

LAWHITTON PARISH COUNCIL.

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Minutes of the meeting held at Lawhitton Parish Council on Tuesday 14th January 2025 at 7:30pm.

Members Present: Cllr A. Steven (Chair) Cllr J. Perry, CCC A. Parsons
Cllr L. Chudleigh, Cllr L. Hunt, Cllr M. King
Mrs A Clarke (Clerk) No members of the public attended.

The meeting commenced at 7:30 pm

01/1/25 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr T. Bastard.
02/1/25 There were no declarations of interest for any items on the agenda:
03/1/25 There was no Public participation period due to no public attendance
04/1/25 The reports from Cllr Parsons:-

Launceston Refuse Transfer Station (RTS): The RTS has reopened with full services (including DIY waste, paper, cans, plastics, and upholstered furniture). However, a new booking system (30-minute slots via the Cornwall Council website or phone) will be implemented from January 2nd, 2025. This decision has been met with local dissatisfaction, queuing issues.

Cornwall Council want all airbnb, B&B to pay for commercial waste at £5 a week, this is being monitored as many of these entities are not fully occupied year round.

Adult Education Centre Closures: A consultation is underway regarding the potential closure of seven adult education centres in Cornwall, including Launceston. East Cornwall would be disproportionately affected. Students at closing centers would be supported to continue their studies via alternative methods (nearby centers, online learning, or other providers).

Car Park Leasing: Cornwall Council is consulting on leasing several car parks in Launceston (Pannier Market, Castle Street, and Walk House) to third-party organisations like Cormac. Concerns exist about potential surveillance cameras and 25-hour charging, and the town council has expressed interest in tendering. Local representatives oppose private leasing, advocating affordable parking.

Newquay Airport: Plans to transfer Newquay Airport to a preferred partner are facing technical issues, delaying discussions and planned meetings. Cornwall Council remains committed to developing the airport and estate.

Devon and Cornwall Devolution/Mayoral System: Discussions about a potential Devon and Cornwall devolution deal have reignited debate about introducing a mayor. Concerns exist about potential unequal distribution of funds favoring urban areas over rural ones. The public previously rejected a mayoral system for Cornwall.

Upcoming Council Meeting: A motion has been tabled for the next full council meeting on January 21st with regards to Plusha, and a planning policy update is also available as the Planning reforms from the new government, all neighbourhood plans will not hold any weight. The council needs to build 4700 houses a year.

In Lawhitton, a radar test was undertaken and it was ascertained that speeds through Lawhitton were low, the full details will be provided in the near future.

05/1/25 Minutes of the last meeting of Tuesday 12th November 2025 and the meeting on the 10th December 2025 were approved and signed.

06/1/25 Matters arising:-

6.1 - Change of Meeting Dates - 2025, were discussed and it was agreed to move the meetings to the third Tuesday in the month. The new dates will appear on the website and are as follows:-
18th March, 20th May, 15th July, 16th September, 18th November.

6.2 - Defibrillator was discussed, the village hall is taking this over and the clerk will pass any details across to Cllr Hunt and Cllr King.

6.3 Dog Waste Bins, as Cllr Hunt has been emptying these, but can no longer continue to do this, it needs to be placed on the Biffa contract along with the other one. The clerk will follow this up. Cllr Parsons provided contacts for the clerk to use.

- 07/1/25 Updates on matters from the last meeting: Campervan, the chair has recently had a discussion with the owner on this.
- 08/1/25 Planning - No new planning applications.
- 09/1/25 Finance - Payments, Cheques for authorisation - clerks paye. Current balances were provided along with a bank reconciliation from November. The banking changes have yet to be carried out.
- 10/1/25 Matters brought forward by the Chairman:
- 11/1/25 Matters brought forward by Councillors: Cllr King, potholes in particular Bulsworthy Lane, where they have been laying tarmac in new laybys but not dealing with the potholes. Cllr Chudleigh indicated that the potholes that were mended have re-appeared within 6 months. Cllr Parsons indicated that they had used the highly anticipated new Dragon machine on these. Cllr King mentioned the road from Launceston to Tavistock in particular where lorries are starting to park, causing problems with visibility.
- 12/1/25 Clerks report: updating the council on some cyber security matters. As per the financial regulations, all computer logins have been made available to the chairman. The clerk would like to receive photographs from parishioners, that may be used on the website if you have any please contact the clerk.
- 13/1/25 Date of next meeting will be on Tuesday 18th March 2025.
- 14/1/25 The meeting closed at 21:04pm

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