

Ludgvan Parish Council

Minutes – 14 August 2024

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Ludgvan Parish Council held on Wednesday 14 August 2024 at 6.45pm at the Murley Hall, Ludgvan.

Councillors present: Cllrs R Mann (Chairman), R Porter (Vice-Chair), L Brindley, M Malone-Lee, L Miucci, S Miucci, J Munday, S Oliver, J Savill, *two vacancies*.

In attendance: Cornwall Councillor John Martin and Cornwall Councillor / MP Andrew George. 9 members of the public.

Officer support: Clerk/RFO

Minute No.	
LPC24.25.109	<p>To record absences and receive apologies for absence</p> <p>Councillors absent: Cllrs Price-Jones.</p> <p>Apologies received: Cllrs Price-Jones.</p>
LPC24.25.110	<p><u>Declarations of Interest:</u></p> <p>Cllr Malone-Lee advised that she lives on the traffic consultation route and has sought advice, that she is able to participate and vote on this item, also that early observations had been circulated prior to the meeting and that she approached this item with an open mind</p>
LPC24.25.111	<p>To approve written requests for dispensation</p>
LPC24.25.112	<p>Public Speaking (<i>up to 15 minutes in total</i>)</p> <p>A local resident attended to advise of a planning application which would be submitted and gave their contact details for questions, as they would not be able to attend the September meeting.</p> <p>A resident of Church Hill gave their views on the proposed double yellow lines on Church Hill, meaning that the resident of No.10 would have no on-road or off-road parking at their house. As a carer the speaker was concerned at the potential impact on them and the person they care for.</p> <p>A resident of Church Hill raised concern at the proposed pedestrian improvements. They advised that the pavement has the potential to be much wider if earth cleared from it, for the benefit of pedestrians. The proposed double yellow lines would severely impact their quality of life, taking away the ability to park outside their own property, working 7 days a week and needing parking in order to be able to continue to work and have a decent quality of life.</p> <p>It was noted that the lorries from the quarry also need to earn a living and so there is scope for motorists to give way to one another.</p> <p>There was a call for representatives from Cormac to meet with local residents on site to hear their concerns.</p> <p>A resident of Church Hill spoke on their concerns at the proposed double yellow lines on the residential side of Church Hill. Although the scheme is titled 'pedestrian improvements', the benefits to pedestrians were not clear.</p> <p>A speaker from Trethorne Court spoke on their concerns at the proposals set out in the current Cormac consultation. When funerals are held, there are only two parking spaces available.</p>

	<p>Parking is needed for residents, visitors, tradespeople, without risk of getting a parking ticket. The proposal for a further two parking spaces to be removed, and a new wide pavement encouraging people to cross at the most dangerous location along the road. The safest place to cross in the square is in the middle, next to the noticeboard.</p>
LPC24.25.113	<p>Cornwall Councillor reports</p> <p>Cornwall Councillor John Martin reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - several complaints have led to meetings with the Highways Manager about parking at Long Rock and at Newtown Lane. Request for temporary measures, legal advice being sought. Permanent changes would need a new budget for the Community Area Partnership, likely March 2025. - Has been asked to arrange to meet the manager of the new bus depot at Long Rock, for update - Generally still issues with waste collection, concerns can be reported to Cornwall Councillors - Meeting with Planning Enforcement Manager, was cancelled, aiming to reschedule in September. Hoping to meet with the senior planning manager before then, and will request update on enforcement - Morva Reach, has been advised that there will be new bus stops for the new development - A30 meeting being scheduled for Thursday 22 August - West Planning meetings are now held at Kresen Kernow. - Devolution, the Kings Speech included provision for devolution to areas in the country, a draft for Cornwall has been received and will be reviewed prior to the Cabinet meeting on 10 September <p>Questions – refuse problems. Missing collections, and difficulty in getting the old green bins collected.</p> <p>Question – Marazion, Carbis Bay, Mexico Towans, no enforcement of dogs on beaches. Enforcement and better signage is needed. Noted by Cornwall Councillors.</p> <p>Cornwall Councillor Andrew George reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Has received many representations on the proposed pedestrian improvements, consultation by Cormac. Keen to make sure that highways engineers listen to what the local community have had to say. Have not yet heard from the school for their views on the proposals around the school area. For the highways solutions to be effective, enforcement would be needed, noting that this is already an issue in Lower Quarter with the existing double yellow lines. - Devolution, as a newly elected MP, the 5 Cornish MPs are working together on the devolution proposal, keen for Cornwall’s voice to be heard. - Also as MP, has called for a meeting with the Hospitals Minister in September, and meeting with health officials in Cornwall and other MPs, so that all can speak for Cornwall collectively. - Have been expressing concern at the Governments plan for affordable housing and the proposed increase in housing targets, noting that this has not proven a solution for Cornwall, with a need for building to need rather than building to targets. Will be debating in September with the Housing Minister. - Large number of case work issues are being dealt with, many relating to planning enforcement.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Have been approached by a number of people regarding the two developments at Long Rock with concerns that homes will be allocated contrary to the s.106 agreements / planning conditions. Unfounded concerns have spread and then take Councillor and officer time in addressing, even though there is no basis for the concerns. - Next A30 meeting with National Highways and other organisations to be held in September.
LPC24.25.114	<p>Minutes of the meeting held on 10 July 2024 to follow</p> <p>Resolved – that the minutes of the meetings of the council, as above, having been circulated, be taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record of the meeting.</p>
LPC24.25.115	<p>Clerk's update report</p> <p>It was reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There had been a good deal of administrative work on burials and allotments over the past couple of months. - A request for an update on the expected timing for the new handrail for Trethorne Court had been requested from the blacksmith - Electricians had been appointed to re-connect the defibrillator at the Station House, pending confirmation from the building owner about the electricity supply. <p>Noted.</p>
LPC24.25.116	<p>Committee meeting minutes – No committee meeting had been held.</p>
LPC24.25.117	<p>Reports from Councillors as representatives on outside bodies</p> <p>CLlr Savill – police advocate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - take care with what you share – campaign - antisocial behaviour, website that can be used to report antisocial behaviour: bit.ly/streetfocus <p>Noted, and noted that these items can be circulated via social media.</p> <p>A Councillor raised concern that loud vehicles do not seem to be addressed by police.</p> <p>A Cornwall Councillor reported that a motorcyclist had had their motorcycle impounded for noise nuisance.</p>
LPC24.25.118	<p>Cormac consultation on proposed pedestrian improvements B3309 Crowlas to Ludgvan To decide on the parish council response to this consultation.</p> <p>Resolved – to send the following response to the consultation:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Infra23-056_SN01</p> <p>Widening of the pavement at Bowglas Close. There is very little danger in crossing the road at this point. It is not seen as a priority and so not supported.</p> <p>Unrestricted parking zone – not a priority.</p> <p>New double yellow lines. The parish council does not think that these will bring a great improvement to pedestrian safety and there is concern that an increase in double yellow lines will reduce the amount of parking available to local residents and those attending funerals etc at the local church.</p> <p>The proposed widened pavement at The Square would encourage pedestrians to cross the road at a dangerous location, near a blind bend.</p> </div>

	<p>The parish council asks whether a traffic light system similar to a system in Newlyn would be possible – where a red light shows as a default, and only turns green when it is safe for motorists to pass.</p> <p>Request a review of the temporary double yellow lines which had recently been introduced in Churchtown.</p> <p>Pedestrian warning sign – if coming out of the Church entrance, these do not help pedestrians to determine if it is safe to step out onto the pavement, with the risk that vehicles have been reported to mount the pavement in this location to pass one another.</p> <p>Pedestrian warning sign – will not detect a pedestrian joining the road at a mid-point (eg from the church entrance), and so having a pedestrian warning sign which does not light up at all times when there is a pedestrian, may risk making it more unsafe for pedestrians.</p> <p>It is noted that bollards outside the church entrance have previously been discounted as an option, however they would seem a tangible protection for pedestrians using the footway at this location.</p> <p>Extension of footway between church and White Hart – the footway at this point is very narrow and difficult to use.</p>
	<p>Infra23-056_SN02</p> <p>Install buildouts to reduce crossing width for pedestrians / to regulate traffic – this is likely to reduce visibility and so it is not seen as an improvement. Not necessary.</p> <p>A short section of double yellow lines above the allotment gateway could help to stop those visiting the allotments from parking near the blind bend at the top of Church Hill.</p> <p>Buildout by the primary school. Could help to slow traffic, and so is supported as a traffic control measure.</p>
	<p>Infra23-056_SN03</p> <p>Proposed new double yellow lines on Church Hill – the parish council does not support this proposal as the aim of this measure is not clear. To introduce double yellow lines at this location will reduce parking for residents, with no viable alternative parking options nearby. Double yellow lines would likely increase traffic speeds as parked vehicles currently act as a chicane and help reduce traffic speed.</p> <p>Pavement widening by Riverside Close is not considered to be a safe proposal. It is a hairpin bend and motorists need the space for manoeuvring. If the pavement is widened, some vehicles will not be able to navigate the junction in a single manoeuvre and so there would be increased risk associated with reversing and turning in a junction.</p> <p>Pavement widening on the opposite side – this is not seen as necessary or a safety improvement as pedestrians do not tend to use that pavement.</p>
	<p>Infra23-056_SN04</p> <p>Change to double yellow lines. Supported by the Parish Council, on the Blowinghouse Hill side of the road.</p> <p>Buildouts – would cause an obstruction for larger vehicles. The reasons for the buildout are not apparent and so this element is not supported. The existing space at the junction gives scope for motorists to have space to manoeuvre to check for vehicles coming.</p> <p>Bus stop change – the reason for the change is not apparent. Not supported.</p> <p>Removal of speed cushions – supported, it is understood that the speed cushions have limited effect, they cause increased noise nuisance.</p>

	<p>Changing from single to double yellow lines – supported, and it is asked that the restrictions be year-round and not seasonal.</p> <p>Footway widening – cars park on the footway, could there be a way of highlighting the need for pedestrian walkway – there is already inconsiderate parking which makes it difficult for pedestrians to pass, often having to walk in the road to get to the school due to parked cars in and around this location.</p> <hr/> <p>Infra23-056_SN05</p> <p>Improvements to crossing points and resurfaced junction – supported.</p> <p>Removal of bollards – Not supported – please keep the bollards. They had been requested previously by the parish council. Or upgrade to have a barrier/railings rather than bollards, to stop drivers stopping between the bollards.</p> <p>Unrestricted parking – support.</p> <p>Renewal of lining – support.</p> <p>Realign pathway and crossing – support.</p> <hr/> <p>Cormac follow up meeting on 3 September to discuss the consultation responses received – noted that Cllrs Oliver, Malone-Lee and Price-Jones will attend.</p>
LPC24.25.119	Planning Applications
	<p>a) PA24/05155 – Nancledra View, Higher Trenowin, Nancledra, Penzance – Construction of domestic garage.</p> <p>Resolved – to object to the proposed roof, the proposal is for a flat roof, contrary to the Ludgvan Design Guide.</p>
	<p>b) PA24/05198 – Land North West of Heidi’s Cottage, Canonstown TR27 6ND – Technical details consent for the proposed construction of three dwellings & associated works, following the grant of Permission in Principle application PA23/07334 dated 18/10/23</p> <p>Resolved – The parish council objects to the application. The applicant makes no reference to the Ludgvan Neighbourhood Plan or the Ludgvan Design Guide. The pre-application advice does not appear to have been included in the plans for this application. The location is not appropriate for development, the access is too narrow for a viable vehicular access. Concern at the proximity to the neighbouring properties and the potential impact to residents of existing neighbouring properties. The design of the proposed development is considered to be out of keeping with neighbouring developments. The proposal would constitute an unacceptable increase in density of building at this location. There is insufficient local infrastructure to support this development. The proposal does not meet local housing need. The access route along Back Lane is already too busy, vehicles cannot pass at the same time as pedestrians, already a concern particularly in view of proximity to children’s play area.</p>
	<p>c) Planning correspondence – PA24/04340 - Varfell Cottage, Varfell Lane, Long Rock</p> <p>Request received from agent:</p> <p>“Would a flat roof behind a slated sloping roof around the perimeter in lieu of the glass balustrading be acceptable to your Council?, please see attached sketch” “the planners do not accept minor amendments now during the applications process.”</p>

	<p>Sketch circulated with correspondence bundle to Cllrs.</p> <p>Resolved – in line with usual council process, no comment at this stage and would be considered if/when received through the usual planning consultation process.</p>																																							
d)	<p>PA24/05929 – Sports Field and Land at Long Rock, Long Rock TR20 8JQ – Non material amendment in relation to Decision Notice PA22/03790 dated 11.10.22 – Amendment to the extent of tree planting and removal to the western boundary.</p> <p>Resolved – the parish council supports the replacement of Ash and Poplar, but have concern that with the amount of new tree planting and management needed, the management plan should have robust planning conditions as it is considered to be very important that the landscaping is implemented as proposed.</p>																																							
e)	<p>PA24/05765 – Former Primitive Methodist Chapel, Cockwells Lane, Cockwells TR20 8DB – Conversion of former primitive methodist chapel to form residential dwelling including landscaping and installation of package treatment plant to adjacent land.</p> <p>Resolved – that the parish council supports the application, provided that the septic tank arrangements for neighbouring properties will not be affected. Complies with policy LUD7 of the Ludgvan Neighbourhood Plan.</p>																																							
f)	<p>PA24/05368 – Blue Horizon, Castle Gate, Ludgvan – The erection of two dwellings and associated works, including their new access, and the improvement of the existing access for Blue Horizon without compliance with condition 2 of decision PA15/03757 dated 29.05.2015</p> <p>Resolved – that the parish council has no comment on this application.</p>																																							
LPC24.25.120	<p>Schedule of Payments</p> <p>Resolved - to approve the payments to be made, as set out in the schedule</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Payee</th> <th>Purpose</th> <th>Amount (inc VAT)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td colspan="3"><i>To be paid by online banking</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Webmate</td> <td>Domain renewal Ludgvan.org inv 555497</td> <td>£15.59</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TheFreemacLtd</td> <td>IT for 2 new Cllrs</td> <td>£25.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BDP LLP</td> <td>External audit 2023.24</td> <td>£504.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R Sanders</td> <td>LMP footpaths, first cuts inv 3117</td> <td>£2,315.17</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Simon Rhodes Garden and Grounds Care</td> <td>Removal of rubbish, Church Hill allotments</td> <td>£45.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Zurich Municipal</td> <td>Insurance 1.8.24 to 31.7.25 inv XXX3999</td> <td>£820.63</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ludgvan Parish Church</td> <td>Murley Hall Hire (10 July meeting)</td> <td>£24.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Simon Rhodes Garden and Grounds Care</td> <td>Church Hill allotments – supply and installation of fencing CH29B and repairs to metal gate. <i>Community Chest funded</i></td> <td>£174.96</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Webmate</td> <td>Webmate Pro and Webmate email (ludgvan.org) (2.9.24 – 1.9.25)</td> <td>£174.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Burroughs & Kearey</td> <td>Refund of overpayment of burial fees</td> <td>£300.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Viking</td> <td>Stationery</td> <td>£33.26</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Payee	Purpose	Amount (inc VAT)	<i>To be paid by online banking</i>			Webmate	Domain renewal Ludgvan.org inv 555497	£15.59	TheFreemacLtd	IT for 2 new Cllrs	£25.00	BDP LLP	External audit 2023.24	£504.00	R Sanders	LMP footpaths, first cuts inv 3117	£2,315.17	Simon Rhodes Garden and Grounds Care	Removal of rubbish, Church Hill allotments	£45.00	Zurich Municipal	Insurance 1.8.24 to 31.7.25 inv XXX3999	£820.63	Ludgvan Parish Church	Murley Hall Hire (10 July meeting)	£24.00	Simon Rhodes Garden and Grounds Care	Church Hill allotments – supply and installation of fencing CH29B and repairs to metal gate. <i>Community Chest funded</i>	£174.96	Webmate	Webmate Pro and Webmate email (ludgvan.org) (2.9.24 – 1.9.25)	£174.00	Burroughs & Kearey	Refund of overpayment of burial fees	£300.00	Viking	Stationery	£33.26
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	Staff costs – combined		£3,198.67
	Louise Clifton	Clerk’s expenses July 2024 (Note 2)	£141.05
	<i>To be paid by Direct Debit</i>		
	Source for Business	Water – Church Hill allotments 15.4.24 to 15.7.24	£122.20
	Source for Business	Water – New St Paul’s Cemetery, Ludgvan 19.4.24 to 26.7.24	£27.85
LPC24.25.121	<p>Allotments:</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>i) To allocate up to £200 to cut back and remove vegetation from the hedge between plot CH22 and the neighbouring property, a former path route</p> <p>ii) To allocate up to £100 to cut down and remove a dead palm tree from allotment plot</p>		
LPC24.25.122	<p>New St Paul’s Cemetery</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>i) To approve the order and installation of 2 new beams for St Paul’s New Cemetery, to start a second row of grave spaces, and for the remaining graves in the first row to be allocated only as single graves.</p> <p>ii) The location for the cremated remains section to be revised, to be located in the lower area of the cemetery, by the gate leading to the amenity area</p> <p>iii) To review the suitability of the location of the path at a later date.</p>		
LPC24.25.123	<p>Notification from Cornwall Council relating to a property asset in Ludgvan Parish: St Ives Penderleath Common Grit Store (South) <i>To consider the consultation and decide a response from the parish council, based on whether the parish council has a potential use for the land.</i></p> <p>Councillors discussed this item, noting updates from those who had visited the site and the ideas for potential uses that the parish council could utilise the land for. Ideas suggested including leasing the land for storage with a view to perhaps sell it at a later date to generate a receipt which could be used for parish project, or to use the land for allotments / planting trees. It was noted that in addition to potential benefits there were also potential risks, such as misuse of the land which could result in the need for enforcement action.</p> <p>Following discussion a vote was taken, where it was Resolved that the parish council will not seek to take on the Penderleath Common Grit Store as a property asset for the parish council.</p>		
LPC24.25.124	Conclusion of external audit 2023/24 – Noted.		
LPC24.25.125	Finance report and bank reconciliation – Noted.		
LPC24.25.126	<p>Correspondence/communications</p> <p>Correspondence received relating to Cormac’s consultation on pedestrian improvements Ludgvan / Crowlas had been circulated to Cllrs.</p> <p>Other correspondence:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Damage to bollard on A30 at Canonstown – Councillors agreed to raise this issue again in future meetings with Highways England 2. Parking in Long Rock – noted that this is being dealt with by the Cornwall Council Divisional Member. 		
LPC24.25.127	<p>Agenda items for a future meeting</p> <p>i. Any items deferred from this meeting</p>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii. CIL – use of funds iii. Repair and renovation of the chapel building at Crowlas Cemetery – <i>to receive an update and agree on the next actions to take, including: Asbestos Management Plan; Funding application/s (National Lottery Heritage Fund)</i> iv. St Paul’s New Cemetery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. To agree how to set out the cremated remains section b. To review the layout of the path in relation to graves 	
	<p>Meeting closed: 9.13 Pm</p>	<p>Signed by Chair:</p>