

## **DRAFT MINUTES**

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### **Minutes of a Meeting of Lanlivery Parish Council held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 6.30pm in Lanlivery Church**

**24/131 Present** Cllr R Paterson (Chairman), Cllr Mrs C Haley, Cllr R Hemmings, Cllr Mrs S Sinkins, Cllr Mrs S Turner and Cllr Mrs L Wright

**In attendance** The Parish Clerk, Sally Vincent  
Simon & Jenny Tagney DIG (part)  
4 members of the public (2 part)

#### **Presentation, Desalination Information Group**

Jenny Tagney gave the presentation on behalf of the Group, which included, *inter alia*, the following points.

- The Group had been formed as the members were concerned about SW Water's proposals for a desalination system in Par and the lack of public information available
- St Austell Bay has the biggest seagrass area in England. Seagrass is an important carbon store
- There are also extensive maerl beds – likewise an important carbon store but also exceptionally slow growing and easily destroyed
- St Austell Bay is an SPA a Special Protective Area for 3 types of seabird
- The initial desalination proposal would involve two pipelines into St Austell Bay, one for abstraction of sea water and one to discharge the brine and other waste – the proposed routes coincide with the seagrass and maerl beds. The plant would generate 20MI of desalinated water per day although SW Water said they would only use the plant for 20% of the time (at times of need). This type of plant cannot be switched off and would have to be left running on tickover when not in active use.
- The proposed land pipeline would run from Par Docks to Restormel Treatment Works, a distance of 13.2 km through farmland, organic land and close to archaeological sites. It would require an extensive area of access road – at least 15m on either side of the pipeline, during construction.
- There is high rainfall in Cornwall and the SW Water projected figures are incorrect. The 2022 figures and drought projections are flawed – the Environment Agency stated SWW were 'not honest, open or transparent'
- SW Water leakage figures are gradually increasing, not decreasing as SW are claiming; they leak 112.2MI every day with 20% of all water lost via leaks. The comparison here was 4 MI/D generated by the desalination plant (20% of 20MI/d) versus 12MI/d available by re-purposing Blackpool Pit and the amount leaked by SWW on a daily basis.
- SW Water have not shared any projections or research about the return of concentrated brine and waste products to the sea

- In May following public objections SW Water changed plans and proposed a smaller ‘Phase One’ scheme at Par Docks with the waste products being sent to the sewage plant at Par Moor. The original scheme became ‘Phase Two.’ Cornwall Council said an EIA (Environmental Impact Assessment) would not be required for this smaller scheme – this decision has been challenged by lawyers. On the basis of Cornwall Council’s decision regarding an EIA, SWW have stated that the whole scheme could be treated as permitted development.
- An EIA screening request has been submitted to the Marine Management Organisation and a request for test drilling in connection with a phase 2 scheme. Unlike Cornwall Council the MMO has said an EIA must be completed. The request for test drilling received many objections and the licence application has just been refused by the MMO on the basis of lack of information.
- The Group was currently waiting an update from Cornwall Council following a request from the authority for further information from SW Water.
- Environmental Information Requests have been made to SW Water concerning chemicals, contamination and waste – and whether Phase One is economically viable as a standalone option or simply setting precedent as a gateway to full permission for Phase Two
- Non Imerys users of Par Docks have been told they may have to vacate. SW Water has not confirmed or denied if they will be purchasing the Docks.
- SWW have said their plans and timelines are currently ‘under strategic review.’

#### Questions

Cllr Sinkins noted that it had not been possible to get into some of the SW Water consultation events

Cllr Haley stated that if water was available from reducing leakage and capturing and storing more water this must be a more sensible and environmentally friendly option.

Cllr Hemmings queried if the salt extracted could be used rather than returned to the sea in a concentrated form. Jenny responded that SWW had confirmed that this would not be an economic option.

#### **24/132 Apologies**      None

The Parish Clerk noted that, sadly, Cllr Challis had resigned for personal reasons

#### **24/133 Declaration of Interests**

- i.    **Pecuniary** – None.
- ii.   **Non Registerable** – None
- iii.   **Dispensations** - None

#### **24/134 Public Questions**

A member of the public reported that the school signs in Lanlivery village had still not been replaced, although Red Moor school had erected a sign as a temporary measure. Hopefully Cllr Martin had actioned the replacement but Cllr Sinkins undertook to follow up again.

**24/135 Minutes of the Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

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

**24/136 Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda – *for report only***

There had been no contact from Cllr Martin in respect of the requests made at the November meeting.

**24/137 Accounts for Approval**

It was proposed by Cllr Wright, seconded Cllr Hemmings and RESOLVED that accounts to the value £2,795.46 be approved.

**24/138 Resolutions from Councillors**

None

**24/139 Correspondence – *for information only***

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

**24/140 To Receive the Report from the Cornwall Councillor**

No report

**24/141 Reports from Parish Council Representatives**

Thomas Bullock Cllr Wright reported that the AGM had been held since the December Parish Council meeting.

Trees Cllr Paterson expressed gratitude to Ashley (Red Moor School) for cutting back the vegetation on the corner of the Veerman property; visibility was much improved.

**24/142 Planning**

None.

**24/143 Playing Field/Forest Field**

Cllr Paterson reported that Tyler Bell had done an excellent job with cutting back the trees in the field. Kompan had maintained that the surfacing in the playground met safety standards. The contractor who had attended the site with Cllr Haley, following the request made by Cllr Sinkins, had confirmed that it would be acceptable and more cost effective to cover the exposed concrete with topsoil/turf and Matthew Truscott had agreed to undertake this work. The Parish Clerk had suggested that he contact Cllr Paterson/Cllr Hemmings regarding topsoil and possible assistance.

The Parish Clerk reported that Andy Inglefield had contacted her to advise that he would be resuming his RoSPA work if the Parish Council wished to use his services. It was proposed by Cllr Paterson, seconded Cllr Sinkins and RESOLVED that the contract should be awarded to Andrew Inglefield. As soon as Matthew Truscott had completed the surfacing work and the new facilities were signed off by Andrew Inglefield Councillors would gauge when the playing field could be reopened.

**24/144 To Receive Reports (if any) from Parish Councillors**

Cllr Paterson reported very bad road surfaces in the parish. This had been reported to Cornwall Council.

Cllr Sinkins had reported broken public footpath signage and had been told by the CC Countryside Officer that it would be inspected.

Cllr Sinkins reported that the repair of the directional sign at Gatty's Bridge would hopefully be funded by the Pontsmill Turbine Fund. She was currently looking for quotes.

#### **24/145 Enforcement Issues**

The Parish Clerk confirmed that she had been trying without success to contact CC enforcement for an update on the status of all enforcement cases in the parish. To the best of her knowledge the following were live cases.

EN23/00145 registered, EN21/00522 appeal dismissed, EN21/00352 Enforcement Notice served requiring clearance of the site.

**Date of Next Meeting**            5<sup>th</sup> March 2025

**Meeting Closed**                7.26pm