

Minutes of the Meeting of Lewannick Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 17th June 2025 at 7.30pm in Polyphant Methodist Chapel Schoolroom, Polyphant

Present: Cllr M White (Chairman), Cllr C Newbery (Vice Chair), Cllr J Newbery, Cllr A Hobden,
Cllr P Atkinson, Cllr K Owens and Cllr K McRae-Powell

In Attendance: L Coles, Parish Council, Cllr A Parsons, Cornwall Council

There was one member of the public present.

Item No		Action By
1	Apologies. Cllr Jasper, Cllr Finnimore, Cllr Sleep	
2	Declarations of Interest a) Agenda Items. No declarations b) Gifts. No declarations	
3	Consideration of written requests for dispensation. No requests	
4	AGAR 2024/2025 Annual Governance Statement, Internal Audit Report and Notice of the Exercise of Public Rights. It was RESOLVED to sign the Annual Governance Statement as true proposed by Cllr Hobden and seconded by Cllr Atkinson with all in favour. The Annual Internal Audit Report was received and it was noted that there are no issues. The Notice for the Exercise of Public Rights will be published on Wednesday 18 th June 2025, commencing on Thursday 19 th June and ending on Wednesday 30 th July. Noted.	Clerk
5	Election of Vice Chair. This item had been deferred from the Annual Parish Council Meeting until this meeting, as reported in the Minutes of the APCM. Cllr Atkinson proposed Cllr C Newbery as Vice Chair and this was seconded by Cllr Owens, with all in favour. Cllr C Newbery accepted and signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office, witnessed by the Clerk. Co-option of Councillor The Parish Council had received one application from Karon McRae-Powell. Karon gave a resume of her reasons for wishing to become a Councillor, having lived in Lewannick for 8 years. It was RESOLVED to co-opt Karon McRae-Powell to Lewannick Parish Council, proposed by Cllr Atkinson, seconded by Cllr Owens with all in favour. Karon signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office, witnessed by the Clerk, and took her place at the table.	
6	Unitary Councillor's Report. Councillor Parsons had emailed his report to the Clerk, which was circulated to the Members, and reads as follows: On the Plusha front, I had a good meeting with Lee Quinney and the project manager, who will be taking responsibility for the re-evaluation of options to get a grade-separated junction constructed at Plusha. It was encouraging to hear that Cornwall Council and National Highways are working together to complete the work and, in due course, develop the business case to push for funding from the Department of Transport. Following this a more recent meeting has been held with National Highways and CC Highways officials following their consultation regarding proposed changes at Plusha and other sections of the A30. They have confirmed the crossing at Two Bridges will be left open and slip roads will be added to enter and exit Plusha off the A30. They are also close to agreeing to the budget which is required for safety mitigation measures to lessen the impact we are seeing on our local roads due to increased traffic due to the closure of the	

<p>right hand turning out of Plusha heading towards Launceston. Locally, concerns have been raised regarding the visibility on the A388 and at various junctions, so I have asked for the Highways steward to look and get the verges cut back where appropriate.</p> <p>Since April, there have been several complaints regarding changes to the number 12 and 76 bus services, which has been split into three sections, being a mix of commercial and subsidised services. Peak end-to-end. With that in mind, these changes were considered low impact but widely publicised since registrations were submitted in early March. The shame is the Bude to Plymouth service was one of our best-used locally. Now, by splitting the journey, it's added time, inconvenience, and extra cost for users. It's not working well and has proven unpopular. Working with Cllr Adam Paynter and Cllr Andrew Long, we are looking to get this decision overturned and have a meeting to discuss this matter tonight.</p> <p>Just to update, we had a meeting last Monday with Go Cornwall the transport provider, Cornwall Council transport and local fellow councillors. The consensus is that clearly the changes haven't worked! The challenge is that since the Government have cut the rural subsidy grant for transport, we're told this service is losing over £250k a year, which is a worry, as it was one of the best used runs in the area. If it were to remain as it is patronage would only be lost further. It's now looking like the service will go back to as it was before, but this hasn't been fully clarified yet. It's expected that the route from Launceston to Callington will be treated as one journey with a charge of £3 and then from Callington to Saltash there will be an additional charge of £3. Then a further charge once in Devon. They say this is to make it more viable!</p> <p>Clearly this will make the trip more expensive; by purchasing an adult day pass it will cap journeys to £8.</p> <p>Fares First Bus</p> <p>We are doing what we can to return back to a reliable service which residents can have confidence in using.</p> <p>Regarding committee places I will be sitting on East Planning to which I've been voted in as the Chairman, along with Strategic planning and Licensing.</p> <p>Also, FYI there will be some disruption on certain sections of the A30 this week.</p> <p>The Chairman invited Ian Scott (IS) to give a report of the 9th June meeting with National Highways (NH) regarding Plusha Junction:</p> <p>This was the first meeting since the meeting held in Lewannick last year. Jack Mason (JM), NH, launched straight in to the proposed mitigation measures. The crossing at Two Bridges is not going to be closed as per the original proposals. There will be an additional pavement either side of Hawks Tor Drive, road narrowing signs near the Church and proposed changes to priorities at the junction by the Church, The Archers and the Village Hall. There will be slip ways on and off at Plusha and the problems at Landers Lake will be addressed. No plans to widen Trekelland Bridge but will provide width markers to indicate the width of the bridge (this will not work due to the curve in the centre of the bridge which will not give enough width for large vehicles crossing). Rick Clayton (RC), Cornwall Council Office for working through the NH plans for a Grade Separated Junction (GSJ), then spoke about the issues with deliverability of the proposed schemes put forward in 2015, but gave no specific details. If a GSJ is delivered then the other crossings, Kennards House and Five Lanes will be closed. Whilst it was acknowledged that there will be unwanted disruption for 18 months or so, it would not want this to be the reason for not delivering a GSJ. RC talked about a Feasibility Study for a GSJ at Two Bridges instead of at Plusha and the underpass at Trevell. This needs to be questioned because it would push more traffic through Lewannick and it would not make sense for traffic wanting to access the B3254 via Old Hill, Lewannick instead of directly from Plusha. Cornwall Council is going</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
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	<p>to be utilising the surveys and modelling from NH, but again there was no information on when these surveys took place, (although surveys are being scheduled by NH for this week on the A30). There was some discussion and it was felt that logistically it makes more sense for the GSJ to be at Plusha. It was felt that it would be useful to have a meeting with RC and a small group of representatives from the affected Parish Councils.</p> <p>Cllr Parsons said that on the 1st July he and Peter Allen will be attending a Peninsular Transport Strategic Transport Body meeting. IS said that all credit goes to Cllr Parsons for his continued work on the issue and what has been achieved so far and not to the local MP, Ben Maguire.</p>	Clerk
7	Public Participation. Not applicable.	
8	<p>Planning.</p> <p>a) Planning applications received before the agenda was finalised: None</p> <p>b) Planning applications received after the agenda was published: None</p> <p>c) Planning decisions notified by Cornwall Council.</p> <p>PA25/03076, Ridgeview, Polyphant, Permission in principle for development of new dwelling house on existing developed land (minimum 2, maximum 4). - WITHDRAWN</p> <p>d) Other Planning Matters. None</p>	
9	<p>Minutes of the meetings held on Tuesday 20th May 2025.</p> <p>a) Annual Parish Meeting. It was RESOLVED that the Minutes are a true record of the Meeting, proposed by Cllr Hobden, seconded by Cllr Atkinson with all those who had been present at that meeting in favour.</p> <p>b) Annual Parish Council Meeting. It was RESOLVED that the Minutes are a true record of the Meeting, proposed by Cllr Atkinson, seconded by Cllr Hobden with all those who had been present at that meeting in favour.</p> <p>c) Monthly Parish Council Meeting. It was RESOLVED that the Minutes are a true record of the Meeting, proposed by Cllr Atkinson, seconded by Cllr Hobden with all those who had been present at that meeting in favour.</p>	
10	<p>Matters Arising from the above Minutes.</p> <p>None brought forward.</p>	
11	<p>Parish Matters.</p> <p>a) Telephone Kiosk at Lewannick. A start has been made on the painting and the Chairman will chase it up.</p>	
12	<p>Highway and Footpath Matters.</p> <p>a) A30/B3257 junction at Bodmin Moor Services (Plusha). Already covered</p> <p>b) Landers Lake. Already covered</p> <p>c) The Clerk will contact the school and ask for the path outside its boundary fence to be cut and cleared.</p>	Clerk
13	<p>Play Areas and Open Spaces.</p> <p>a) Lewannick Play Area. The Clerk gave the copy of the ROSPA report to Cllr C Newbery, who will make a list of the issues identified. The mound is a big issue; the ground needs to be reinstated. The bench in the small play area is rotting and needs to be replaced. The Clerk will get quotes for the next meeting.</p> <p>b) Polyphant Green and Play Area. Following the visit earlier this evening it was identified that the small rocker has been broken; lost its head with handles. The Clerk will get quotes for the next meeting for a replacement. Similarly, the picnic bench is rotting and the Clerk will get a quote for a new circular one to replace it.</p> <p>c) The bamboo fencing erected on part of the Green at Polyphant was looked at by the Members earlier this evening. It was agreed that the Clerk will contact the owners of</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

	this piece of land and point out that, whilst the Parish Council has no problem with the issue of ownership, it will no longer take responsibility for maintaining the trees on this piece of land nor will it pay to have them surveyed in the Annual Report.	Clerk
14	Correspondence. Circulated to Members a) Email regarding the fencing off of part of the Green at Polyphant. This piece of land is on the Deeds of the property and the Clerk will reply to this. b) The recent SPAG update was circulated. c) It has been reported that the bin at Trelaske is overflowing again. The Clerk will contact BIFFA and ask for it to be emptied as per the contract.	Clerk Clerk
15	Finance a) It was RESOLVED to make the following payments for May 2025, Proposed by Cllr C Newbery, seconded by Cllr Atkinson, with all in favour. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Online – L Coles, Clerk’s May salary, office and expenses Online – HMRC, Clerk’s May PAYE Online – Lewannick Village Hall, Hire of hall for meetings - £42.00 Online – Launceston Print, Printing of newsletter - £64.00 Online – Ian Palmer, grass cutting at Polyphant and Lewannick - £987.50 Online – Ian Palmer, bus shelter and telephone kiosk cleaning - £112.50 Direct Debit – Monthly account charge, Unity Trust - £6.00 b) Receipts. None c) Bank Reconciliations. It was RESOLVED that the bank reconciliation for May is correct, proposed by Cllr C Newbery, seconded by Cllr Atkinson with all in favour. d) AGAR 2024/2025 Annual Accounting Statement. It was RESOLVED that the Accounting Statement for 202/25 is correct, proposed by Cllr Owens, seconded by Cllr C Newbery with all in favour.	Clerk
15	Any Other Business. Cllr Parsons said that there will be a planning update later in the year that is likely to state that any developments of less than 10 dwellings cannot be called in to Committee.	
16	Items for the next Agenda. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lewannick Play Park visit prior to the next meeting. Members will meet at 7pm. 	Clerk
17	Date and time of the next meeting. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 15 th July at 7.30pm, in Lewannick Village Hall, Lewannick.	

There being no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.56pm

SignedChairman. Dated.....

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