

Lanhydrock Parish Council: Minutes of Meeting held in the Lanhydrock War Memorial Hall at 19:30 on Monday 27th November 2017

Administration

In attendance: Cllr. J.A. Coode (Chairman), Cllr. M. Coad, Cllr. P. Miller, Cllr. W. Ayres, S. Knight (clerk), Cllr. C. Batters (C.C.) and four members of the public, as per the Attendance Register.

Apologies: Cllr. A. Hill

Declarations of Interest: None.

Public Forum

1. Reports:

a. Cornwall Council:

- i. **Electoral Review:** Cllr. Batters expressed his concerns that, under current proposals to reduce the number of Cornwall councillors, the Bodmin Community Network Area will lose its rural specific councillor and rural parishes like Lanhydrock will instead be represented by a councillor who is also responsible for part of Bodmin. Cllr. Batters argued that, under this setup, rural concerns may be neglected, as issues in Bodmin would inevitably take up more of the councillor's time.
- ii. **Respryn Bridge:** Cllr. Batters updated the parish council that the proposed solution to preventing over-sized vehicles crossing Respryn bridge was to install masonry faced concrete build outs incorporating steel beams. He stated that this would be funded from the 2018 Highway budget and the parish council expressed concerns that the design seemed to be a fait accompli, despite their views not yet having been taken into consideration. This was echoed by the members of the public in attendance.

b. Police: No report submitted.

c. Bodmin Community Network (BCN) Meeting: Cllr. Ayres and the clerk reported that, at the BCN meeting they attended on 11.10.2017, Cllr. Edwina Hannaford had announced an intention to empower the Community Network Areas with their own highways budgets, of £50,000 per area. The clerk suggested that it may be useful to begin compiling a list of projects for such a budget and ideas from the floor included flood relief maintenance work on Turfdown Road (by the rugby club), at the entrance to Respryn car park and at the entrance to Lanhydrock House. Cllr. Ayres further reported that the Police and Crime Commissioner for Devon and Cornwall, Alison Hernandez had also addressed the BCN meeting. PCC Hernandez had reassured attendees that she was aware of a vacuum that had been created by several PCSOs leaving their

positions to progress their careers within the police force and that she was currently working on solutions to fill this gap. The final presentation of the meeting was on Bodmin Place Shaping, a project to create an identity for Bodmin and to give the public an opportunity to help shape its development.

- d. **CALC Conference:** The Clerk reported on the CALC Annual Conference that she attended on 14.10.2017, in which the Electoral Boundary Review and empowerment of the Community Network Areas were discussed.

Planning Matters

2. **PA17/09692: National Trust – Visitor Centre**

After discussion, the council agreed they supported the application.

3. **PA17/09706: National Trust – Regional Office**

After discussion, the council agreed they supported the application.

4. **PA17/10347: Treffry Farm Cottages**

After discussion, the council agreed they supported the application.

5. **Any planning applications received after publication of the agenda:** None.

6. **Planning Conference:** Cllr. Ayres informed the parish council of her intention to attend the Cornwall Council Planning Conference and workshops on 28.11.2017.

Parish Matters

7. **Superfast Broadband:** Cllr. Coad and Cllr Ayres informed the council that the works to bring Superfast Broadband to Lanhydrock were now complete and, following testing of the lines, the new service should be available before Christmas. A. Williams suggested including an article in the next parish newsletter to check that there was nobody within the parish who had been left out of the upgrade.

8. **Respryn Bridge:** The proposed concrete build outs were discussed and the clerk was asked to respond to CORMAC Solutions Ltd with the parish council's support, but highlighting concerns raised by local residents that: - i. The signage leading up to the bridge needs to be improved and ideally needs to warn of the width restriction on the bridge rather than just the weight restriction.

- ii. On the Lanhydrock side, it needs to be ensured that vehicles don't use the 'pull in' space behind the build outs as a parking space.
 - iii. On the St Winnow side, there needs to be a turning space for any vehicles that accidentally drive down to the bridge.
- 9. **Local Devolution Fund:** Cllr. Ayres updated the council that the spring bulbs paid for by the Local Devolution Fund had now been planted and that she had produced a rough draft of a tourism leaflet for Lanhydrock, also to be paid for by the Local Devolution Fund. She informed the council that each of the parishes in the Bodmin Community Network Area were producing their own leaflets, using an agreed format of a map on the inner pages and descriptions of local attractions on the outside. Cllr. Ayres asked for attendees thoughts on her first draft, which included Lanhydrock House, the Golf Club, St Hydroc's Church and Redmoor Nature Reserve. P Holden suggested also including the cricket club and Prindl Pottery.
- 10. **Parish Newsletter:** Cllr. Ayres informed the council that a replacement had been found for Jennie Mursell as editor of the newsletter and suggested that the council present her with some flowers as a token of appreciation for all her hard work. Cllr. Coad agreed to purchase the flowers and the clerk agreed to write an accompanying letter on behalf of the council.
- 11. **Clean Cornwall Week:** A. Williams asked the council for its preferred date for a parish litter pick. After discussion, Tuesday 13th March was agreed upon.
- 12. **Cornwall Council support in planning matters:** A. Williams raised concerns that Lanhydrock Parish Council was lacking support from its Cornwall Councillor in planning matters because the councillor's position on Cornwall Council's Planning Committee created the potential for a conflict of interest, making it necessary for him to absent himself from such discussions. The council agreed to discuss the matter in closed session.
- 13. **Agenda Items for next meeting:** None.

Public Forum Closed

Regular Business

14. The following minutes were approved:

- a. 25.09.2017

15. Matters Arising:

- a. Percy's Lane fingerpost: The clerk informed the council that she had asked CORMAC for an update on the repair of the fingerpost on Percy's Lane and had been advised that, as Cornwall Council's sign maintenance budget was limited, the council should seek alternative sources of funding for the work, such as an Old Cornwall Society. The council requested that the clerk obtain a quote for the repair, to be considered at the next meeting.
- b. Gully and Rural Maintenance: Following concerns that Lanhydrock's road were lacking maintenance, the clerk showed the council maps depicting the annual maintenance schedules carried out by Cormac. She explained that any additional work beyond this would need to be justified as presenting a danger to either life or property.

Correspondence

16. Correspondence received and dispatched since the last Meeting:

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

Date	Sender	Regarding	Response
27.09.17	M Gorman	Highway maintenance concerns and traffic queueing to enter car boot sale causing a hazard on Turfdown Road	A. Williams informed the council that he was aware of issues with traffic queueing onto Turfdown Road at the car boot sale and that staff would be arriving on site earlier, to prevent traffic buildups.

CORRESPONDENCE DISPATCHED:

Date	Addressee	Regarding
08.11.17	L & M Auction House	Signage left on the roadside
09.11.17	Cormac Solutions Ltd	Purchase Order for Lanhydrock Nameplates

Finance

17. **Report to Date:** The Clerk provided the latest bank reconciliation, which showed outstanding payments of £1864.39 and a balance of £4306.71.

- 18. Precept 2018/19:** Having calculated the estimated council expenditure for the forthcoming year, the clerk recommended that the precept should remain unchanged at the current level of £2,800. This was agreed by the council.

19. Payments due:

Recipient	Cheque No.	Reason for payment	Amount
CALC	100268	Clerk attendance at CALC Conference 2017	£12.00
Cornwall Council	100269	May Election Recharges	£222.38
Cornwall Council	100270	Cllr. Ayres attendance at Cornwall Council Planning Conference	£12.00
Treffry Farms	100271	Reimbursement for purchase of spring bulbs for Local Devolution Fund project.	£120.00

Governance

- 20.** The Clerk informed the council that, should it be necessary to appoint a new internal auditor, CALC had provided a recommendation. The Clerk was requested to add this item to the agenda of the next meeting.

- 21. Date of next meeting:** Monday 29th January 2018.

Public and Press excluded.

Signed and Accepted as a correct record

Chairman

Date:

Closed Session

15. The following payments were authorised:

Recipient	Cheque No.	Reason for payment	Amount
S Knight	100266	Clerk Salary + Expenses	£xxx
HMRC	100267	PAYE tax on Clerk Salary	£xxx

16. The Council discussed concerns that their Cornwall Councillor was not able to provide the support expected on planning matters because his position on Cornwall Council's Planning Committee led him to absent himself from such discussions. The council asked the Clerk to request advice from CALC, regarding the role of their Cornwall Councillor and how, if there was a conflict with his duties on the Planning Committee, this could be resolved.

Meeting Closed at: 21:26

Signed and Accepted as a correct record



Chairman

Date: 29.01.2019