

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LADOCK PARISH COUNCIL – MONDAY 9 DECEMBER 2024

Following The notice, the Meeting of Ladock Parish Council was held on Monday 9 December 2024 at Sir Robert Harvey Memorial Hall, Grampound Road, commencing at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Cllrs Campbell (Chair), Barker, Butler, Buchan, Clemow, Hartley, Howes, Miners and Scott. Also present was the Clerk.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Ward and CCllr Glasson.

MEMBERS DECLARATIONS

Disclosable pecuniary interest	None disclosed.
Non-registerable interest	None disclosed.
Declarations of gifts	None disclosed.
Applications for dispensations	None received.

REPORTS

1 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR. Not present.

2 CLERK'S UPDATE. Clerk advised that following the recent budget the threshold for National Insurance has been reduced, so the PC will have additional costs from 2025. Truro and Newquay recycling centres no longer accept sofas, chairs, cushions etc. Any fly tipping to be reported on CC's Report It page. LMP rate for 2025 increased by 1.1%. Election costs; contested £2731.26, uncontested £317.28. Cllr Clemow attended Code of Conduct course and Clerk attended Heritage and Type Q Planning course. The PC will participate in Ladock Christmas Tree Festival, 15-22 December at Ladock Church. Following storm, Ladock had been without power and was still without internet or land line.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3 FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF 11 NOVEMBER 2024. Proposed by Cllr Hartley, seconded by Cllr Miners that the Minutes be signed as a true copy. Agreed and signed by Chair.

PLANNING

4 PA23/02629. UPDATE ON STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR FAIRPARK SOLAR FARM (HENDRA). Cllr Campbell spoke on behalf of PC, objecting to the application. The application was refused. NOTED

5 CONSIDER CORNWALL COUNCIL'S LACK OF STRATEGIC POLICY FOR SOLAR FARMS. 28% of country's renewables are produced in Cornwall. Suggestions included highlighting lack of infrastructure, need for battery storage, new homes to be carbon neutral/have solar panels, lack of benefits for local communities, land classification and follow CC's example of panels in car park. Proposed by Cllr Campbell, seconded by Cllr Barker to write to CC (copy MP) requesting CC adopt strategic policy as priority. All in favour. Cllr Campbell and Clerk to compose letter AGREED

6 CONSIDER PROPOSED FOOTPATH AT ST EWE EGGS DEPOT. St Ewe Eggs were advised that there were difficulties with footpath on national speed limit highway. They proposed having a fenced footpath on their land beside highway. Proposed by Cllr Hartley, seconded by Cllr Clemow to request footpath from South Street to junction with lane after St Ewe Eggs. All in favour. AGREED

7 NO FURTHER PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 8 UPDATE ON TRAFFIC/ROAD SAFETY IN GRAMPOUND ROAD. Carried forward to December due to absence of Cllr Glasson, who was arranging site visit with CCllr Donnithorne. ONGOING
- 9 UPDATE ON ANY ACTION TO FLOODING ON MAIN ROAD ADJACENT TO PC'S GERLAINE BRIDLEWAY. Cllr Hartley had discussed with Cormac's Adrian Hoskin. Carried forward to December due to absence of Cllr Glasson, who was arranging site visit. ONGOING
- 10 CONSIDER IMPLICATIONS OF VOICE OVER INTERNET PROTOCOL/TELECOMMUNICATIONS RESILIENCE PLANNING. Existing copper wire system to be replaced by phone via internet. Current situation of lack of power and internet in parish highlights shortfalls of new system, particularly in Ladock where there is no mobile reception, which could leave residents vulnerable in emergencies. Cllrs Buchan, Campbell and Clemow to form group to investigate. ONGOING
- 11 CONSIDER WHETHER TO ADOPT HOUSING POLICY. Cllr Campbell and Clerk to draft housing policy to present to January meeting. ONGOING
- 12 CONSIDER OPTION FOR GREEN SPACE AT GREENBANK/VENTONLACE AND OTHER AREAS IN PARISH. Clerk to forward maps of CC land to Councillors. ONGOING
- 13 CONFIRMATION OF COMPLETION OF CLERK'S APPRAISAL. Completed by Cllr Campbell. NOTED
- 14 CONSIDER REPLACING JUBILEE OAK. CC will not replace dead oak. Cllr Hartley to obtain replacement tree. NOTED

FINANCE

15 APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS. The following cheques, totalling £5436.59 were approved and signed by Cllrs Butler and Campbell.

001367	A Lutey	Salary + holiday pay
001368	HMRC	PAYE & NI
001369	Kernowek Gardeners	Play field grass cut Oct & Nov
001370	Kernowek Gardeners	LMP
001371	A Lutey	Expenses & mileage

Proposed by Cllr Hartley, seconded by Cllr Howes that Clerk would be reimbursed for cost of additional bar on chain of office. All in favour. AGREED

16 AGREE APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR FOR 2024-25 YEAR END. Proposed by Cllr Howes, seconded by Cllr Barker to reappoint Linda Coles as Internal Auditor. All in favour. AGREED

CORRESPONDENCE

- 17 VivBidgood, Cormac – B3275 closure 25-29 November.
- 18 Mrs Fincher – bench.
- 19 Neil – Cornwall Farmers Rally, Truro.
- 20 Cllr Thalia Marrington – Raising awareness to end violence against women and girls, 16 days of action.
- 21 CALC – Hedgerow management and burial consultation papers.
- 22 CC Localism – Christmas waste and recycling collections.
- 23 CC Community Levelling Up Programme – Report.
- 24 CC Emergency Management Manager – Telecommunications resilience planning.
- 25 Monument Improvement Team – King Arthur's Hall.
- 26 CALC – Cornwall Council finance briefing.
- 27 P Richardson – Solar farm application.
- 28 Any other correspondence received by date of meeting.
- 28.1 CC – Amber weather warning, 7 December.
- 28.2 Dave Monk – Loan shark awareness talks.

28.3 NHS – 10 year health plan survey.

CLOSED SESSION UNDER PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

29 AGREE TENDER FOR INSTALLATION OF 3 VILLAGE GATEWAYS IN LADOCK.

30 AGREE CLERK'S SALARY SCALE FOR 2025-26.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Signed

13 January 2025