

LUDGVAN PARISH COUNCIL

This is to notify you that the inaugural Meeting of Ludgvan Parish Council Roads Committee will be held on Wednesday 18th October, 2017 in the Oasis Childcare Centre, Lower Quarter, Ludgvan commencing at 7pm. It will be immediately followed by an Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council.

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Parish Clerk
13/10/2017

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MINUTES OF THE ROADS COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 23rd AUGUST 2017, IN THE LUDGVAN OASIS CHILD CARE CENTRE, LOWER QUARTER, LUDGVAN.

PRESENT: Councillors; N Honess (Chair) R Mann (Vice-Chair); A Branchett; C Cartwright; M Hollow; D Osmand; R Sargeant; L Trudgeon.

IN ATTENDANCE: Steve Hudson (Clerk); Simon Elliott (Cornwall Councillor)

Public Participation Period

None.

RC 1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors D Badcock; J Hewett; S Miucci; M Squire

RC 2 Election of Chair

Having been proposed and seconded Councillor Honess was unanimously elected as Chair.

RC 3 Election of Vice Chair

Having been proposed and seconded Councillor Mann was unanimously elected as Vice Chair.

RC 4 Declarations of interest in Items on the Agenda

Councillor Cartwright declared a non disclosable interest in agenda item 6(b) as Chair of the Crowlas Bypass Now Campaign Group and left the meeting during the vote.

RC 5 Dispensations

A dispensation to speak but not vote was granted to Councillor Cartwright for agenda item 6(b).

RC 6 A30

(a) St Erth to Newtown roundabouts - Route Safety

Standing Orders were suspended to allow Cornwall Councillor Elliott to speak and he relayed a recent e-mail message relating to the safety measures received from the government suggesting the business case for the works had been unsuccessful.

Given that the wording was identical to an e-mail received by the Clerk from Highways England in December 2016 it was agreed that the validity of the contents needed to be ascertained particularly as Highways England had, earlier in the week, reported that there was no update in respect of the works.

The recommendations in the report were proposed and seconded and it was

RECOMMENDED that:

- (i) **the Council makes the delivery of the Route Study improvements contained in the April 2016 report and the completion and delivery of improvements contained in future route studies its priority in respect of roads in the Parish;**
- (ii) **it requests Highways England move the consideration and addressing of severance issues to an earlier phase of the Studies.**
- (b) Road Investment Strategy & Bypass
Councillor Sargeant suggested an amendment (shown in bold) to the recommendation, changing it to:
the Council supports the principle of, and the current research being undertaken in respect of, a bypass **that includes the stretch of road** between St Erth and Newtown roundabouts.
The reason being that Highways England were considering the route between Penzance and Camborne and there was the opportunity to deal with the problems being encountered on the single carriageway leading to Loggans Roundabout and the Hayle Bypass.
Councillor Cartwright extolled the virtues of a bypass based the old 'Blue Route' feeling that it was an elegant solution that minimised disruption.
Councillor Cartwright left the room prior to the vote being taken.
The amendment was unanimously accepted and thus became the substantive motion and it was then unanimously resolved to **RECOMMENDED that:**
 - (i) **the Council supports the principle of, and the current research being undertaken in respect of, a bypass that includes the stretch of road between St Erth and Newtown roundabouts;**
 - (ii) **defers any consideration of routes until Highways England and their partners have completed their research and seek the Councils views.**

RC 7 Cornwall Highways Roads

- (a) Ludgvan lower Quarter
Given the ongoing problems in the area it was **RESOLVED that:**
representatives of Cornwall Council, Devon & Cornwall Police and Ludgvan School are invited to a future meeting of the Roads Committee in an attempt to find solutions that help alleviate the current problems.
- (b) Ludgvan Churchtown
Following discussion it was **RESOLVED that**
that the Quarry Manager be invited to a future meeting of the Roads Committee.
- (c) Other Issues
Councillor Cartwright mentioned that there were numerous issues with footpaths and bridleways which was echoed by the Clerk and it was **RECOMMENDED that:**
the Council set up a small sub-committee or working party to look in to Rights of Way

Dear members of Ludgvan PC,

One issue that I have heard of a lot since i started canvassing in Ludgvan Churchtown and Lower Quarter, is the traffic on the B3309 from before Churchtown to the A30, especially from the quarry.

Looking at the road network and topography, It is highly unlikely that there are alternative routes that lorries can use, other than the current one, to get from the quarry.

In addition, Lower Quarter is busy from general traffic, past a school and nursery (as we are all well aware).

Ludgvan Leaze is also a dangerous turning with close to the number of accidents of the Crowlas Crossroads.

Cllr Cartwright gave me a questionnaire given out in May 1987 entitled "A Bypass for Ludgvan" from Cornwall County Council however the routes in the document do not solve the Lower Quarter issues.

I have looked at possible routes and have identified the following. This is only a rough sketch at the moment.

Note the roundabout at Ludgvan Leaze to solve the issues there. By having junctions (crossroads) on Long Lane and Eglos Lane, as well as joining at the Ludgvan Leaze turnoff (with a roundabout), you preserve access to the other fields, reducing farm severance.

Again, this needs little interference with live roads until you construct the roundabout on the A30. If it was kept as a 40mph single carriageway 'lane', wide enough to be safe for the quarry lorries with granite hedges it would not become a rat run and would allow safe access to the quarry from the A30.

I have looked at the Cornwall mapping service and part of the route between Castle Road and Eglos Road passes close to an existing marked track. The route does not pass through any special market areas for protection and its only restriction is that it does cut through (and is therefore on) grade 1 and 2 agricultural land. It also gives a good gap between the road and existing houses.

I have looked at all of the other routes and I cannot see any other simple way of alleviating the quarry traffic and, with it being marked as a strategic minerals site, its use is likely to grow.

I would be grateful if this could be discussed at a council meeting to gather thoughts. I am happy to go through the diagram at that time to give more detail. If you would like me to get feedback before Council meets,

Simon Elliott
Cornwall Councillor for the Ludgvan division.

