

# LANTEGLOS-BY-FOWEY PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD

ON TUESDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JUNE 2026 @ 7.00PM

### IN WHITECROSS VILLAGE HALL

1. Present: Cllrs Talling, Pyke, Ainley (Chair), Adams, Palmer, Beresford, Hawa, Bunt and the clerk
2. Chairman's welcome and public. Cllr Ainley welcomed everyone to the meeting. Jamie Adams HM Coastguard who wished to address the parish council had been held up at work and was unable to attend.
3. Outside Authorities / Bodies. Members to receive reports from outside authorities as follows:
  - a. County Councillor Report
    - Cllr Jim Candy offered apologies for his late arrival. He reported that the pothole backlog stands at about 2000 currently on the system, down from nearly 6000. He recommended attendance at the Cormac workshop in Liskeard on Wednesday 24th and stated that he had attended the previous event at Bodmin and it was very informative. He suggested that in view of the weather that anyone thinking of attending should check that it is still on. Volunteers would be covered by Cormac insurance for clearance/maintenance jobs using hand tools provided.
    - National Highways are attending the CAP meeting Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 6.00pm in Liskeard to share plans for the A38 from Trerulefoot to Saltash.
    - He had no further news to report on the future of 27-28 Greenbank. He understood that the team may be making a decision about repairs as the insurance claim has now been settled. He has asked for an update on tidying the curtilage and broken foul pipe.
    - He reported that he continues to explore the possibility of finding a Rural Housing Provider, for example Sanctuary, to look at Henders Field. With the Labour government housing targets having increased, it is possible that funding for social housing will increase. He strongly advised that the Council keeps its options open.
    - He reported that he is working with colleagues and officers re the issue of Coastguards allowance payments and know that the leader of Cornwall Council and MPs are making representations to government. He is hopeful for a satisfactory resolution.
  - b. South-East Cornwall CAP. No report this time. Meeting to be held on 25<sup>th</sup> June and Cllr Ainley hopes to be able to attend.
  - c. Police PCSO Cocks. 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> May there were five crimes reported – 4 harassment and 1 theft. He discussed with members the option for a public space protection order on the quay Polruan. These are set up by Cornwall Council. He

reiterated the importance of members of the public reporting crime to the police. Cllr Ainley raised the work being undertaken by the parish council and Polruan Town Trust to tackle anti-social behaviour in the areas around the quay and that a notice had been put on the facebook page and will be posted in the next edition of the parish newsletter. Cllr Palmer suggested that a notice be posted on the PTT noticeboard at the reading room. Cllr Pyke reported that two members of the parish council and 2 from the Polruan Town Trust were going through the necessary clearances to be able to view the CCTV footage as the CCTV upgrade means that these areas are fully covered. This will make reporting to the police much more effective. Cllr Pyke also suggested that a meeting between the new landlords of the Luggar along with the landlord at the Russell take place with the police to discuss options for best dealing with anti-social behaviour as it happens.

- d. Fowey Port User Group. Cllr Talling attending the recent meeting. Paul Thomas, harbour master, reported that activity was normal in terms of predicted value of trading and of no of cruise ships visiting Fowey this season. He is awaiting funding for Caffa Mill's pontoon to be forthcoming which he hopes to have in place by the Autumn, there is a temporary pontoon located roughly in the area the new pontoon is to be sited. The old ferry slip way is a consistent worry due to algae grow making it very slippery at times, Cornwall Council is responsible for clearing this and only do it when absolutely necessary which leaves cause for concern with the possibility of an accident waiting to happen. The Harbour Commission regularly clean areas such as step etc with a non-contamination cleaner, expensive but effective. Discussion was had about the market held on Albert Quay when cruise ships visiting Fowey arrive and how popular this appears to be with the passengers. Paul Thomas had to limit requests for stalls to those he felt offered most benefit. Discussion was had on paddle boards and collecting harbour dues and people are encouraged to register their board and use a current sticker to show harbour personnel that they have paid their "dues". Also discussed was the extended harbour limits to include Lantic Bay but this will not come about yet as an Act of Parliament is needed to extend harbour limits. This was discussed due to complaint of speeding etc in the bay but as yet Paul has no powers to deal with this. One worrying discussion was about the deterioration of water quality with a local shellfish farmer saying he cannot use Fowey river water to clean and flush his produce without the use of ultraviolet to "clean the water" first. More monitoring and reporting of concerns is required.

#### 4. Apologies: Cllr Kelly

#### 5. Members declarations:

- a. Pecuniary/Registerable Declarations of Interests. None.
- b. Non-registerable Interests. None.
- c. Declaration of Gifts. None.
- d. Dispensations. Cllr Hawa pointed out that during the up coming agenda item regarding the discussion on the planning process there may be reference to his personal experience. Cllr Ainley accepted that some other members may

also have had personal experience of planning and that this should be acceptable for him to be able to remain in the discussion.

6. Minutes of meetings:

Full council meeting 28<sup>th</sup> May 2026 signed as a true and accurate record with one minor amendment. It should be noted that Cllr Hawa left the meeting after making his representation as a member of the public at the start of the meeting. His apologies for the main meeting had already been noted. Cllr Pyke proposed and all members agreed.

7. Planning Applications: No new applications had been submitted although Cllr Ainley wished to raise the subject of the enforcement case EN23/00945 Land off Meadow Walk, Bones Meadow being closed due to a new planning application having been made. She felt that this was a cynical move by the developer to avoid having to fulfil the obligations set out in previous applications. She asked members agreement that if the planning authority respond with the view that they will not take necessary action to ensure that the footpath is reinstated that the parish council request the application goes to the planning committee. Unanimous agreement from members. The clerk will raise this with Cllr Candy.

8. Other planning matters:

- CIL – Cllr Ainley updated members on two properties potentially liable to pay CIL as they both appear to be completed although no completion certificates had been issued. It was pointed out that vat on new builds/conversions could not be claimed back until a completion certificate had been issued. Both properties appear to be being used as second homes. Clerk to raise these with CIL inspectorate and copy Cllr Candy.
- Planning process and how to make it more user friendly. Cllr Hawa acting as a parish councillor wished to start a discussion on how to make the planning process within the parish council more helpful to applicants. He pointed out that he would be drawing on his own personal experience during the discussion but accepted that discussion would be stopped if it became inappropriate. He acknowledged that discussion at the early stages of a planning application could avoid design decisions that would be opposed by the parish council further down the line. Cllr Ainley pointed out that the parish council could not give advice to applicants but would offer comments in line with the policies to which the parish council adheres in consideration of any planning application. However, the parish council does not see applications before they have been submitted unless the applicant either makes a pre-application with the planning authority for which they charge a fee or approaches the parish council to discuss prior to making an application. She stated that at times architects/agents seek comments from the parish council by outlining proposals at full council meetings in the position of a member of the public. This then initiates a conversation/comments from members which architects may find helpful in the design stage. Members also mentioned the importance of applicants speaking to their neighbours and urged caution for the parish council in making formal comments too early before the views of neighbours had been fully appreciated. Members acknowledged that it would

be useful to publish guidance in the parish news on exactly what the parish council does as a group, including surrounding the decision making on planning applications and will work with the clerk to put together some useful information. The parish council was challenged on the point of consistency but confirmed its confidence that it acts correctly in these matters. As the meeting descended into matters specific to an individual application the clerk closed the discussion and Cllr Hawa was invited to make any further comments to the chair and the clerk outside the meeting should he wish to do so.

9. Social housing updates – Cllr Candy reported on social housing matters earlier in the meeting as part of his report. Members were aware that a property in Kendall Park had become available and sought assurance from Cllr Candy that it would be let to a local family. Cllr Candy pointed out that it is a 2 bed house but if no-one came forward with a specific 2 bed need locally then it would be offered to another local family who may only qualify for a 1 bed. Cllr Candy reiterated that he is working towards finding a registered provider to move forward with plans for Henders Field. Members are nervous about the possible consequences of more social housing at the Henders Field site leading to the likelihood of the other social housing within the village then being let in the future to people outside the local area. Discussion was then had on various options for new social housing being introduced with the possibility of some private rentals or even part ownership restricted to locals. There are options for the future management that could be investigated further down the line.

10. Planning applications approved by CC. For information only.

None for discussion.

11. Environmental/Amenity:

Public conveniences.

- i. St Saviours WC's – Members voted on which door to choose – composite or steel. Small majority for steel door. Cllr Palmer and the clerk to choose colour.
- ii. Frogmore WC's – New meter installed and British Gas now supplying electricity. National grid issued the certificate of cancellation of unmetered supply to EDF.
- iii. The Quay WC's – Members were informed that the ladies and the disabled toilets are open for the summer season and are regularly cleaned. The Polruan Town Trust hope to start refurbishment of the toilets in September. More discussion regarding the future maintenance to come.
- iv. Legionella testing. Mrs Kelly provided water temperatures of 10 degrees.

Healthcare Provision.

- Fowey River Practice and Polruan Surgery. Cllr Hawa wished to defer discussion to closed session.

- Fowey Hospital. No update.

## 12. Highway Matters:

- a. Road closures. None reported
- b. Road drains or potholes. Cllr Candy reported that the number of outstanding potholes is reducing.

## 13. Administrative matters.

- Cllr Ainley reported that Cllr Hawa is taking the lead on the revitalisation of Polruan. Members of the Polruan Town Trust are also offering to get involved. Cllr Ainley sought members views on the Neighbourhood Priority Statement and whether it would be better for the parish council to sign up to this initiative which broadly satisfies the process by which we want to set out our revitalisation plans. It would mean using the generic survey provided by the initiative rather than creating our own. It would also mean that we would be supported by Cornwall council to set out our priority statement and we could tailor the discussion resulting from the survey to more appropriately meet the needs of our parish. The challenge will be to encourage as many people as possible fill in the survey but there could be assistance given at the coffee and cake morning which is a hub for local people to meet. Unanimous support was received by members to proceed with the Neighbourhood Priority Statement. The Clerk will formally sign up for the scheme. The details of how we manage the NDS and revitalisation of Polruan will be discussed at the 1<sup>st</sup> subgroup meeting.
- Parish council vacancies – The parish council will be able to co-opt members following confirmation from Cornwall council that no by-election has been requested.

## 14. Financial Matters:

- a. Accounts for Payment. A June payment schedule was presented for payment. The total amount of £3582.65 was agreed for payment.
- b. Bank reconciliation. A copy of the bank reconciliation was circulated.
- c. Budget monitor. A copy of the budget monitor was circulated.
- d. AGAR – The annual governance and accountability return had been circulated and was approved unanimously by members at the meeting. Clerk to post the report to the website and notice boards along with the notice of public rights. The return will be sent to the external auditor for scrutiny,

Cllr Ainley confirmed all financial reports had been circulated and approved by all members.

12. Closed session (if applicable).

In view of the special/confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public are excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

13. Diary dates.

The date of the next meeting 28<sup>th</sup> July 2026 Whitecross village hall.

AOB – A brief discussion was held on the funding request from the Cornwall Destination Organisation and as not all members had had time to review the documentation it was deferred for approval at the next PC meeting. In addition, training sessions offered by NALC and CALC will be discussed at the next meeting.

Meeting closed. 9.00pm.

Signature: ..... (Cllr Ainley)

Chairman

Date: 28<sup>th</sup> July 2026

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