Ludgvan Parish Council

Minutes – 29 February 2024

Minutes of the meeting of Ludgvan Parish Council held on Thursday 29 February 2024 at 6.45pm in the Murley Hall, Ludgvan

Councillors present: Cllrs R Mann (Chair), L Brindley, L Miucci, S Miucci, S Oliver.

In attendance: Cornwall Councillors: John Martin. One member of the public.

Officer support: Clerk/RFO

AGENDA NO.	AGENDA ITEMS	
LPC23.24.336	Apologies for absence – were received from Cllrs Cartwright, Mayall, Porter, Payne, Savill.	
LPC23.24.337	Declarations of Interest: None	
LPC23.24.338	To approve written requests for dispensation – None	
LPC23.24.339	Public Speaking	
	An allotment tenant of Church Hill allotments attended to speak in support of keeping the central access path open at the Church Hill allotments site, stating that the path is necessary for access between the upper and lower part of the plot, for deliveries, links between two plots worked by tenants, for access to visit other plot tenants, etc. It was also reported that Griselinia hedging plants had been planted and would likely obstruct the path in future.	
LPC23.24.340	Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 14 February 2024	
	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.	
LPC23.24.341	Planning Applications None	
LPC23.24.342	Cornwall Councillor's reports	
	C.Cllr Andrew George reported on a meeting with Derek Thomas MP, the Head of Transport, Cornwall Council and local representatives, discussing plans to improve traffic at Crowlas and Lower Quarter. The site meeting reviewed the issues previously identified and the traffic improvement plan, the draft of which had previously been considered at a working group with the parish council, and was due to go to public consultation in May.	
	Ideas for further improvements had been discussed at the meeting, including whether it could be possible to introduce a one-way system based on weight of vehicle (for larger vehicles). It was also identified that a single pedestrian sensor would not be sufficient and so a second set would be included in the new scheme.	
	Cllr George also reported on a meeting held earlier today with National Highways representatives — regarding bus shelters and crossing points on the A30 between Newton Roundabout and St Erth. There was a National Highways review of the route underway, and efforts were being made to secure funding for improvements along the route. The next meeting will be held in April — date to be confirmed.	

LPC23.24.342

The Star Inn at Crowlas, potential to apply for listing as an Asset of Community Value

Members considered a request from local residents for the Star Inn to be listed as an Asset of Community Value, to try to retain the building for community benefit.

Resolved – to submit an application to Cornwall Council to list the Star Inn, Crowlas as an Asset of Community Value, and to hold a public meeting to help to kick-start a community-led process.

Councillors agreed to collaborate to help organise the public meeting.

LPC23.24.343

Proposed use of the Community Hall to be built at Morva Reach, Long Rock

It was noted that when meeting recently with the developers for the Community Hall building, it was advised that aspects such as the type of heating to be installed would be better informed if the proposed uses of the hall were known.

Members considered the potential ways that the main hall and the smaller room could be used, noting that the kitchen and toilets were a shared resource for both rooms.

It was agreed at this stage that both halls would be available for hire, to maximise income potential, and that wifi would be essential.

The main hall likely to be used for events, meetings, parties, exercise classes, clubs, etc. The smaller room could be used as a side room for events in the main hall, a meeting room, office use, and smaller events/groups.

LPC23.24.344

Review of the plans for the build of the Community Hall at Morva Reach

Members reviewed the plans for the Community Hall, with the benefit of the advice given at the recent meeting with the developers. Each room was considered in turn and notes were made of the changes that ClIrs wished to see made to the plans, including some external aspects.

The changes to be requested included: additional electrical sockets; a reconfiguration of the internal walls; to extend the kitchen and reduce a storage area; an additional storage area; more natural light for the kitchen; a bin store; a shelter for buggies; a double sink in the kitchen; and electrical points for hand-driers and a defibrillator.

Costings would be requested for elements outside the original plans but which the parish council might opt to invest in at the outset, including: solar panels; underfloor heating.

Resolved – that the requested changes, and additional elements for which costings were requested, would be conveyed to the developers with a request that they review the plans for the hall to accommodate the parish council's wishes.

LPC23.24.345

Future management of the Community Hall, Morva Reach

It was noted that with the building of the housing development underway, the Community Hall would soon be built and handed over to the parish council, and so the council needs to plan for the running of the hall.

Considerations include: how the administration (including bookings) would operate; and practicalities such as key holder/s, cleaning, maintenance.

Resolved – to appoint a Community Hall Working Group at the May meeting of the Council.

LPC23.24.346	Access path through Church Lane Allotments		
	Members considered a request from an allotment tenant for the central access path to be closed off, along with representations from other allotment tenants setting out their reasons for asking that the path should remain open.		
	 Resolved – that The central access path across the Church Hill Allotment site, to remain open When a replacement fence is erected alongside the path, it is to be a maximum height of 1.2 metres, in line with the Allotment Regulations, and must leave a path width which can easily accommodate a wheelbarrow Arrangements to be made to meet the requester tenant on site to agree where the fence posts will be located, and for the council to pay for a number of marking fence posts and their installation. 		
LPC23.24.347	Community Chest Fund application		
	Resolved – to make an application to C.Cllr Martin's Community Chest Fund 2023/24 for £500 towards costs of improvements at the council's allotments (including installation of new fence posts, repair of small gate off Church Hill).		
	Meeting closed: 8.35 pm	Signed by Chair:	