

LANREATH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date of Meeting

18 March 2025 commencing 18.30

Present

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

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

1. Apologies

Cllr John Gundry

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

PCSO Cocks had emailed:

“Please accept my apologies for my non-attendance at this month’s Parish Council meeting.

From 01/02/25-28/02/25 I am pleased to report that there were no crimes but please remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity straight away.

I have twice reported with photographic evidence the continual flooding on the B3359 near Bocaddon and have noticed Highways in attendance emptying the drain.

Numerous patrols have been conducted around the Parish and all was found to be in order.

If there are any questions or matters arising for my attention, then please contact me in the usual manner.”

3. Disclosure of Interests – None.

4. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 18 February 2025

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

5. County Councillor’s Report – None.

6. Matters Arising

- **PA24/04905 – progress report**

Chairman reported that as of today the application is still awaiting a decision. He noted that an agronomist’s report had been added to the list of Planning Documents on 25 January. The report concludes that the proposed reorientation of the football pitch would meet 3 of 8 of Sport England’s Performance Quality Standards, namely Ground Cover, Sward Height, and pH. The report also concluded that the cost of (the realigned) sports pitch construction in line with the soil characteristics, topography of the site, and carrying capacity is anticipated to be in the region of £194,802 (inclusive of VAT).

After discussion as to the relative merits of leaving the application process to run its course as opposed to seeking the Planning Officer’s explanation for the delay, Cllr

Honeyman proposed that no further action be taken by Lanreath Parish Council at this stage. Seconded by Vice-Chairman, and unanimously agreed.

- **Cost of removal of brambles from Community Garden**
Contractor is yet to commence the work and Clerk will chase.
- **Central Digital and Data Office Domain Helper Service**
Clerk reported that she will attend an online course on 31 March and will report thereafter.
- **Bury Down Lane Debris**
Clerk reported that there has been a submission online reporting debris flooding down onto the main road. Unsure as to whether works have been carried out as yet. To be kept under review.
- **Community Garden Access**
Chairman confirmed that the landowner had given permission and Clerk reported that she had instructed the contractor, who had yet to commence works. Clerk tasked with chasing the contractor up.
- **Flooding on the B3359**
This has been reported to Cornwall Council and as per PCSO Cocks' email appears to have been acted upon.
- **Cybercrime Awareness talks**
Clerk has obtained availability of speakers and Village Hall availability. Councillors considered whether a talk should be organised and publicised by the Parish Council, or an approach be made to a Parish Group to take this up. Upon it being proposed that that the WI be approached with details, and seconded, Councillors all agreed. Chairman tasked with raising the matter with the President of the WI.
- **EN23/00589**
Chairman confirmed that he had submitted comments, regarding the appeal, on line as resolved at the February meeting.
- **Councillor Elections – posters, election packs**
As resolved at the February meeting, Chairman reported that the poster and Election Notice had both been posted on the Village Notice Board and the Parish Website. Election packs have been left at the Shop for use by members of the community intending to stand for election. Chairman reminded the meeting that the Election Notice advises that Nomination papers for the Lanreath Parish must be delivered in person/by hand as follows: to Cornwall Council, Room 46, Luxstowe House, Greenbank Road, Liskeard, PL14 3DZ on 17 - 21 March, 24 - 28 March, 31 March and 1 April between the hours of 9am - 1pm and 2pm - 5pm and Saturday 22 and 29 March between the hours of 9am - 1pm, and all parishes to Cornwall Council, County Hall, Truro TR1 3AY on Wednesday 2 April between the hours of 9am - 1pm and 2pm - 4pm. Chairman proposed that additional information be promulgated regarding how potential nominees may obtain an 'election pack'. Seconded by Vice-Chairman and all agreed. Chairman so tasked.

There followed a brief discussion as to the means of delivery of the completed applications, Clerk to ascertain whether multiple packs can be delivered by a third party on behalf of applicants, and will report direct to Councillors this week.

- **Request to Neighbourhood Team at Cornwall Council Planning re: Lanreath Neighbourhood Plan**

Following the Clerk's enquiry, a somewhat disappointing email response from the Neighbourhood Team had been circulated. Councillors discussed the advisability of taking on the revision of the Lanreath Neighbourhood Plan before the Cornwall Local Plan had been finalised. Chairman proposed that Lanreath Parish Council should hold fire on any work to re-write the Neighbourhood Plan until such time as Cornwall Council publish their plan. Seconded by Cllr Bartram and all agreed.

- **Broken Guttering at the Millennium Building**

Chairman reported that he plans to attend to this before the next meeting.

- **New energy supplier British Gas**

Clerk confirmed that the new contract was in place to commence when the current contract with EDF ends on 21 April.

- **Merley Road**

Chairman reported that the Parishioner who had raised the issue, having considered the information regarding the process to obtain a road name and signage, had decided not to pursue this further.

- **Millennium Green hedge**

Clerk has instructed the contractor, and chased them up, but so far, the work has not been completed. Clerk to remind the contractor that the work is outstanding.

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

Cornwall Council

- Weekly planning lists
- Town and Parish Councils Newsletter – 14 February
- Infra23-213-LL Countywide 20mph Speed Limits – Phase 3 Liskeard & Looe – 11 February
- Supplement: Committee updates to the agenda for Strategic Planning Committee, Thursday, 13 February, 2025 – 12 February
- Candidate and Agent Briefing 12 March 2025 – 28 February
- Meeting cancelled – 17/03/2025 East Sub-Area Planning Committee – 28 February
- Cornwall Council Supplier Newsletter re: The Procurement Act 2023 – 28 February
- CAP various: 13 and 28 February, 3 March 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: 11 and 18 February, 3 and 4 March
- Police and Crime Commissioner's correspondence: 9 and 11 February, 3, 4, 7 March
- Buzz pay roll out throughout Cornwall – 13 February
- Keep Britain Tidy Great British Spring Clean – 14 February

- Correspondence with Parish Webmaster - 25 February
- Village Hall enquiry – 26 February
- Raise the flag for VE Day, Royal British Legion marketing – 26 February. Chairman reported that a Flag of Peace can be purchased for £30 inc VAT. This could be displayed on the Millennium Green flag pole. Cllr Honeyman proposed that the Parish Council purchase the flag, seconded and all agreed.
- Go Compare Flooding Advice – 28 February. Chairman reported that this had been received via the ‘contact us’ website facility. As it had been prepared by a commercial organisation, and there is a lot of information online from Government agencies, no further action was taken.
- NHS Cornwall Together – 5 March
- Richardson Funeral Directors, Looe – bequest to Lanreath Amenities – request for information – 6 March
- Play Safely notification of inspection – 18 February
- Lanreath Village Hall, March bookings – 3 March
- Correspondence with Parishioner re: EN23/00589 – 18 February

8. Planning – PA25/00188 erection of 30 lodges (including replacement of 13 existing caravans) for eleven-month occupation. Construction of fishing lake play area. Formation of nature trail. Installation of sewage treatment plant and outline application for the erection of a recreational centre without compliance with Condition 2 of decision notice 88/01366/F dated 17.11.1988. Consultee comments required by 19 March.

Chairman had prepared detailed notes regarding this matter, which he displayed for the meeting and talked through. He had aerial photographs of the site the subject of the application, previous planning location plans, designs, and updated designs for the lodges. He took the meeting through the planning history for the site and confirmed that In November 1988 planning had been approved for a development of 30 lodges at the site, but only 6 had been installed. The current application is for permission to alter the layout, it does not seek to add to the number of lodges.

Councillors considered the application, and there was a brief discussion regarding the much changed, and some felt, less desirable appearance of the new lodges. There was a question raised as to why Lanreath Parish Council was a consultee on the application, when the site lies outside the Parish. Chairman explained that the site lies on the boundary of four different Parish Councils, and so the Planning Officer had asked for consultee comments as Lanreath is one of those Parish Councils.

The site is in a valley and cannot be seen, and although the road into it is narrow Highways have not raised any objections. Cllr Cave proposed that Lanreath Parish Council submits a “No Objection” comment, Chairman seconded, and all agreed. Clerk tasked with submitting the comment online.

9. Planning – PA24/00007/NDP Pelynt Neighbourhood Development Plan

Chairman did not take the meeting through the entirety of this lengthy document but reported that on his reading of it, it appeared to be well thought through, takes into consideration local opinion, and has been competently and comprehensively drafted. The public comments submitted are all supportive. As there is no adverse impact on Lanreath Parish from the Policies of this NDP – other than the potential for an increase in traffic on the B3359 from further development within Pelynt Parish, he proposed that Lanreath Parish Council comment that it has ‘No Objection’. Seconded by Cllr Bartram.

Clerk tasked with submitting consultee comment online.

10. Redruth Town Council Motion regarding proportioning of second home council tax premiums

Clerk had received and circulated a letter from Redruth Town Council dated 10 February 2025 as follows:

'Sent on behalf of Redruth Town Council for consideration by all Town and Parish Councils in Cornwall.

Below is a motion which was put forward by Cllr Katie Grasso and which Council resolved to send to all Town and Parish Councils in Cornwall, and to Cornwall Council at our last Full Council meeting held on 27 January 2025.

After studying the recent tax base figures for the new second home council tax premiums, we propose that Cornwall Council consider a much fairer way of proportioning the proceeds, so that all areas have equal benefit reflected in their precepts, and not those only with busy tourist locations or wealthier areas which have a much higher rate of second home ownership. Poorer areas should receive similar amounts to those wealthier locations, where the need is often greater, and this would benefit the county as a whole.

Looking at second home council tax in general, Cornwall Council should ring fence this money solely for providing housing, reparation works to current council housing and those currently empty due to repair status, and potential CPO for properties empty in towns/villages that could provide much needed accommodation, as well as helping areas improve.

Like when the second home council tax rate 50% deduction was removed to support local housing, the second home premium was introduced as part of the levelling up strategy, in response to the housing crisis and need for additional social and local support. This is similar to the way in which the CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) is distributed.'

Councillors discussed the terms of the motion, and the impact of second home owners in Cornwall, benefits and burdens. Chairman proposed that as the motion would provide for a more equitable distribution of the additional revenue, then Lanreath Parish Council should support it, and notify Redruth Town Council and Cornwall Council accordingly. Cllr Christiansen seconded, and agreed. Clerk tasked with actioning the resolution.

11. BT Phone Box Removal Consultation (Herodsfoot) – engagement with Town and Parish Councils – consultation period ends 21 April.

Chairman took the meeting through the information sent with the notice from BT. There is patchy mobile reception in Herodsfoot but the BT statistics show minimal use of the Public Phone Box – only twice in the last year. BT intend to remove the telephony equipment and leave the box. The box can be adopted (at a cost of £1 initially) and if not adopted will just be left secured by BT.

Councillors discussed how to proceed and it was felt that there needed to be engagement with the community at Herodsfoot. Chairman proposed that, at his suggestion, Vice-Chairman approach his Herodsfoot contacts and seek feedback. Cllr Bartram seconded and all agreed. It was so resolved. Vice-Chairman to report to the next meeting so that comments can be submitted before the consultation period ends on 21 April.

12. Asset Inspection Report

Cllr Honeyman presented a comprehensive report supported by photographs from around Lanreath Village. A matter of concern is the amount of invasive bamboo that appears to be regrowing at the Community Garden, which needs to be kept under control. Cllr Honeyman had removed a large amount of dead willow from the centre of the Community Garden.

A query was raised as to whether properties in the Conservation Area of the Village could be repainted in bright colours. As this was not a specific agenda item, Chairman suggested that he do some research after the meeting and it be reported to Councillors at the April meeting.

A Parishioner had approached Cllr Honeyman seeking permission to expose and renovate the Village Pump in the wall bordering the properties at Rectory Gardens. Clerk advised that this requires a specific agenda item to be discussed, but it can be included in the next meeting agenda. In the interim Chairman and Clerk will endeavour to ascertain from the Parish Council archives who owns the pump.

Cllr Bartram asked when the clock would be returned to the Millennium Building – Chairman will make enquiries.

13. Village Hall Report

Cllr Vickery was able to report that Car Boot sales will be taking place in the Hall car park, and the next one is scheduled for 27 April. It is hoped that it will be a regular event. When asked about the progress regarding decorative works required at the Hall, Cllr Vickery said that they are seeking volunteers to carry this out. Lanreath WI have donated paint for the woodwork and for the new doors which are due to be fitted to the main part of the Hall.

14. Community Area Partnership (CAP) Report

Vice-Chairman informed Councillors that there was a face-to-face meeting of South East Cornwall Community Area Partnership (SECCAP) at Liskeard Library two weeks ago, when there were 35 attendees. There were presentations from Devon and Cornwall Police, and from Cornwall Affordable Housing Group. A report regarding transport confirmed that there will be an additional 12 speed cameras installed along the A38 between Saltash and Trerulefoot in an effort to improve safety measures. The meeting was told that there is evidence that traffic flows better, and travel times improve, where there are a number of average speed cameras.

Vice-Chairman had spoken to the organising officer Jane Pascoe about possible use of The Local Post publication for communication with local communities such as Lanreath. She appeared to be encouraging of this.

Publicity material was reviewed regarding the Levelling Up Programme, with a number of projects in Cornwall having benefitted from funding.

It was apparent that there are a lot of County Councillors who are not going to seek re-election, including Cty Cllr Martin.

15. Climate Change

Cllr Cave reported that the CAP Environment Group meeting had been cancelled and re-arranged to a date that she was unable to attend. She had asked who the speaker at the rescheduled meeting would be, but was told that none had been booked.

She thanked Cllr Honeyman for producing the poster for CEP regarding home visits.

Chairman reported that the Environmental Page on the website was now accessible from the Home Page, and article links included in an 'on this page summary' as resolved at the previous meeting.

16. Financial Report

The Clerk had circulated to Councillors the February bank statements, end of February Bank Reconciliation, and full year-to-date figures. Additionally, all payments made since the last meeting and those anticipated before the next meeting had been set out for consideration.

Cllr Bartram proposed that the Clerk's request for payments authorisation, and an inter-account transfer (as detailed on the agenda) be approved. Seconded by Cllr Christiansen and all approved. It was so resolved.

17. The Pensions Regulator – declaration of compliance completed by Clerk on 7 March 2025

Clerk had complied with The Pensions Regulator's request for information.

18. Parish Problems

None.

19. Any Other Business

Chairman noted that in the Weekly Planning List 12 March circulated by the Clerk last week there was an application PA25/00228/PREAPP for a 100-acre solar farm in Lanreath Parish. This application is no longer accessible on the Cornwall Council Planning Portal. Upon enquiry of the Planning Officer Clerk was informed that it was a confidential application and should not have been disclosed on the Weekly List. Chairman had ascertained that a new generating station with a capacity in excess of 50MW would fall under the requirements of the Planning Act 2008 – as it would be considered a national infrastructure project requiring wide consultation at the pre-app stage. A 100-acre solar farm is likely to produce in the region of 20MW and therefore consultation at the pre-app stage would be more restricted. Lanreath Parish Council will need to keep this under review.

Due to family commitments Rachel Facey is stepping down from duties as webmaster for the Community Notice Board and Environment Pages of the Parish website. Chairman expressed his thanks to her for all her diligent hard work in maintaining a high standard on those pages when under her stewardship. Councillors echoed his comments.

20. Public Participation

None.

21. Date and time of next meeting

Tuesday 15 April 2025 7.30pm. Meeting closed at 8.50pm.