



**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LANEAST PARISH
COUNCIL
HELD AT THE CHURCH ROOM LANEAST -
Monday 13th May 2019**

Present: Cllr. Simmons, Cllr Burden, Cllr Orchard, Cllr Martin, Cllr Field, Carolyn May (Clerk),
Cllr Parsons (Cornwall Council)

Also: Approximately 9 members of the public.

The Meeting commenced at 7pm.

The Meeting Received the following Reports:

1.0 Parish Council - Chairman's Report which addressed issues raised in the Minutes for the 2018 Annual Meeting. Each matter was discussed, and the actions undertaken by the Parish Council highlighted to the Parishioners in attendance.

2.0 Minutes of the 2018 Annual Meeting

It was **proposed** by Cllr Orchard, **seconded** by Cllr Martin and **RESOLVED** that the Minutes for the 2018 Annual Meeting would be accepted. Unanimous. **Carried**

3.0 Issues Raised by Attendees

3.1 Road Condition - Bagdall/Laneast - Cllr Simmons alluded to the Community Network Panel Area fund for road improvements. The sum provided (£300,00) is intended to address the required road improvements across the whole area. The Parish Council asked for funding for improved signage at the junction at Badgall Downs and £5,000 was allocated to the same.

It was made clear to the Members of the Parish Council, by Cornwall Council Highways Department, that the speed limit on the A395 could not be reduced, as such a reduction could not be enforced. One Member of the Public asked if there were statistics for the number of deaths on the A395. None were available. He also alluded to the fact that HGV drivers and Transit Van drivers seemed to believe that the National Speed Limit applied to them – that is not the case.

Furthermore, the request made by the Parish Council for a single white line to be painted on the A395, close to the junction was also denied, on the grounds that the Highway Code clearly states that there is a requirement for a driver/ cyclist to look both to the left and the right, prior to pulling out onto the main road.

The provision of additional road signage was discussed. Parishioners felt that the response to the problem by Cornwall Council reflected 'the usual weak response from County'

Cllr. Simmons urged Parishioners to report road faults to the County Council, via the CC website and to advise the Parish Council of the same.

- 3.2 **Drains and Gullies** – It was reported by Cllr Simmons that all drains and gullies in the area had now been cleared. The run-off drain has been cleared and is to be replaced.
- 4.0 **Road Repairs** – Cllr Simmons reported that, between 5th August 2019 – 16th August 2019, the road from Laneast Downs Junction to Badgall is scheduled to be repaired.
- 5.0 Cllr Orchard reported that the County Council Highways Department had not yet been through the village with the sweeper. This will be reported by Cllr Simmons.
- 6.0 **Planning Applications** – Cllr Simmons alluded to the fact that there had been a number of Planning Applications submitted over the past 12 months. He advised the meeting that 'infill' can be defined as construction that falls within the existing habitation area. Such applications are not, generally, problematic – unlike those which seek to extend into the open countryside.
- 7.0 **Windfarm Expansion** – Mr Walter Wonnacot addressed the meeting in relation to the TCPA 1990 Section 73 Variation of Condition Application in relation to 90/2595 Cold Northcott Windfarm.

The proposal is to replace the 2 bladed rotors with 3 bladed rotors. This will reduce the length of each blade from 33 meters 29 meters, thus reducing the 'sweep area' by 25%. The proposal amounts to the installation of a more modern and efficient system, which will not require the installation of any new access points or new cable runs.

The new 3 blade rotors will turn on a lower wind speed and turn off at a higher wind speed than at present, therefore the turbines will produce more electricity, run longer and emit less noise (meeting new noise conditions). This project will result in the 're-powering' of the existing wind farm. Terminal velocity will increase with the proposed changes but there will be less vibration on each tower with the new system.

There will be some aesthetic improvement to the towers and the 'shaddow flicker' will reduce.

It was agreed that, where the turbines are generating unacceptable noise, the relevant turbine will be turned off.

It was highlighted that the windfarm falls within a 'dark sky' area and Mr Wonnacott was asked if red lights were to be placed at the top of each turbine, as a warning to

aircraft. The meeting was advised that infra-red lighting was to be used as an alternative to red lights.

- 8.0 **Financial Report** – The Clerk gave the financial report for the year 2018/19 and confirmed that she did not wish to receive her stipend for the year 2019/20.

The Chairman highlighted the fact that the biggest expenditure for the Parish was the cost of the website. It was **agreed** that he and the Clerk would be looking for another host provider.

The meeting closed at 20:10 hrs

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