council or the A30 Action company. It is hoped to be able to gain support from Cornwall Council for the project.</p> <p>In the longer term, in addition to station platforms, there would need to be solutions to the timetabling of trains, noting the single track between Long Rock and Penzance. If the timetabling issue cannot be overcome, then the project is likely to fail. There would also be a need for a fully accessible bridge over the railway line.</p> <p>Members discussed this update and it was suggested that if this council decided to make a contribution to the fund, it would likely be in the region of £5,000 and would be dependent on the parish council identifying the power under which the expenditure could be incurred. It was agreed that options other than the parish council holding the funds for the business plan should be found. Noting that there had not been representation from Marazion Town Council at the meeting with the MP, it was</p>

	Resolved – that this council supports in principle the re-opening of a railway station at Marazion and will arrange to meet with representatives of Marazion Town Council to update them on the latest developments and to seek their views.			
LPC22.23.321	Planning Applications			
	a)	PA23/00637 – Plot adjacent to Hannaville, Gilly Lane, Whitecross TR20 8BZ – Construction of new dwelling, garage and installation of septic tank. Resolved – that the parish council objects to the changes made since the May 2022 planning approval was granted. Concern that the size of the proposed development has increased to an extent considered to be an overdevelopment of the site.		
	b)	Appeal APP/D0840/W.22/3306508 – Building north of Rosevidney Barton, Crowlas – Detached dwelling with integral garage. Cornwall Council ref: PA21/09841 Resolved – that the parish council upholds the previous consultation response sent by Ludgvan Parish Council (9 Dec '21): "The parish council objects to this application. The Design & Access Statement was inadequate, there was very little reference to the Ludgvan Neighbourhood Plan (only in the supporting statement, not in the Design & Access Statement), the proposed location is outside the development boundary and so a development in open countryside, and the proposed 4 bedroom house will not be suitable for local housing as it would not be affordable to most working families in the area." Further, the parish council supports Cornwall Council's reasons for refusing the application.		
	c)	PA23/00911 – 6 Trethornes Court, Ludgvan, Penzance – Works to trees subject to a TPO. Sycamore trees 1,4,5 and 6 raise canopy to reduce shading density. Sycamore tree 2, Re-coppice due to decay in stems above shed. Resolved – that the parish council supports the application, provided that the work is carried out by a competent tree surgeon.		
	d)	PA23/01053 – Hogus House, Church Hill, Ludgvan – Listed Building Consent for installation of through floor lift to benefit disabled person. Resolved – that the parish council supports the application.		
LPC22.23.322	Schedule of Payments - To approve the payments to be made, as set out in the payments schedule			
		Payee	Purpose	Amount (inc VAT)
<i>To be paid by direct bank payment</i>				
		Ludgvan Parish Church	Murley Hall Hire (8 February meeting)	£24.00
		Truro Diocese (via Savilles)	Church Hill allotment rent 29/9/22 to 24/3/23 Inv 807968	£350.00
		Ludgvan Parish Church	Murley Hall Hire (24 February meeting)	£8.00
		Gwella Contracting Services	Removal of asbestos containing material, Crowlas Cemetery	£336.00
		Louise Dowe	Clerk's salary February	£1,701.03

		HMRC	PAYE/NI month 12	£522.36
		Louise Dowe	Clerk's expenses February 2023	£89.20
		<i>To be paid by Direct Debit</i>		
		NEST pension scheme	Clerk's pension February 2023	£110.70
		Source for Business	Water – Long Rock allotments 011222 to 100223 (payment on 1 March 23)	£35.57
LPC22.23.323	<p>Cornwall Council Community Chest – <i>To consider an application for funding to the Community Chest fund, in this financial year</i></p> <p>Following discussion, it was</p> <p>Resolved –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) To make an application to the Community Chest funding pot for up to £500 for the planting of mature trees, and other planting, at Tolverth Field, Long Rock; and 2) To send a letter of thanks to Mac, a local volunteer who puts in a great deal of time and effort in improving Tolverth Field. 			
LPC22.23.324	<p>Allotments – pest control</p> <p>Cllrs Price-Jones and Segal each declared an interest in this item as allotment plot tenants, and withdrew from the meeting during consideration of this item.</p> <p>Members considered correspondence received from a neighbour of the Church Hill allotments, expressing concern about rats and asking the council either to take action, or to refund their costs in controlling rats. The views of allotment plot tenants were taken into account, along with Councillors knowledge and experience of pest control.</p> <p>Resolved – to continue to encourage allotment plot tenants to exercise good plot management to deter rats and not to commission rat control at this point, nor to refund costs incurred by neighbours to the allotment site.</p>			
LPC22.23.325	<p>Preparations for the Coronation</p> <p>Members considered whether the parish council should organise or support any local events to mark the Coronation. It was noted that there had been no interest in events raised with councillors, and so no action to be taken on this at this point in time.</p>			
LPC22.23.326	<p>Ludgvan Community Land Trust</p> <p>Cllr Price-Jones reported that the Cornwall Community Land Trust had offered to help finish setting up the Ludgvan Community Land Trust, free of charge. Noted.</p>			
LPC22.23.327	<p>Consultation (Cormac) – EDG1149 Penzance – St Ives Bus Pinch Points ETRO – <i>to consider the parish council response to the consultation on double yellow lines on bus routes, including Ludgvan Churchtown</i></p> <p>It was noted that the council had previously heard from local residents at Ludgvan Churchtown of their concerns at the loss of on-street parking for residents and visitors to the church, cemetery and to access local footpaths. Council also considered the need for buses to be able to manoeuvre and the value of a regular bus service for the local community.</p>			

	Resolved – that the consultation response is to be: If there is a need for the additional space on the road for the bus to turn, the parish council supports the double yellow lines in view of the benefit of a regular bus service.	
LPC22.23.328	Joint working with Marazion Town Council – No update.	
LPC22.23.329	<p>Cornwall Council – 2023 off-street parking order – to agree a parish council response to the consultation. www.cornwall.gov.uk/TrafficConsult - deadline 23 March 2023</p> <p>Following discussion, it was Resolved – that the parish council response to the consultation is: The parish council has concern at the proposed increase in charges for parking as it will exacerbate problems with cars parking on roads nearby. Also concerns that with the cost of living crisis, local residents will be hit by the increases in parking charges and many people live in areas without suitable public transport links, and so rely on travel by car.</p>	
LPC22.23.330	<p>Equality and Diversity Policy</p> <p>Resolved – to approve and adopt the Equality and Diversity Policy</p>	
LPC22.23.331	<p>Sustainable Development Policy</p> <p>Resolved – to approve and adopt the Sustainable Development Policy.</p>	
LPC22.23.332	<p>Finance report and bank reconciliation –</p> <p>Resolve – to note the budget monitoring report and bank reconciliation.</p>	
LPC22.23.333	<p>Correspondence/communications</p> <p>i. Morrab Library – Penwith Futures Book <i>To consider a parish council contribution to the Penwith Futures Book project, closing date 30 April 2023 (see email sent on 22 February)</i></p> <p>Members considered the invitation to contribute to the Penwith Futures Book and agreed to thank the Morrab Library for the opportunity and noted that individual parish councillors may choose to contribute an item for the book.</p>	
LPC22.23.334	<p>Agenda items for a future meeting</p> <p>i. Any items deferred from this meeting</p> <p>ii. Review of banking arrangements, to include opening a savings/deposit account – to consider options available and to decide on an appropriate savings/deposit account</p> <p>iii. Maintenance of public rights of way – to consider feedback from the council's contractor and feedback from councillors</p> <p>Councillor Branchett announced his resignation from the parish council, with immediate effect. He thanked his colleagues for their support during his term of office and the Chair led the thanks to Cllr Branchett for all he had contributed to the work of the council.</p>	
	Meeting closed: 7.55pm	Signed by Chair: