LANIVET PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF LANIVET PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE PARISH HALL, LANIVET ON THURSDAY, 20^{TH} APRIL 2017 AT 7.00PM

Present: Cllr. S. Walker (Chairman) Mrs. J. Burdon Cllr. Miss P. Bolton

(Parish Clerk) (Vice-Chair)
Cllr. D. Carter Cllr. T. Hancoo

Cllr. A. Harris Cllr. D. Carter Cllr. T. Hancock Cllr. A.J. Barnaby Cllr. Mrs. J. Stickland Cllr. A. Harris

Cllr. Mrs. W. Grose Cllr. Mrs. J. Dent Cllr. Mrs. K. Walker

Cwll. Cllr. C. Batters 3 Members of Public

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Minute	AGENDA ITEMS	Action	
63/17	Chairman's Welcome:- The Chairman welcomed all to the Annual Parish Meeting of Lanivet Parish Council. There will be a Public Forum in the Parish Meeting to follow on from this Annual Parish Meeting.		
64/17	Apologies:- Councillors C. Vercoe, D. Batten, Mrs. G. Cornelius – Lanivet United Charities, Mr. Reg Sheppard – Nanstallon Cemetery, Mr. P. Jelbert – Lanivet CP School, Mr. P. Dingle – Nanstallon CP School, Mr. Peter Old – Lanivet Parish Sports & Recreational Trust.		
65/17	Minutes of the 2016 Annual Parish Meeting held on 28th April 2016:- All Councillors had received a copy of the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 28 th April 2016, as approved by the Parish Council on the 12 th May 2016.		
66/17	Matters Arising from Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held on 28 th April 2016:- None.		
67/17	Chairman's Report:- Chairman's Report circulated as follows for 2017:- Having only been Chairman for a short time I would like to start by thanking our previous Chairman, Mr. Alex Steele for all his hard work and for giving me his notes, to help remind me what we have done the last 12 months. It was only when I sat down to compile this report that I realised how lucky we are to live in a lovely place and how relatively minor our issues are when compared to things in the wider world. One or two people have mentioned how infrequently we see police patrols in the parish but, this in some ways can be looked at as good thing, as it means that we live in a low crime area, with the statistics hardly changing in the last 12 months. One area where we have had help from our PCSO's Andrea Crocker and Celeste Parker are persuading people to use the new Car Park and with the school staff and some of the parents now using this facility it has certainly alleviated some of the congestion around that area.		
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Mr. Alex Steele, Councillor Miss Paula Bolton and I were invited to Nanstallon School last summer by the Head Peter Dingle, and we had an informative and interesting visit we were also given a tour of the new pre-school building," boy how things have changed since I was at school" one thing that did come up was the number of pupils that they take from the Bodmin catchment area and with this in mind at a resent Cornwall Planning Meeting I have tried to put the case for them to receive 106 Agreement funding from any major planning applications in the Boundary Road area.

I understand that the Lanivet Playgroup is now under new management and wish them well in their new home in the Church Hall.

There have been no really contentious major planning applications approved within the parish this year, but one area of concern has been the number of new homes to be built near our boundary with Bodmin, this will equate to about 1200 homes when they are completed, the concern for us is the impact that it will have on Nanstallon Sewage Works. We have been working closely with our Cornwall Councillor Chris Batters, to put pressure on Cornwall Planners to ensure that they only approve applications once South West Water give a written undertaking that their facility is adequate to cope, this is something that needs close scrutiny in the future.

One of the things that has taken up a lot of our time this year are the ongoing problems with the roads around the parish, again with the help of Cornwall Councillor Chris Batter's we seem to making some progress. At last Cornwall Council seems to be taking the muddy roads seriously, having put a plan in place to deal with some of the worst offenders. With the injection of money from Central Government, some of the drainage issues and road repairs are now under way. I would like to thank Rachel Tatlow from Cormac for doing what she is able with her meagre resources.

Although we have not done any major capital projects this year there have been quite a few minor pieces of work done around the green, from painting parking bays and general maintenance in the car park, thanks to a working party of Councillors. To the cutting down of the old cemetery hedge and grass cutting, a job that now falls on us since our enforced takeover of the maintenance together with planting of nearly 3,000 bulbs around the Village Green with a grant from Cornwall Councillor Chris Batters Community Chest, all jobs that have improved this area no end.

One thing we have had to precept extra money this year is on the maintenance of the play equipment, which is beginning to show its age, and hopefully some of this should have been done by the time you read this.

The toilets have given us a few problems with somewhat haphazard opening and cleaning but again this has hopefully been solved with the appointment of Alison Hawken our new Cleaning Contractor.

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Finally, I would like to congratulate the Sports and Recreation Trust on winning the various grants and in particular David Carter for his hard work. With work on the "One For All Community Project" due to start soon. I think we would all agree that this will be the best thing to happen in the Parish for many years.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Parish Councillors and the Parish Clerk Julie Burdon for all their hard work over the past year.

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Cornwall Council – Report from Cornwall Councillor Chris Batters:- Cornwall Councillor C. Batters reported he did not have an Annual Report this year but would report during the monthly meeting.

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Nanstallon CP School Report:- Clerk circulated a report received from Mr. Dingle, Headteacher as follows - Every year is a busy year here are a few of the highlights:-

At the time of writing the School has 105 pupils on roll; this is 12 more than last year, which for a school of our size is significant. We expect to maintain these numbers over the next few years as it is predicted that we will be full to capacity in all of our year groups and are likely to be full in Reception over the coming years.

We had a healthy intake in YR and as usual were over-subscribed. We continue to attract pupils from outside our catchment area, this year approximately half of our children come from outside our notional catchment area.

The fact that the village pre-school is on site and continues to be popular has helped stabilize our intake and has made forward planning much easier.

This year we have at last year run four classes. Finances have been exceptionally tight and at the end of the year we did have to lose one of our teaching assistants. We have ended the year without any reserves and are somewhat concerned about future funding. The Lanhydrock Schools' Partnership, which is the trust that formerly constituted ourselves, St. Wenn and Berrycoombe Schools has come to an end as it has become clear that we are all going to be required multi-academy chains. All three of the schools including ourselves intend to join the Truro and Penwith Academy Trust. As Lanivet and Cardinham are also joining this will enable us to continue to work together for th sake of all the children in our communities. Working with local schools has always been a key cornerstone in our philosophy and TPAT with its new campus in Bodmin looks like a good organisation to be part of.

Last year as noted in my report we wrestled with a new and very demanding curriculum and along with many other schools we struggled to get pupils to the expected standard. This year thankfully we are doing better and as pupils and staff become used to these new expectations we are feeling more confident about where we are.

We have continued to run an exciting range of activities for our children, we worked with Badger Forest Schools to ensure that all of our children get to learn and play outside.

Having an indoor space for PE (what was the original Victorian classroom), has been a great bonus, both of our infant classes have been able to have PE indoors during the winter, for the first time ever.

Last year our oldest children went to Bristol for their annual residential trip, they had a great time. This year we are being slightly less adventurous, but are going to Okehampton YHA so we hope the weather will be kind to us.

Our children enjoyed a wide range of sporting activities both at school and through the area sports partnership. This year the area swimming gala was moved to the spring term and for the first time ever our school team won. Quite an achievement for such a small school. The pupils have also enjoyed a wide range of after school activities and clubs including football, netball, art, cricket and school choir. At Christmas the choir sang at Truro Methodist Church to support St. Petroc's Society. We held an infant's sports day at Nanstallon for all the trust schools. Sadly, our last trust even as such.

Parents, pupils and staff supported a number of charities, both national and local ranging from Children in Need, The RNLI, Guide Dogs for the Blind, Red Nose to the St. Petroc's Society and Precious Lives.

We continue to support out friends at Morkiswa Primary School in Uganda through the Food for Thought Charity. I will be visiting the school this summer to meet the new Headteacher

Last year we did happily hold our end of year sports day and did not have to re-arrange for rain, Hooray. It is always a great pleasure to see our children compete with each other in such a positive manner.

Last summer 6 children left the school in July. They all transferred successfully to Bodmin College. This year we will be losing 14 in July.

We are lucky to enjoy the support of an excellent parent body who support us and their children and the PTA continues to think of new ways to raise funds for the school. So whatever the challenges we will thrive. We enjoyed another positive year. We hope that this report is useful.

Councillors would be welcomed to come and look around the school.

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Lanivet CP School Report:- Clerk circulated a report received from Mr. Jelbert, Headteacher as follows - Much has happened since my report last year. At that time, I was still on a part time timetable whilst recovering from my heart attack. I had returned to work 5 weeks after coming out of hospital and now recognise this to have been folly on my part. I am now back to full time but have decided that having had the warning shot across my bows I need to put my own health first.

This will be my last report to you as I shall be retiring in the Summer. Governors have met, interviewed candidates and appointed Ingrid Bennett as the new head. Currently she is head of St Wenn so is familiar with the area.

We will have a number of meetings in the summer to ensure there is a smooth transfer.

It is an exciting time for Ingrid to take over. Lanivet has expanded again and now has 7 classes, even with this increase we had to turn children away from our Early Years class last year and again this year. An excellent new teacher, Bryony Coates, was appointed to the school. At the same time a teacher, Dave Jones, appointed newly qualified in 2012, has moved to Cardinham as my Assistant Head.

For much of the year we have been discussing joining a MAT (Multi Academy Trust). The Government has clearly stated it wants all schools removed from LA control and to become part of a trust. The Cornwall LA Education Strategy 2016-2020 has four aims, of which number 3 is to facilitate the change from maintained to trust status. Clearly our LA is not planning on having maintained schools in the longer term. Working closely with the LA we have seen the rapid contraction of in-house services and the outsourcing of support and professional guidance. It became obvious it was only a matter of time before the LA would be unable to maintain and support schools. All 23 MATs in Cornwall were contacted to discuss their views on expansion. From this 6 were chosen to make presentations, then three chosen to visit. After extensive and exhaustive discussions, it was decided we should progress with Truro and Penwith Academy trust (TPAT). Truro College are opening a new 6th form college in Bodmin which will be part of the trust. Roche and St Dennis are primary schools already within TPAT and Cardinham, Berrycoombe, St Wenn and Nanstallon are also seeking to join TPAT. If approved this will provide a strong Bodmin based hub to support our schools.

Last week we were inspected by Ofsted. The report has not been published so I am not allowed to discuss its comments. Our inspector was Richard Light, one of the most senior HMIs in the South-West and I have to say it was the most positive inspection I have been involved in. I have been Headteacher in five inspections but this is the only one which moved from accountability to focus on school improvement. Suffice to say I am happy to be retiring on the back of this report. Should it be published prior to your meeting I will be happy to send the report with a summary to you.

An issue which has to be dealt with is school funding. The Government initiated the process of a 'Fair Funding Review' with the intent of creating a new national Fair Funding Formula. Sadly, the Fair was removed from the title at an early stage and it appears the revised formula is merely a means to make further cuts. We have been told the education budget has been protected; however, numbers of children in education is growing so this means the amount schools receive for each child is actually falling. There has been widespread opposition to the current formula and we can only hope that there are further revisions. At Lanivet we have managed the budget very tightly and we are one of the healthiest schools in Cornwall. I am proud of my legacy and of the ethos in which every child is supported and encouraged.

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	However, I do fear that increasingly there will be constraints which reduce the ability of schools to support our children particularly the most vulnerable and disadvantaged.	
	I cannot wish for a better school to have been head of. Having been head for almost 18 years, close to half of my working life I will be giving up a huge chunk of my life. I have worked to develop partnerships within school and within the wider community, including the Parish Council. I hope the new head is able to build on this and together you have a strong and successful working relationship. I wish you all the best.	
71/17	Sport & Recreation Committee Report:- Clerk circulated a report received from Mr. Peter Old as per attached and circulated to Councillors - I write as Chairman of the Lanivet Parish Sports and Recreational Trust to advise of the progress achieved in respect of the development off of Rectory Road.	
	Most of you will be aware that Planning had been passed, building regulations approved, Big Lottery Funding agreed along with grants approval from both Sita and Sports England.	
	We are waiting small grant approval from the Football Foundation and the Playing Field Legacy Trust.	
	Whilst my Committee is very grateful to the hard work its members have undertaken, in particular those directly involved with the grant applications, we are also very appreciative of the involvement of the Parish Council and the Lanivet United Charities.	
	Both these organisations have supported us through all the various twists and turns with both verbal support and capital support to help us to meet all requirements.	
	Please express my sincere thanks to all Councillors.	
	There is still a small amount of Legal activity to be finalised and we expect all of this to be completed by the end of the month at which time you will see the development of the new Village Hall start to rise from the ground.	
	The anticipated completion date is October/November 2017.	
72/17	Lanivet United Charity Report:- Report received from Mrs. Gill Cornelius circulated as follows - With regard to our Annual reports, this is currently with the accountants being prepared, covering the period 1 st January 2017 to the 31 st December 2016, so no figures to report.	
73/17	Nanstallon Cemetery Report:- Report received from Mr. Reg Sheppard as follows - Thanks for your e-mail and invitation to the parish meeting. Unfortunately, I shall not be able to attend but can provide you with a report of the Committee's activities over the past year.	
	There have been no burials or interment of cremated remains since the last meeting.	

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	Meeting Closed:- 7.13pm.	
74/17	Parish Matters:- None.	
	Councillor Harris arrived at 7.12pm.	
	We had a Committee Meeting this week at which the question of insurance was raised. Could you, please tell me if Lanivet has insurance cover specifically for the cemetery and if so what is your cover for Public Liability? Ours, with CMA, is £5,000,000 but one of our members thinks this is not enough. It was resolved to respond advising what our Public Liability is Action: Clerk to action.	Clerk
	Also in January a party of volunteers cut back overhanging branches in the hedge between the two parts of the cemetery.	
	In January George Kestell carried out the annual survey on the safety of headstones and checked graves for subsidence in the old cemetery.	
	Plans have been agreed to redesign the area for cremated remains enclosing a gravelled space in the new cemetery. Work on his project should begin at the end of May.	

Signature:	
	Chairman

Date: 18th May 2017