



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LANEAST PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE CHURCH ROOM LANEAST -  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 7 pm**

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**Present** Councillor P Stephenson (Chairman)  
Councillors; E. J. Martin, M. Orchard and S. Cottingham  
Carolyn May (Parish Clerk)

**Also in Attendance:** Cllr. Adrian Parsons (Cornwall Council)

**2017/18 – 22** **Apologies** – None

**2017/18 – 23** **Declaration of Interests** - None

**2017/18 – 24** **Confirmation of Minutes**

It was **proposed** by Cllr Burden, **seconded** by Cllr Orchard and **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of Laneast Parish Council on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2017, be confirmed as a correct record of that meeting. Unanimous. **Carried.**

The meeting minutes were duly signed, on each page, by the Chairman.

**Finance Matters**

**2017/18 – 25** The Parish Council's Schedule of Payments was considered by the Members. The Clerk asked Members to consider whether they wished to continue with their CALC Membership, as this represented a substantial sum from the precept.

Members discussed the Parish Council's usage of the CALC service and agreed that there had been no recent reference to the same by the Clerk/ Members and that the membership fee did not represent best value for the Parish Council. It was further agreed that, if necessary, the Parish Council could re-join the organisation at a later date.

It was **proposed** by Cllr Orchard, **seconded** by Cllr Martyn and **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council would not renew its' CALC membership. Unanimous. **Carried.**



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**2017/18 – 26**

It was **proposed** by Cllr Orchard, **seconded** by Cllr Burden and **RESOLVED** that the amended Parish Council Schedule of Payments would be accepted. Unanimous. **Carried.**

**Banking Issues**

The Clerk reported that, despite having completed and returned completed banking mandates for herself and Cllr Cottingham, no acknowledgement had been received from the bank. Bank statements were only being received by Cllr Burden. The situation had resulted in the Clerk being unable to transfer the agreed sum of £3,000, from the PC's Current Account to its' Business Account (Minute 2017/18 – 18 refers).

It was agreed that Cllrs. Burden and Cottingham, along with the Clerk, should arrange to attend at Barclay's Bank (Launceston) in order to complete appropriate documentation and make appropriate arrangements for managing the PC's bank accounts.

**Clerk's Salary**

The Clerk explained the difficulties and expense involved (for the Parish Council) in claiming her agreed salary. Having given the matter due consideration, the Clerk suggested that Members propose a motion that the Clerk should remain in her post but receive zero remuneration (claiming expenses only). The Clerk to sign an agreement to that effect.

Cllr Burden advised Members that, in order to protect the Parish Council's position, the Parish Council could donate the equivalent of the Clerk's salary to local charities. This would be done at the discretion of the Parish Council and may cease, should the Parish Council deem it appropriate to do so. This would enable the option of payment to be resurrected by the existing, or any future, Clerk to the Parish. Any renegotiation by the current Clerk should be completed by July in each year.

**2017/18 – 27**

It was **proposed** by Cllr Burden, **seconded** by Cllr Orchard and **RESOLVED** that the stipend to be paid to the Clerk will be nil, with the Clerk receiving expenses only. Unanimous. **Carried.**

**2017/18 – 28**

It was **proposed** by Cllr Orchard and **seconded** by Cllr Martyn, that the Parish Council. In order to protect its' position, will donate at its discretion,



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sums to charity. Donations may cease as the Parish Council deems appropriate. Unanimous. **Carried.**

**2017/18 – 29**

It was **proposed** by Cllr Cottingham, **seconded** by Cllr Martyn and **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council would donate the sum of £500.00 to the Laneast Parish Church, East Window Project. Four in favour, one abstention. **Carried.**

It was agreed that the Chairman would forward a letter to the Project Group along with the cheque.

**Planning Matters** – there were no planning matters for consideration.

**Councillor Business and Email Accounts**

**Cllr Parsons** discussed the Community Chest fund, allocated to him by Cornwall Council. The fund totals £2,000 per annum and is to be split between the four parishes in his administrative area. It was agreed that the East Window Project could apply for funding from that source but that the monies must be used for a defined purpose.

Cllr Burden stated that the project members wished to remove the sunken medieval pews from the rear of the church, in order to restore the same and to create a community space. Cllr Parsons advised that the Community Chest funding would not be available for the work described but could provide, for example, carpeting for the proposed community space.

**Email Issues** -Cllr Cottingham is experiencing difficulties in retrieving her email correspondence. The Chairman has agreed to contact SeaDog IT and arrange for an online tutoring session to be provided to Cllr Cottingham.

**Livestock Issue** – Cllr Cottingham reported that trees, on top of the hedge, which borders the road between Badgall and Tregear, are being dislodged by cattle. There is concern that this could cause an accident.

It was **agreed** that Cllr Orchard would raise the matter with the appropriate farmer.



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**Meeting Dates** – it has been requested that all future meeting dates should be displayed on the Parish Council website.

**Next Meeting** – The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, in the Church Room

The meeting closed at 20:15 hrs.

Signed .....  
Chair Date

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