

Ludgvan Parish Council

Minutes – 11 September 2024

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Ludgvan Parish Council held on Wednesday 11 September 2024 at 6.45pm at the Murley Hall, Ludgvan

Councillors present: Councillors: R Mann (Chairman), M Malone-Lee, S Oliver.

In attendance: Cornwall Councillors J Martin and L Taylor. 5 members of the public.

Officer support: Clerk/RFO

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors R Porter, L Miucci, S Miucci, J Munday and J Savill. Apologies received after the meeting from Cllr Brindley.

Councillors absent: Cllrs Porter, L Miucci, S Miucci, J Munday, J Savill, L Brindley.

Upon opening the meeting, the Chair noted that there were not enough Councillors present to form a quorum and so the meeting was closed, in accordance with Standing Order 3(w)

Meeting closed: 6.50pm

Signed by Chair:

Members of the public, Cornwall Councillors and a representative from the Cornwall Wildlife Trust were present and so an informal discussion took place with them. No decisions were made.

Public Speaking

The local resident who had requested a safety hand rail at Trethorne Court asked for an update on progress, as the request had first been raised many months ago. It was noted that the process had involved seeking permissions, funding and sourcing the contractor to carry out the work. The contractor's workload had slowed progress, but it was understood that the works would be carried out in the next few weeks.

PA24/06286 – the applicant attended to explain the context of the proposed development and was willing to answer any questions.

A resident raised concern that residents of Whitecross were first catching the bus to St Erth in order to get to Penzance by bus as it was not possible to cross the road. C.Cllr Martin advised that this was a National Highways matter as it is on the A30, and that National Highways are aware of the problem and looking at ways that the issues at Whitecross can be resolved.

A speaker, an executor for an area of land near the Ludgvan Leaze industrial estate introduced himself as the point of contact. The area had been tidied and the football club has a five year lease. The future use of the land is being reviewed and it is likely that the use as a football ground will continue past the current 5 year agreement. One of the options which may be considered is affordable housing. The land comprises the yard and approximately 18 acres currently being farmed, the land for the football club, and another 2 ½ acres.

Cornwall Councillor reports

Cornwall Councillor Linda Taylor had circulated her written report in advance. She also congratulated Andrew George MP for voting against the Government's decision to withdraw the winter fuel allowance for pensioners, and spoke to encourage people who are eligible, to apply for Pension Credits.

Cornwall Councillor John Martin will be visiting the new bus hub at Long Rock in the next fortnight and will report to the next meeting. Also plans to visit the crab processing factory in Long Rock, after complaints at odour and noise nuisance. Environmental Health have also been referred. The West planning committee has been cancelled for this month due to low number of applications. Councillors asked that the parking opposite the crab processing factory also be raised at the meeting.

Presentation – Cornwall Wildlife Trust, re-naturing scheme

A Community Engagement Officer from the Cornwall Wildlife Trust attended to explain what landscape recovery is, and the work being carried out in Penwith. The landscape recovery scheme is funded by DEFRA, to improve the land and to encourage people out into the landscape. A plan is being prepared, leading to aims for a 20 year programme. The project arose from the designation of the Penwith Moors SSSI and the Penwith Partnership work. Cornwall Wildlife Trust have spoken to 60 farmers and landowners across the area who have agreed to participate in the scheme.

Two of the strands of the project are to increase visits and increased uses of the lands, including walks, birdwatching, visiting ancient sites. There will be 8 public events across Penwith in October and November, a chance for people to talk about how they use the area and how they would like to see the area to evolve, to help inform a collaborative funding application to DEFRA.

Assistance from the parish council in publicising the parish events was requested. They will be published on the parish council's facebook page.

A question was raised about how the landscape might evolve over the next 20 years. This would be a work in process.

Farmers and landowners would be welcome to contact the Cornwall Wildlife Trust for a discussion with no commitments.