

# LUDGVAN PARISH COUNCIL

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**MINUTES OF THE ROADS COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 18th OCTOBER 2017, IN THE LUDGVAN OASIS CHILD CARE CENTRE, LOWER QUARTER, LUDGVAN. [Subject to approval at the next meeting]**

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

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

**Public Participation Period**

A number of residents spoke regarding the possibility of a 'bypass' to divert heavy traffic from Ludgvan Churchtown.

The landowners of the area highlighted on the map were shocked and angry that they had learnt on social media of a 'proposal' that would have a devastating effect on their business.

Details of near misses and un-sheeted lorries were articulated as was the feeling that effective management of the situation was a better option than digging up the countryside.

Various practical issues with 'the route' were also brought to the Council's attention as were concerns that it would then allow for additional building in the area.

Cornwall Councillor Simon Elliott stated that the drawing in question was a sketch of an old proposal shared in the light of a great deal of concern about traffic in Churchtown and Lower Quarter and his only wish was to gauge whether it was worth having another survey and that he was not proposing a particular route.

**RC 8 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Councillors D Badcock; J Hewett; S Miucci; R Sargeant.

**RC 9 Minutes of the Roads Committee held on 23rd August 2017**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes were a true and correct record of the meeting and were duly signed by the Chair.

**RC 10 Declarations of interest in Items on the Agenda**

Councillor Cartwright declared a non disclosable interest as Chair of the Crowlas Bypass Now Campaign Group.

**RC 11 Dispensations**

A dispensation to speak but not vote was granted to Councillor Cartwright in any matters relating to an A30 bypass.

**RC 12 Churchtown & Lower Quarter Lorries**

Councillor Cartwright stated that the problems experienced in both Churchtown and Lower Quarter' along with A30 related issues, had elicited the largest response to the initial neighbourhood development plan consultation.

Councillor Squire felt that carving up the countryside was not the answer but that the issues did need to be addressed.

The Chair then allowed the Quarry manager to address the meeting and he went on to say the following:

- i. lorries carrying coated stone had a planning restriction on them that prevented them travelling through Ludgvan village between the hours of 7pm and 7am;
- ii. it was much easier for him to control Cormac drivers than those of commercial hauliers;
- iii. all lorries should be sheeted before they leave the quarry and he will ask the weighbridge staff to keep an eye on this;
- iv. one way systems were used in very busy times and he could explore the use of this at all times but it would add costs to the hauliers.

He asked that if anyone saw lorries at inappropriate times or they were un-sheeted or driving badly to provide details in order that he can better manage the situation.

The Clerk said he was happy to receive the information and pass it on.

In respect of the difficulties in Lower Quarter the lack of any sort of police presence did not help matters and it was suggested that a speed visor could not only assist with reducing speed but it also captured data that could be used to evidence need for improvements. Councillor Elliott agreed to take up this suggestion.

The Chair thanked Mr Bartle for his attendance .

**RC 13 A30 update**

The Clerk stated that Highways England had informed him that there were no new developments.

Councillor Cartwright said that the Bypass Now Campaign had received support from a number of neighbouring councils and from local Cornwall Councillors.

They were in direct contact with Highways England planners and the projects that will emerge from the shortlist should be known around the turn of the year.

Simon Elliott stated that both the Secretary of State and Roads Minister had expressed the opinion that money was available for the A30 safety measures but that this had yet to be reflected in any action from Highways England. Derek Thomas MP would be asked to pursue.