

LANREATH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date of Meeting

21 January 2025 commencing 18.30

Present

Cllr Peter Bartram, Cllr Sandie Christiansen, Cllr John Gundry, Cllr David Heard – Vice-Chairman, Cllr Shelley Honeyman, Cllr Peter Seaman – Chairman, Cllr Stephanie Vickery, Mrs R Warren - Clerk

Members of the public.

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

1. Apologies

Cllr Sue Cave

2. Members of the Public are invited to address the Council

A Parishioner expressed the concerns of Grylls Park residents regarding possible double yellow lines along the estate roads. Chairman responded that at this stage the Councillors are investigating the mechanisms of and funding for any such scheme, and there is no definite plan. In response to a question, he advised that this had arisen following a report of inconsiderate parking causing problems for vehicles getting through – which would be a problem for emergency vehicles in particular. This also may apply to other places in the village, not just Grylls Park.

Members of the public disputed that there was ever a serious problem at Grylls Park, and expressed surprise that such a report had been made. It was stated that generally parking is considerate, and ambulances are able to gain access – as has been the case on a number of occasions recently.

A Parishioner expressed his view that if double yellow lines were imposed then there would be an even worse problem, and some properties would find access blocked by cars not being able to park legally elsewhere.

After further discussion, Chairman confirmed that there is no Parish Council plan to implement double yellow lines anywhere in the Parish. Before any decision could be made on a proposal for parking restrictions, there would be full engagement and consultation with the Community, source of funding would have to be identified, and Councillors would debate the subject in a full meeting – which members of the public could attend.

Later in the meeting PCSO Cocks and his colleague Tri-Services Safety Officer Kate Bourn addressed the meeting.

PCSO Cocks advised that in the period 1 to 31 December 2024 there had been one report of criminal damage which was under investigation awaiting CCTV images. He stated that in January there had been an incident of theft of 27 sheep from a farm in the area and that a warning message had been sent out via the Devon and Cornwall Police alert scheme – which he urged everyone to sign up to. Upon being questioned regarding security measures, he suggested that access gates be chained and padlocked. If members of the public see anything suspicious regarding theft of livestock, then immediately phone 999.

Councillors asked about the change in the speed limit into Pelynt – 60 mph, to 40 mph, and then 30 mph in a short distance. PCSO Cocks said that the 40 mph had been added as it gave motorists more notice and time to slow down before entering the village.

Officer Bourn explained her role in the community working as Fire, Police, and Ambulance contact, trained for low level incidents, such as fire hazards, missing persons, or medical emergencies. She can get to incidents quickly, and may be first to attend on some occasions. Members of the public can make reports of non-emergency matters via the dedicated phone line 101, or by going online to:

<https://www.safelincs.co.uk/hfsc/>

3. Disclosure of Interests – None.

4. To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 19 November, and 10 December 2024

Cllr Honeyman proposed that the minutes be approved. Seconded and agreed. Chairman signed the minutes.

5. County Councillor's Report

Cty Cllr Colin Martin addressed the meeting and confirmed that he will not be standing for re-election in May as, due to a change in his personal circumstances, he would no longer be residing in Cornwall. He will continue in his role until then.

He gave details of what matters had been discussed at the Cornwall Council meeting today, regarding the Government's Devolution proposals, which could lead to Cornwall becoming part of a two-county division under an elected mayor with Devon. Cornwall County Councillors and MPs will be lobbying the Government in this regard, as it would, in his opinion, be detrimental to the interest of the population of Cornwall. Central Government funding for the regions is generally spent in places of high-density population with low Council Tax – meaning Cornwall could miss out on much needed financial assistance.

There were protests at County Hall today from parents of children with special educational needs. There is a massive shortfall of funding in Cornwall for those requiring education outside the mainstream.

A Climate Change Emergency Plan document has been approved by Cornwall Council and will become part of local planning policy. A Climate Commission has been set up for Cornwall to identify how the county can reach its Net Zero target by 2030.

Government has issued a new planning policy under which the new housing target for Cornwall has doubled. This means finding additional land suitable for new homes, as there is insufficient in the current 5-year supply.

The Council Tax surcharge on second homes will bring some much need additional funding into the county after April. Rented out holiday homes will have to be registered – although full details of what this will be are currently awaited from Central Government.

There followed some discussion regarding the shortfall that Cornwall Council is facing and how this is being addressed – Community Infrastructure Levy, second home Council Tax premium, and hopefully some Government support for vulnerable children to enable them to remain in mainstream schools.

After answering Councillors questions, Cty Cllr Martin left the meeting.

6. Matters Arising

- **Unauthorised building in the Parish – EN23/00589 update**
 The Chairman advised the meeting that he last checked on 13 January and the Planning Inspectorate had not as yet processed a decision regarding the validity of the appeal that was lodged in October. He will keep this under review and report to the next meeting.
- **PA24/04905 – progress report**
 Chairman reported that as of today the application is still awaiting a decision. After discussion Councillors felt it best to just keep this under review rather than seek information as to progress from the Planning Officer.
- **Cost of removal of brambles from Community Garden**
 Clerk reported that she had yet to receive a response from Dunn & Dusted, despite numerous email reminders sent to him. Chairman proposed that the Clerk send one more email to Dunn & Dusted stating if there was no response to her request then Lanreath Parish Council would put all grass cutting, path clearing work etc out to tender. Seconded and agreed. Clerk so tasked.
- **Repainting of the defibrillator box at the Millennium Building**
 Chairman reported that he had obtained the necessary paint but that it would require warmer, dryer weather, for application. Also, a new AED Defibrillator 3D Projecting sign needs to be placed on the Millennium Building, which he proposed he obtain for £5.94 including VAT and delivery. Seconded, and agreed. Chairman so tasked.
- **Possible double yellow lines Grylls Park**
 Vice-Chairman reported that there was no funding for such works from South East Cornwall Community Area Partnership (SECCAP), nor any indication of when or from where funding would be available. In the light of the previous discussion the Chairman proposed that evidence be gathered from the Community as to what if any access problems are being caused by inconsiderate parking in the village. Details with fullest possible information (date, time, place, and photos if possible) should be submitted to Councillors or the Clerk via the Parish website. Seconded, and agreed unanimously. Clerk tasked with maintaining a record of reported incidents for future consideration.
- **Central Digital and Data Office Domain Helper Service**
 Clerk reported that she had obtained the link to access the service and would be engaging in an online event before the February Parish Council meeting. She will report further at the next meeting.
- **Precept** – submitted by the Clerk and acknowledged 23 November 2024
- **Bury Lane debris**
 Clerk has emailed Cornwall Highways, and is yet to receive a response. She will report the matter online via <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/transport-parking-and-streets/roads-highways-and-pavements/report-a-problem-with-a-road-or-pavement/> the Cornwall Council service which is accessible to members of the public who have concerns about road conditions. Parishioners could make use of this direct service, as it may result in a faster response from Highways, rather than the circuitous route of reporting to the Clerk or Councillors.

- **Village Toilet**
In her Asset Report, circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting, Cllr Honeyman had been pleased to report that the Public Toilet was clean and tidy and there was a great improvement.
- **Implementation of 20mph limits in Lanreath and other Parishes in Cornwall**
Clerk reported that the wording of the Parish Council response to the consultation request, agreed at the December extraordinary meeting, had been submitted online on 11 December. Chairman advised the meeting that the consultation period had now ended but that the results were not due to be published until 20 June 2025. Vice-Chairman said that there was nothing further to report following the December SECCAP meeting. To be reviewed at the next Parish Council meeting.
- **Government consultation on remote meetings and proxy voting**
It was confirmed that the Clerk had submitted online the comments as agreed at the December extraordinary meeting.
- **Botelet Farm woodland creation**
Chairman had responded to this on 20 November.

7. Correspondence – All correspondence received via email unless otherwise indicated, all circulated by the Clerk, or Chairman, to Councillors.

Cornwall Council

- Town and Parish Councils Newsletter – 10 December
- Slides from Cornwall Council Finance Briefing 7 November – 11 November
- Affordable Housing Newsletter November 2024 – 12 November
- Agenda for Strategic Planning Committee 21 November – 12 November
- Christmas waste collections – 20 November
- Committee updates to the agenda for Strategic Planning Meeting 21 Nov – 20 November
- Committee updates to the agenda for East Sub-Area Planning Committee 25 Nov – 22 November
- Invitation to Cornwall Council budget stakeholder online event 12 Dec – 21 November
- Local Maintenance Partnership 2025-26 – 22 November
- Minutes for East Sub-Area Planning Committee meeting 25 November – 26 November
- Clean Cornwall newsletter – 27 November
- Revised Town & Parish Elections May 2025 – Recharge Estimates – 25 November
- Have your say on nature recovery in Cornwall – 2 December
- Amber weather warning for Cornwall – 7 December
- Minutes for Strategic Planning Committee meeting 21 November – 7 December
- Cancellation of meeting 23 December East Sub-Area Planning Committee – 7 December
- Agenda for Strategic Planning Committee meeting 19 Dec – 10 December
- Cornwall Council Car Parks – 12 December
- Committee updates Strategic Planning Committee meeting 19 December – 18 December
- Notification of meeting cancelled Strategic Planning Meeting 23 January 2025 – 24 December

- Positive Planning training event 29 Jan – 8 January
- Off Street Parking Order 2025 – 10 January
- CAP various 15 November 2024 to 10 January 2025

Other correspondence – any correspondence of community interest has been uploaded to the Parish website/linked to Facebook by Chairman and Cllr Gundry

- Rural Bulletins and Funding Digests: 13, 20, 26 November, 5, 18 December, 7, 8 January
- Police and Crime Commissioner’s correspondence: 18, 22, 25 November, 5, 10, 24 December, 1, 6, 7 January
- CALC/NALC correspondence, various: 15, 19 November, 12, 19 December
- NHS Cornwall and Isles of Scilly – 7, 12 December, 9 January
- Message regarding Newquay Airport -13 November
- The People’s Food and Farming Alliance -16 November
- Cornwall Tourism Summit 2025 – 19 November
- Indicative bid to buy 25 Cornwall Council car parks – 9 December
- Bell Geospace survey notification – 11 December
- Forest for Cornwall Winter Newsletter – 13 December
- Cornwall National Landscape January Newsletter – 10 January
- Correspondence Chairman, Parishioner, and Chair of Lanreath Village Hall regarding car parking – 27 November to 5 December
- Handrail quote K Libby – 9 January

8. Community Garden access

Chairman referred to an email received from the landowner dated 9 January which had been circulated to Councillors. The landowner and their family felt that if the permission for handrails was to be given, then it was not unreasonable to request that after many years the wall between the Old School House and the Community Garden should be reinstated. They further required that if at any time in the future they wished to have the handrail removed, then it should be done so by the Parish Council and the access returned to its former state.

Chairman referred the meeting to a letter dated 2 June 2019 from the landowner’s predecessor agreeing to the installation of a fence across the gap in the wall to prevent access by the Old School House directly onto the Community Garden. The fence was subsequently installed by the Parish Council, partially funded by the then landowner.

Chairman proposed that the Parish Council are not in a position to undertake or negotiate the closing of the gap in the boundary wall, where the fence which remains in situ as per the landowner’s request. Chairman additionally proposed that the Parish Council should agree to the request to remove the handrail if the landowner required it in the future. Vice-Chairman stated that any such request should be reasonable, and in writing.

Cllr Christiansen seconded the proposals, and all agreed. Clerk to write to Ms Parry in suitable terms.

Regarding the handrails, Chairman proposed that when the landowner responds, and permission is granted, Mr Libby should be authorised to proceed as per their quote of £286 plus VAT, as it is well below the upper limit authorised by Councillors at the November meeting. Seconded and agreed.

9. Flooding on B3359 bottom of Rattlestreets, near entrance to Trequers, and by South Park

Clerk had received a complaint from a concerned Parishioner about ongoing problems on this section of road, and it becoming a danger to users. Chairman reminded the meeting that this had previously been reported to Cornwall Highways, and it was confirmed in July 2024 that works had been carried out as part of the annual Primary Route Maintenance, cleansing the drainage. It was stated then that no further work would be carried out. This clearly has not resolved the issue. Clerk referred the meeting to the earlier discussion regarding the reporting of matters of concern regarding roads online to Cornwall Council. This is a direct method for Parishioners to report problems that will then be addressed by the Highways team. Unfortunately, it is very slow getting a response to emails sent to the Highways and Environment Manager, Will Glassup. Councillors agreed that such reports should be made by Parishioners via the online reporting system, as that should speed up the process of dealing with the problem.

10. Cornwall Scrapstore appeal

Chairman reported that in their email dated 9 January they were seeking:

1. Financial support: a donation or grant to assist in covering operational costs, purchasing materials, or maintaining their premises.
2. Raising Awareness: helping them to promote their organisation to local residents, schools, and community groups.
3. Materials donations: they welcome donations of unused or surplus materials.

Chairman proposed that publication of Scrapstore's flyer on the Environmental page of the Parish website would address 2, and 3, but there was no line item in the Parish Council budget for donations or other financial support. Seconded and agreed.

11. Cybercrime awareness talks

This item had been added to the Agenda following receipt of an email from Devon and Cornwall Police's Cyber Protection officers, who are available to deliver face-to-face Cyber Crime awareness talks to businesses, community groups, Parish and Town Councils anywhere in Devon or Cornwall. Their presentations are designed to increase public awareness of Cyber Crime and reduce the chances of becoming a victim. Chairman proposed that Clerk enquire as to officers' availability, with a view to holding a public event. Seconded and agreed. Clerk so tasked.

12. Telecommunications Resilience Planning – community level planning workshop

Chairman outlined that this concerns the impact of power outages following the transition of landline telephone services to Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) on both landline and cell phone networks. Chairman reported that he had contacted the National Grid for details as to how the power distribution system operates in Lanreath Parish, and, most importantly, whether there is a possibility of a 'single point failure' in the system that could impact all homes, businesses, and cell towers in the Parish.

National Grid responded with links to the availability of battery back-up systems for home hubs. They also advised that they generally restore power to approximately 90% of customers within the first hour following a High Voltage fault. The repair is then conducted allowing them to restore power to the remaining customers within a few hours. The Guaranteed Standard set by the regulator OFGEM for such an occurrence in normal weather conditions is 12 hours. The 12-hour period is sometimes extended by the regulator

if, for example, an exceptional named storm event has nationwide consequences. Unplanned interruptions affecting Low Voltage networks are very localised and not capable of affecting a whole Parish or the cellular network.

Chairman had endeavoured to ascertain where the cell phone masts for Lanreath Parish are located, and the providers, but there is no map or registry. Vice-Chairman proposed that no further research into this topic be carried out. Chairman seconded, and all agreed.

13. Training events

Clerk reported that she hoped to attend three courses offered by CALC, all online, at a cost of £35 plus VAT each. Cllr Vickery also sought approval to attend a number of CALC courses – for which she was willing to make a contribution. Chairman proposed that in view of the expected surplus at the end of the Financial Year, and there being funds in hand in the line item for training, that the Clerk’s and Cllr Vickery’s requests be approved. It was suggested that the notes from each course, and perhaps a short report should be circulated to all Councillors, and on this basis, the proposal was seconded and all agreed.

14. Marazion Town Council – request for motion of no confidence in Cornwall Council’s planning and enforcement department

Chairman reminded the meeting that this was regarding an email received 10 December. After some discussion he proposed that Lanreath Parish Council would not accede to the request to support a motion of no confidence, seconded, and on a majority, agreed.

15. Duplication error in agenda of item 12 above.

16. Councillor Elections

Chairman invited the meeting to consider how best to advertise and encourage new candidates to come forward, given that Lanreath Parish Council currently has 2 existing vacancies. Details of the Parish Council elections have already been posted on the Parish Notice Board web page. Cllr Vickery suggested a poster for display on the Village Hall notice board, and perhaps elsewhere in the Parish – such as the Shop Notice Board. Cllr Gundry stated that he would be willing to put posts on Facebook, and to review these regularly to ensure that they remained in view, rather than slipping down the timeline. Chairman proposed that the suggestions of Cllrs Vickery and Gundry be approved, and that in addition a document outlining the role of a Parish Councillor and a timetable of the forthcoming election be uploaded to the Parish Website. Seconded and all agreed. Chairman will upload the document and a timetable of key events as below:

Event	Date
Notices of Election published	Friday 14 March 2025
Deadline for delivery of nomination papers	4:00 pm Wednesday 2 April 2025
Deadline to register to vote (if you're not already registered)	Friday 11 April 2025

Event	Date
Deadline to apply to vote by post	5:00 pm Monday 14 April 2025
Deadline to apply for Voter Authority Certificate	5:00 pm Wednesday 23 April 2025
Deadline to apply to vote by proxy	5:00 pm Wednesday 23 April 2025
Polling day (7:00am to 10:00pm)	Thursday 1 May 2025

Clerk confirmed that before the deadline for delivery of nominations she would receive blank nomination papers for distribution to anyone interested in standing as a Councillor.

17. Transition considerations – new Chairman May 2025

Chairman informed the meeting that he would not be standing for re-election to the Lanreath Parish Council in May, and the new Council would need to elect a Chair on its first meeting in May. This meeting is required to be held on, or within 14 days after, the day the Councillors take office (i.e., the fourth day after the election). This will be sometime between the 5 and 19 May. Even though Chairman will at that stage no longer be a Councillor, he will be required to Chair that meeting until the new Chair is voted into office. Whilst not having a vote in the process, he would have a casting vote in the event of deadlock. Chairman indicated that he would ensure that he prepared 'handover notes' for the incoming Chair, as well as passing over to them the Chair's email account, and emails, passwords etc.

Councillors expressed their thanks to the Chairman for his diligent approach to, and thorough grasp of issues raised during his tenure, and that he had set a high standard for the next Chair to follow.

18. Asset Inspection Report

Cllr Honeyman's report and photographs had been circulated, and she took the meeting through her findings. There were two Christmas trees on the Millennium Green which required disposal – she will endeavour to arrange this. There is a bench on the playing area at Carlyon Close which must have been placed there by a resident. She will have a closer inspection, as if it is unsafe it will have to be removed. She will attend to the removal of the unauthorised sign regarding dogs' use of a field in the village.

The blocked drain opposite "Trees" is a possible flooding risk – Cllr Honeyman will report this to Cornwall Highways online, as suggested previously.

Cllr Bartram asked what the situation was regarding the clock. Chairman responded that a Parishioner is endeavouring to get a new movement for it.

19. Village Hall Report

Cllr Vickery said that there was nothing new to report. The Village Hall is continuing its efforts to raise funds to continue with the refurbishments following the roof repair. There

are a number of events coming up. Cllr Christiansen asked if they had been able to source a shipping container for extra storage – as some users of the Hall were concerned about lack of space. Cllr Vickery said that she did not know, but would enquire at the next Village Hall Management Committee meeting.

20. Community Area Partnership Report

Vice-Chairman confirmed that he had attended an online meeting on 3 December, and the action notes from that had been circulated to all Councillors. He had nothing to add.

21. Climate change

Cllr Cave had advised the Chairman that she had received a house visit from Community Energy Plus (CEP) and found it very useful. They provided a report on their findings. It is not clear whether they will be charging for such visits in the future. Cllr Cave has asked for clarification regarding this and is awaiting a response. CEP have said that they would be happy to attend a Lanreath Parish Council meeting. One of their principals is an environmentalist of many years standing, and may be prepared to answer questions/queries regarding climate issues.

22. Banking Report – prepared by the Clerk

Chairman thanked the Clerk for her report and proposed a motion to support her recommendation to remain with Lloyds Banking group. Cllr Gundry seconded, all agreed.

23. Financial Report

The Clerk's report as set out on the agenda was considered, and the Chairman took the meeting through a brief review of the year-to-date figures – which confirm that there will be a surplus at the end of the year. Chairman proposed approval of the Clerk's request for authority for payments and inter-account transfer, seconded by Cllr Honeyman, all agreed.

24. Parish Problems

Clerk reported that a Parishioner had emailed her regarding the lack of a road sign at Merley Road. Councillors were unaware that this had a name other than St Marnarch's. Clerk will investigate with Cornwall Council and report back to the Councillors and the Parishioner before the next meeting.

25. Any Other Business - none

26. Public Participation

Member of the Public stated that in his opinion the implementation of double yellow lines on Grylls Park would worsen the current parking situation. Councillors thanked him for his attendance until the end of the meeting.

27. Date and time of next meeting

Tuesday 18 February 2025 at 6.30 pm. Meeting closed at 8.43 pm.