Minutes of the Meeting of Lewannick Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 20th October 2026 at 7.30pm in Lewannick Village Hall, Lewannick

Present: Cllr M White (Chairman), Cllr S Jasper, Cllr P Atkinson, Cllr K Owens, Cllr B Sleep and Cllr K McRae-Powell

In Attendance: Linda Coles, Parish Clerk, Cllr A Parsons (Cornwall Councillor)

There were 3 members of the public present.

Item No		Action By
1	**Apologies.** Cllr C Newbery, Cllr J Newbery, Cllr R Finnimore, Cllr A Hobden for absence and Cllr A Parsons (CC) for being late to the meeting.	
2	**Declarations of Interest** **a) Agenda Items.** None **b) Gifts.** None	
3	**Consideration of written requests for dispensation.** No requests received	
4	**Unitary Councillor's Report.** Item deferred until Cllr Parsons present.	
5	**Public Participation.** A member of the public spoke about the traffic through Lewannick and said that the problems and closure at Plusha has been pushed to Two Bridges, down Old Hill, Lewannick. A car passing too quickly caused this member of the public and dog to leap into the bushes to escape collision; a very near miss. They have been in touch with National Highways (NH) who is not planning to monitor traffic until next March at the earliest. From a Health and Safety point of view the member of the public feels that this is a serious accident waiting to happen. Ian Scott, Council's representative for A30 Plusha Junction, said that the previous comments only endorse the need for a Grade Separated Junction (GSJ) but the problems need to be looked at as a whole and the GSJ must be the focus. There are no recorded accidents on Old Hill and closing Two Bridges will only push the problems on to South Petherwin, which will add to the accident statistics that already exist in that village. He then spoke about the two planning applications received by the Parish Council – PA26/05988, which is for an alternative route to a field beyond Plusha lay-by and PA26/05881, which will be deferred until the November meeting when there will hopefully be more information on the planning portal. A third member of the public said that the 20mph speed signs in Lewannick were not very obvious. There was some discussion around this.	
4	**Unitary Councillor's Report.** Cllr Parsons said that he would start with the Highways issue and that it is important to take on board the views from everybody. The member of the public who has spoken about the issues on Old Hill and Two Bridges has come in four or five years after the Parish Council who has been actively campaigning for a GSJ. Cllr Parsons gave some information behind the impact on rural roads by the closure of some of the A30 crossings by NH. He said that it was generally known that as soon as the Plusha crossing closed more traffic would be pushed through the surrounding villages and feels that NH has not taken how busy the local roads are seriously. Ian Thompson, NH, has contacted Cllr Parsons and has apologised for things being so bad and has gone through a list of complaints from local perspectives with Cllr Parsons. It is urged that if people have issues they should write to the local MP and NH individually.	

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	Traffic lights at Trekelland Bridge are welcomed. Cllr Parsons reported that Kate Kennally, Cornwall Council has resigned as have several other figures in authority. At the recent No.10 North meeting regarding devolution, Cornwall remains committed to its own strategic authority without a mayor. The October Planning Committee meeting will be the last one where smaller applications will be heard. If an application for a development is less than 500 houses it will not be able to be called in to committee. The 20mph speed signs were discussed and brand new signs are appearing where they are not needed; a complete waste of money. Cllr Parsons will look at the signs and their locations.	
6	**Planning.** **a) Planning applications received before the agenda was finalised:** **PA26/06587.** Pole replacement on a like for like basis for National Grid at Plusha, plus installation of a 3rd wire on existing poles. It was **RESOLVED** to support this application, **proposed by Cllr Atkinson, seconded by Cllr Sleep with all in favour.** **b) Planning applications received after the agenda was published:** **PA26/05988**. Land at Trewanta Hall Farm, Lewannick. Formation of an agricultural access. It was **RESOLVED** to support this application, **proposed by Cllr Owens, seconded by Cllr Atkinson with all in favour.** **PA26/05881–BC24/02455/DOMBN**. Piggery Barn, Tinney Hall Lane, Lewannick. Conversion/change of use of a barn to a dwelling together with the erection of an extension. In the absence of any information this item deferred until the November meeting. **c) Planning decisions notified by Cornwall Council. None** **d) Other Planning Matters. None**	
7	**Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 15th September 2026.** It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes are a true record of the Meeting, **proposed by Cllr McRae-Powell, seconded by Cllr Owens with all those who had been present at that meeting in favour.**	
8	**Matters Arising from the above Minutes.** Cllr White said that the discussion on the Community Asset should not have taken place; it is a privately run business. The Clerk has sent a letter of apology to the Landlords of the Archers Arms.	
9	**Parish Matters.** **a)** The Archers Arms Community Asset Renewal. Already discussed. **b)** Defibrillator support. Cllr J Newbery reported to the Clerk that there are no problems with the defibrillator. This will be taken forward to the next meeting where it is hoped Cllr J Newbery will be present. **c)** To address issues with logging in to Members' email addresses. The Clerk will send the contact details for WesternWeb to the Members.	**Clerk** **Clerk**
10	**Highway and Footpath Matters.** **a) A30/B3257 junction at Bodmin Moor Services (Plusha).** The Clerk has received no response to the letter sent to Ben Maguire, MP, ahead of his meeting with NH. **b) Landers Lake.** Cllr Parsons has asked Cornwall Council, Rick Clayton, for information on the mitigation funding. **c) Footpaths.** To report Cornwall Council letter regarding addition of footpaths at Bovetown and Trelaske. There is to be a meeting with Lucas Humphreys to discuss diverting the footpath away from the windows of the farmhouse at Bovetown.	**Clerk**

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11	**Play Areas and Open Spaces.** **a) Lewannick Play Area.** The mound – the contractor is putting forward a proposal to remove the mound and replace it with a Multiplay; this will be in the spring at the very earliest. **b) Polyphant Green and Play Area.** It is proposed to install a new Rocker Springer as part of the package for Lewannick play area. **c)** The Clerk will chase up Safer Play again regarding reporting the play equipment online.	**Clerk**
12	**Correspondence.** Circulated to Members **a)** South West Water presentation from CAP circulated. **Noted** **b)** Email enquiry from Polyphant resident regarding issues on A30. Not circulated. The Clerk will reply that the issues are ongoing as are negotiations with NH regarding a GSJ. **c)** Letter to Ben Maguire ahead of his meeting with National Highways setting out LPC preferred option for Plusha Junction. **Noted.**	**Clerk**
13	**Finance** **a) It was RESOLVED to make the following payments for September 2026, Proposed by, Cllr Owens seconded by, Cllr McRae-Powell with all in favour.** • Online – Clerk's September salary, office and expenses • Direct Debit – HMRC, Clerk's September PAYE & Employer NIC • Online – Lewannick Village Hall- Hire of hall (2 months) - £16.00 • Online – I Palmer, Grass cutting Lewannick & Polyphant - £243.75 • Online – Launceston Print, Newsletter printing - £60.00 • Direct Debit – Unity Trust Monthly Account Fee - £7.00 **b) Receipts.** None received **c) Bank Reconciliations.** It was **RESOLVED** that bank reconciliation for September 2026 is correct, **proposed by Cllr Sleep, seconded by Cllr Atkinson with all in favour.** **d)** It was **RESOLVED** to ratify the payment of £525 invoice 127 (02/08/26) paid online prior to this meeting as it was outstanding for 2 months. **Proposed by Cllr Sleep, seconded by Cllr McRae-Powell with all in favour.** **e)** The Conclusion of Audit has been received from the external auditors BDO. This was noted by the Members.	
14	**Any Other Business.** The Clerk has ordered the Wreath for Remembrance Sunday. The service will be held at the War Memorial on Sunday 8th November at 3pm, followed by refreshments in the village hall. All are welcome. Cllr Jasper asked about the arrangements for a Christmas tree in the church The Clerk will contact Caroline Latham and ask. The Chairman will bring the Christmas meal menus to the next meeting. The meal will be held on December 15th following the Parish Council meeting which will start at 6.45pm.	
15	**Items for the next Agenda.** • Christmas tree in Church • Budget and Precept	
16	**Date and time of the next meeting.** The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Tuesday 17th November** at 7.30pm, in Lewannick Village Hall, Lewannick.	

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17	**CLOSED SESSION. Pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, members of the public and press were excluded from this part of the meeting.** **a) Staffing Matter.** It was **RESOLVED** to pay the Clerk a monthly allowance for the use of telephone and broadband, **proposed by Cllr Sleep, seconded by Cllr Atkinson with all in favour.** **b) Code of Conduct Complaint**. A Code of Conduct complaint had been brought by a member of the public against Cllr White, Cllr C Newbery and Cllr J Newbery regarding the meeting held in May 2026. The Clerk reported that the Monitoring Officer has dismissed this complaint with no rights for the complainant to appeal.	

There being no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.18pm

Signed ……..Chairman. Dated……

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