

DRAFT MINUTES

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Minutes of a Meeting of Lanlivery Parish Council held on Wednesday 6th November 2024 at 6.30pm in Lanlivery Church

24/97 Present Cllrs Paterson (Chairman), Challis, Haley, Hemmings and Turner

In attendance The Parish Clerk, Sally Vincent
16 members of the public (13 part)

24/98 Apologies Cllr Sinkins, Cllr Wright

24/99 Declaration of Interests

- i. **Pecuniary** – None
- ii. **Non Registerable** – Cllr Turner declared a non-registerable interest in PA24/06005
- iii. **Dispensations** - None

24/100 Public Questions

Ashley Bradshaw, Headmaster, Red Moor School, read the following statement in relation to the recent incidents at the school.

We would like to provide a prepared statement for the Parish Council regarding the events of the Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th November 2024. We understand the impact this has had on our neighbours, and we are addressing these matters with the utmost seriousness. We have been made aware of posts on social media regarding the incidents and how people are being encouraged to come to tonight's Parish Council meeting to raise their concerns.

We understand that the Parish Council Meeting is not always the correct forum for the questions about Red Moor School to be raised and we do not want the agenda of tonight's meeting or future meetings to be affected by the negative incidents involving Red Moor School. We will always welcome members of the Parish to come and meet with us when they have concerns and have had 3 such meetings since September.

We wanted to provide this statement that would serve as a final statement regarding the incidents this week to hopefully draw things to a close prior to the meeting tonight.

The behaviour displayed by the 4 students involved was unacceptable and posed significant safety risks, which led us to seek support from the police and fire brigade. While we are committed to supporting the needs of our students, this behaviour cannot be excused. We have taken firm steps to address the behaviour and are co ordinating with a range of professionals to ensure swift, fair and appropriate actions and consequences are provided.

Since October 5, 2023, we have invested in additional anti-climb fences and rollers, which had effectively reduced similar incidents until now.

Unfortunately, the 4 students recently found a way to bypass the fenced area.

Please be assured that the 4 students involved were supervised during lunchtime as our all our students. However, in these two incidents, they were opportunistic in creating circumstances that allowed them to scale the fence and access the roof.

Both incidents have been formally logged with our Health and Safety Team, as well as with the Executive Headteacher, Regional Director, Managing Director, and the police as a public order offense. Local Authorities and Social Care teams have also been informed of the two incidents. We have today had visits from our Health & Safety and Building team, as well as roofing experts to look at the access to the roof and ways in which students have used the existing fencing to aid in their attempts to evade staff. This has been escalated further up our executive team to help find a solution in the shortest timeframe possible.

Whilst we recognise that the behaviour of these 4 individuals was unacceptable, dangerous and traumatic for all involved and for those that witnessed it. We do not want the actions of these four individuals behaviour to tarnish the view of the other 76 students at the school.

While we are fully committed to addressing these incidents, we also want to acknowledge the positive steps we've taken to strengthen our relationship with the local community. Our school is dedicated to making a meaningful and lasting contribution, including the regular maintenance of hedges and grounds around the property, hosting village meetings at our building, and decorating the village for special occasions, such as the upcoming Remembrance Weekend. We have also supported local initiatives and work to provide a welcoming environment for community activities.

We are proud of these ongoing contributions and hope that these recent events will not overshadow the positive progress we've made. Our commitment to the community remains strong, and we encourage members of the Parish to reach out directly with us to discuss any future concerns.

A member of the public recorded thanks to Ashley for acknowledging the issues and appreciating how these events affect the community, particularly those living nearby. This had not happened before and was a positive step forward.

A member of the public noted that it was not only concerning that the children were on the roof; their behaviour when they were up there was unacceptable, including the racial comments.

A member of the public reminded the meeting that the children had additional needs.

A neighbour raised concerns about the intrusive lighting at the school that had not been turned off until 8.20pm the previous evening. Ashley explained that the lights in the lower area have to be left on for workers protection as Red Moor have a duty of care even when the school is closed. However, the school would check the timers and adjust them back to 6.30pm and also see if the brightness could be lowered.

Ashley confirmed that the MUGA gate has always been left open to allow access to the Holy Well. Padlocking it would reduce the chances of the children escaping if the community would be in favour of this? A member of the public responded that there was already a lock at the top of the gate and at 6 foot tall she still struggled to reach it, so in her opinion another lock would be overkill and completely unnecessary.

A member of the public reported that there had been a low intake of children at Lanlivery School; she wondered what could be done to ensure that the school remained open.

Caroline Stephenson addressed the meeting about the Luxulyan Valley, which was World Heritage Site Area 8 and a site of Outstanding Universal Value (OUV). An important reason for this designation were 4 unique things found in the valley, which cannot be found anywhere else in the world; the tank dividing the water course, 2 leats, the viaduct and the silt management system. The WHS designation would be reviewed shortly and Caroline considered that the Luxulyan Valley Partnership was not doing enough to protect it; Charlestown was already in danger of losing its designation. Caroline also considered that there was a complete lack of support for landowners with heritage on their land and that they should have a vote as members of the LVP. Additionally, other places have a lot more financial support because they have AONB/SSSI designation and this has been demonstrated in areas such as the Tamar Valley. Could the Valley achieve one or both of these designations? There would be a meeting on Monday at Tywardreath Methodist Church to discuss what we want to see in the 5-year Management Plan and she hoped that representatives of Lanlivery Parish Council would be able to attend. A member of the public noted that the field behind Churchtown Cottages, which had been granted Planning in Principle, had been put on the open market by the owners.

The applicant for PA24/06005 confirmed that he had applied for outline planning application for 2 lodges as he wanted an onsite manager and additional staff due to increasing workload, particularly during the hatching season. In response to a query from a Councillor he confirmed that the lodges would be for permanent occupation. Concern was raised about the proposed siting of the lodges and about additional traffic on Loving Lane. In response to a question from The Parish Clerk, the applicant confirmed that he had not obtained pre-application advice but that he was working with a Land Agent, who had indicated that it may be possible to secure permission for at least one lodge.

24/101 Minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd October 2024

It was proposed by Cllr Haley, seconded Cllr Challis and RESOLVED that the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

24/102 Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda – *for report only*

The servicing/maintenance work to the defibrillator had been completed and it was now fully operational.

The Wildanet representative had not attended the meeting as arranged

24/103 Accounts for Approval

It was proposed by Cllr Hemmings, seconded Cllr Challis and RESOLVED that accounts to the value £632.80 be approved.

24/104 Resolutions from Councillors

None

24/105 Correspondence – *for information only*

Electronic correspondence had been circulated. Correspondence was left 'on the table' for Councillors attention.

24/106 To Receive the Report from the Cornwall Councillor

No report

24/107 Reports from Parish Council Representatives

Cllr Challis would be representing the Parish Council at the CALC AGM the following week.

The Chairman instructed that the agenda item 'Planning' should be moved to the end of the meeting

24/108 Playing Field/Forest Field

The playing field had been closed since the installation of the new play equipment due to issues with the new surfacing. Prior to the site being opened the new facility needed a clear RoSPA inspection and this could not be achieved until the surfacing was satisfactory. The Parish Clerk was in contact with Kompan and was trying to resolve this.

It was proposed by Cllr Haley, seconded Cllr Challis and RESOLVED that the quote from Tyler Bell for the felling of sycamore, reducing the laurel and buddleia hedgerow, removing laurel from site and chipping the brash should be accepted.

24/109 To Receive Reports from Councillors

Cllr Haley reported that the white lines at the Lanlivery/A390 junction had still not been repainted, which was extremely dangerous. Cllr Martin had undertaken to resolve this and was asked to follow up.

Cllr Paterson reported that signage was needed to indicate the narrow lane at Puddle as there had been yet another incident of a huge lorry trying to use the lane. Cllr Martin to be asked if this could be achieved.

Cllr Paterson reported that the 'School' sign in the village had still not been replaced. Cllr Martin had undertaken to resolve this and was asked to follow up.

24/110 Enforcement Issues

None.

Cllr Turner left the meeting.

24/111 Planning

PA24/06005. Outline planning application for the provision of two log cabins for agricultural/rural workers with all matters reserved. Land East of Willowood Farm, Lanlivery, PL30 5BY. Members appreciated the arguments put forward by the applicant but expressed concern about the proposed siting of the lodges. Following discussion it was proposed by Cllr Haley, seconded Cllr Challis and RESOLVED that a recommendation of objection should be made to Cornwall Council. *Reason: This proposal is for development in the open countryside on a greenfield site some distance from Willowood Farm, which is contrary to Policy LGEN1 and Policy GEN2 of the Lanlivery NDP.*

The proposed cabins would not be well-related to existing houses/hamlets and agricultural/rural workers are already being accommodated in cabins close to Willowood Farm and its adjacent outbuildings. Any additional development should be confined to this location, which could potentially be a suitable alternative.

Date of Next Meeting 4th December 2024

Meeting Closed 7.48pm