



News from Lanner Parish Council Summer 2020

Welcome to the summer edition of the Lanner Community Newsletter which aims to bring you up to date with news and views from your Parish Council, offers opportunity for you to get involved in the community and contains useful information from local businesses, organisations and clubs. We hope you find this newsletter both interesting and informative and welcome any feedback you would like to offer. Please contact us at:

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Introduction from Chairman

It is inevitable that this Newsletter should be dominated by experiences of and reactions to coronavirus. But don't let that stop you reading on! The first thing to say is how well our community has held together and helped each other. Neighbour has helped neighbour, local teams such as Lanner Covid-19 Action Group have stepped up to the plate where needed, and much thoughtfulness and innovation has been demonstrated through lifelines such as Lanner Life and Lanner Community Facebook pages. Information is also provided in plenty on the parish council website.

One thing this crisis has highlighted is how essential the internet is in keeping us in touch with what is going on and keeping in touch with each other. Without it, it is unlikely that Lockdown would have been so successful or that we would be coming out of it without more health concerns - both physical and mental. We need to be sharply aware that such residual health problems may materialise in the coming months. A sort of PTSD. Don't be afraid to ask for help if needed.

If you haven't got access to the internet, please let the parish council know. We have hopes to see everyone has the opportunity to have a device to get onto the internet and know how to use it confidently. You'll find an article about this further on. In the meantime, we can take comfort that there have been no reported Covid related deaths in the parish to date. We have pressed for information on whether there have been any positive cases in the parish but, if that information exists, we have been denied it. That said, we are not aware of any cases within the parish at all.

The "experts" continue to think and plan for a fresh outbreak to spike around October. We will keep our eye on this but there is very limited data coming through.

In the meantime, the parish council has been meeting regularly through Zoom - which is not bad once you overcome the fear of failure. We all look forward to restarting face-to-face meetings though.

Take care everyone.

Ashley Wood.

New Parish Council Office.

Well, the address is the same as are all the contact details, but the parish council has now relocated into the room recently vacated by the Lanner Institute & Legion (Snooker Club). The area has been fully refurbished under the direction of (and with a lot of free work provided by) Cllr Trevor Wearne. The workspace is now much more comfortable for staff to operate in, there is a lot of space for council meetings with table space for 14, and extensive walk-in cupboards which will free up space in the main hall.

Another change is that the office doors will be locked, and visitors admitted via a new intercom at the entrance. This is to help in ensuring proper social distancing throughout visits and also to provide security for staff and the office itself.

The office is now open again on Tuesday 9.30 to 12.30pm and Thursday 2.00 to 4.30pm

It is planned to offer “hot desk” accommodation to local businesses requiring fully serviced office space without the commitment required of exclusive use. The other conference room has now been transformed to accommodate a local business and is occupied by Fine Touch Nail Design.

Post Office

Post Office services within villages have been in decline in recent years and are continually threatened by further reduction. It is recognised that such provision is not a public service and must remain a viable operation.

Lanner has for some years had an Outreach Post Office that operates from small facilities within Lanner Village Hall.

Due to a recent restructure by Post Office Ltd the service previously delivered via Threemilestone is now brought by Postmasters from Grampond Road. Andrew and Tina offer Royal Mail and Parcel Force services, and a host of services detailed below, as well as a small offering of cards and stationery.



Lanner Post Office
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These services will be available each THURSDAY 12.30 to 3.30pm.

Some customers will note that there is no longer a service on a Tuesday as service delivery has been cut. It really is a situation of ‘use it or lose it’ so please do offer Andrew and Tina every opportunity to demonstrate the importance and viability of a service in Lanner.

New website

Technology remains fast paced and ever changing and to keep up to date remains a challenge. The Council website was due for a 'make over' and also needed to move to a safer platform and conform with the new Accessibility Regulations which come into force in September.

We are delighted to advise that when you visit www.lanner.org.uk you will find a fresh new site that is packed with news, information as well as publication of all statutory matters such as agendas, minutes and finance.

You can find information on local walks, the facilities that are available and who serves our community as a Parish Councillor. Features also include matters such as Climate Change, Council projects and how you can get involved as a volunteer.

Cemetery Extension

As reported in previous Newsletters an extension and creation of vehicular access is being developed at the Lawn Cemetery. Progress has been slow and steady with some alteration to the overall design required along the way. We are pleased to say that the new entrance has now been fully cut, edged with retaining walls, surface matting at the turning head has been laid and it is hoped the small tarmac section will be laid very soon.



A great deal of hard work has been required to prepare the ground for grass seed and Cllr Ross Marshall, Assistant Clerk Teresa Marshall and members of their family have all been busy clearing stones so that the ground is ready for rolling. The area will then need to be scarified, more stones removed, and the ground rolled before the seed is finally spread to create lush new growth. A local business has kindly agreed to support the project by undertaking all the seeding work but Ross has yet to break the news of yet more stone collection to his family!



Cllr Marshall and his family help to clear stones on the new site.

Supporting Free Speech

You may have seen in the news that Cornwall Councillor Dulcie Tudor was taken to task by her peers for striking out at unacceptable harassment over her views on extending housing west of Truro. While supporting the right of people to protest, she criticised what she called “the sinister underbelly of Cornish nationalism” following hate mail, dog mess smeared over her car and other threatening behaviour. She was called on to apologise for what she had said. Not knowing to whom she should apologise to or for what reason, she refused. For this she was censured by Cornwall Council and she lost her position as Chair of Strategic Planning. She has since resigned from the Liberal Democrat Party.

Lanner parish council sent a message of support to Councilor Tudor in alerting legitimate protest to a few individuals described as “the sinister underbelly of Cornish nationalism” because of the intolerant and abusive words and actions which they employ. Further, this Council regrets that Cllr Tudor should be censured in any way by Cornwall Council for refusing to apologise to those who seek to undermine our democratic standards, such censure seeming to appease and accept bullying and harassment.

Councilor Tudor replied: “Thank you so much for your message of support. It means an awful lot to me and I see you’re making it public too which again is appreciated deeply.

I’ve received lots of messages of support from within Cornwall Council and even a few within the Lib Dem Council Group but people are scared to make their feelings known publicly.

I think it was Voltaire who said “*To learn who rules over you, simply find out who you are not allowed to criticize*” So you’ve hit the nail on the head when you talk about democracy being undermined.

It’s just a great shame the majority of my colleagues at Cornwall Council don’t see it that way.”

Speeding

The amount of traffic on our roads is now nearly back to normal as are vehicle speeds and the number of “accidents”. The Cornwall Council review of the A393 from Sandy Lane to Comford was promised for the end of July but, at the time of writing, it is still awaited. Whatever is in it (hopefully for public consultation) will only take place bit by bit as finance permits.

Our own Mobile Speed Activated Sign (MSAS) is back in operation having been put back in its box during the height of Covid concerns and is registering data which is fed back to the police and Cormac to identify where and when speeding most often takes place for enforcement operations.

Speedwatch has now been given the go-ahead to start up again and Council has written to suggest their efforts be co-ordinated with the MSAS as we’ve been advised that this combination best works for reducing speeds.

One problem we did identify with Cormac just before lockdown was the unreliability of the existing Cornwall Council fixed Visually Activated Sign (VAS) on Lanner Hill.

We’ve just heard that Cormac have found extra money to fund moving the sign, which will be re-sited at the junction of Lanner Hill and Pennance Road.

A related problem is cars and vans parking on the footway. This prevents safe social distancing as pedestrians pass and, where there are parents with buggies or disabled people, can force people to step out into the roadway. This is unacceptable and parish councillors and staff will record vehicles seen to be parking on pavements and they will be reported to the police.

Lanner Moor Recreation Field

All our recreation fields have been kept open throughout the coronavirus crisis to allow space for sensible exercise with scope for social distancing. We all seem to have used these facilities well without problems.

The time has also been well employed by Cllr Trevor Wearne who has repainted all the equipment at Lanner Moor. Disappointingly, some frustrated minds have found it necessary to carve their names in the new paint in the “teenage shelter”. The philosophical may see that as no surprise.

Sadly, further vandalism occurred with the breaking down of the pole holding the CCTV camera (which was, in fact, a dummy). Your parish council has now replaced this with four covert CCTV cameras which record day and night activity in the area.

The public toilets at Lanner Moor have now been refurbished with new washing facilities and are re-opened. The toilets will be



Cllr Tim Luscombe tries out the new hand washing facilities.

sanitised every day, including handles and other surfaces. This will place a significant cost on the council's finances until the coronavirus crisis passes.

There have been times when the door to the toilets have been left open to let others use them for free. Please do not do this. If you do, the cost of keeping them open will fall on all Council Tax payers rather than users. Bearing in mind that these are the only public toilets between Redruth and Falmouth, they do get used a lot by people passing through. Do you want to be subsidising them?



From L to R: Cllr Trevor Wearne, Cllr Ashley Wood, Cllr Tim Luscombe and Sandra Green at the reopening of the toilets

The Digital Age

A very strong lesson from the coronavirus pandemic is that you need to have access to the internet and also need to have some confidence in how to use it. Without it, access to information, on-line shopping, and a valuable means of communicating visually with friends and family is denied. It also allows access to many other services without leaving the house.

So, if you have any redundant laptops or other devices and would like to donate them to residents who don't have them, you can leave them with the parish council office who will then "re-home" them.



Anyone wishing to get such a device should also contact the parish council office. We will also try to find help for installation and to provide some basic tuition to get you started.

Litter Yet Again

The lockdown has seen a substantial increase in people out and about on the Trails and footpaths. It's really good to see these being used for recreation and exercise. There has been an increase in litter though: including dog mess. Do please leave the countryside as you find it and take all litter home or put it in a proper litter bin.

Lanner parish council was a leader in seeking the reopening of the Household Waste Recycling Centres and we were lucky that fly-tipping was not greater than it was. Let's keep our parish tidy and one to be proud of.

Climate Change - it's not going away.

Your new councillor, David Squire, gives a personal view on the potential impacts of climate change. The parish council set out some of its collective thoughts on this a couple of issues ago. A detailed review of possible effects to Lanner and how we can all take practical steps to help mitigate or adapt to changes will soon be appearing on the website. We will try to make this as useful as possible and, in a world where scientific research throws up conflicting claims seemingly every other week, we'll try to highlight the most well-reviewed.

During late summer we'll be organising a rural litter pick and also the planting of over 400 trees. If you would like to participate in either or both of these events please send us your email address. We are also investigating funding for solar panels and ground source heating on behalf of the village hall. Investigations are continuing at the same time for a community charging point for electric vehicles.

Lanner's current views on addressing climate change and the environment are well reflected in the NDP and the Parish Plan and representations were also made on Cornwall Council's Climate Change Development Plan Document and their Biodiversity Net Gain Advice.

Cllr Wood (albeit representing a different body) sits on the Carbon Neutral Cornwall Partnership and is always happy to receive ideas and comment for passing on.

A personal view from David Squire: Climate Change or Global Heating

Climate Change/Global Heating is the next disaster to hit the UK and our planet. It will increase animal extinction, cause mass starvation and lead to mass migrations. And due to our lack of response so far, the speed of the change in climate is increasing. Man is just one species on this planet, but our impact risks the life of all species. The Global Heating crisis is big and very difficult to relate to our lives, and to understand how we can deal with it effectively. This causes us to expect others, like our governments, other people, "someone else" to deal with it.

I understand that many feel they have more immediate and pressing issues, such as: feeding their family, paying the rent or mortgage, getting to work or finding work, and hence expect the big institutions to deal with it. However, these institutions are failing us. They have known about this issue since the 1980s, but have paid only lip service to it, failing to take the dramatic action necessary to halt or minimise, the worst effects of climate change. We have already seen huge changes: to the Arctic and Antarctic ice caps, droughts and other extraordinary weather events across the globe.

Blissful ignorance, denial, inaction, or waiting for a “silver bullet” solution are no longer acceptable - if we are to survive as a species.

What can we do?

Cornwall, like all of the British Isles, needs to: build self-sufficiency into its communities, regain local control and support local services. We should produce our food locally, using land suited to this and re-wild the remainder. Plant more native trees and plants, to encourage carbon capture and help species protection. Stop development on green field sites and encourage only brown field development. We need to prohibit further second-home developments and reinstate community and council-home development. We need to use local energy generation to support our communities, rather than personal gain. Reduce or stop flying, considering holidays in the UK. Reduce our heavy meat diet and tackle overeating. Support the health of our communities, particularly the young and the elderly. Take personal responsibility for the environment by, for example, picking up litter and encouraging our children to do likewise.

We all have to change our priorities.

As residents, we must: resist the pressure to buy more 'stuff', reinstate “repair and reuse” rather than “buy new”, restore our reliance on local shops, businesses, trades people, and stop our dependence on fossil-fuelled vehicles. We must embrace public transport on a daily basis and, if necessary, consider shared ownership or short-term rental of cars. We could work from home or relocate closer to our employment, and whenever possible walk or cycle to our destinations.

We must press the government both locally and nationally to take dramatic action and provide help to stop our dependence on fossil fuels, imported food, and distribution networks which increase food miles.

**Tinkering around the edges to tackle this crisis is not an option. We must demand action from both local and national government agencies now!
Support the environment so it can support you!**



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Lanner Methodist Church

Due to the Covid 19 Crisis regrettably at the present time we are not holding services. We are considering all aspects of safety for when we will meet again and will ensure all relevant and required Risk Assessments will be carried out.

I am hopeful that before the end of the year, in some form or another, we will meet for worship. If you are on-line we have Methodist Services on YouTube and these can be accessed via Falmouth & Gwennap Methodist Circuit

Meanwhile, we, your church family are available in your community and if you feel you'd like a chat I am more than happy to visit you (or ask a church member to do so) - ensuring social distancing is maintained, or have a talk on the telephone. If so, please, please contact me. If I am not at home, leave a message and I will call you back.

With love and blessings to you.

Pastor Jenny

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Christchurch Lanner

Christchurch Lanner warmly welcomes you to return to church with new Covid secure guidelines. Although we may not be able to sing, we are open for private prayer:

Monday 2 to 4pm

Friday 4 to 6pm

And

Communion service Wednesday 11am.

Please do join us and contact Father Peter Fellows for enquiries and to learn more about the Covid secure guidelines.

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Update on the Governance Review

Our last newsletter featured proposals by Redruth Town Council to hive off about 10% of Lanner homes. After many hours of work, consultations, surveys and meetings the recommendation of the Panel was for things to stay as they are. This was to be subject to a final resident consultation and Cornwall Council resolution. At the same time, the Panel was recommending another two councillors for Lanner parish council (we have fewer councillors than neighbouring councils with half our population). However, Covid has put all that work on the back burner at County Hall and there is no certainty that this will be resolved before the 2021 elections.

This could mean the whole process has to start all over again or it might even be shelved. We can do nothing more than wait and see.

Christmas Lights

With the joint efforts of volunteers and Council we certainly hope that there will be a touch of Christmas sparkle this year. Obviously, covid 19 has brought restrictions and as we adjust to our socially distanced new normal, we must keep everyone's safety as a top priority. This means that a Lantern Procession and large gathering at the Playing Field as we staged last year looks increasingly unlikely. We enjoyed such support last year that over 450 people gathered, and we anticipate that even more would join in this year so unless there are major changes to government guidelines such an event will not be possible.

Fortunately, there is huge commitment from volunteers and Councillors to ensure that as many displays as possible are still erected and Lanner has some sparkle. Special attention will be paid to working in pods and using long ladders to maintain social distance! It's usually a cold, windy and sometimes wet day when the lights are put up so please give everyone a cheery wave and if you would like to be involved please feel free to email.



The 'switch on' will take place on Friday 4 December so please reserve the date in your diaries just in case an event can take place. Keep an eye out for updates on the website and on posters in local businesses. If not we are sure the displays will brighten the December for residents and those travelling through Lanner.



Fed up of working from home? You could Hire a 'Hot-Desk'

Desks available at Lanner Village Hall in a well lit and well ventilated office space.
Wifi and other facilities available
Mon-Fri - 9am-6pm
Email lannervh@outlook.com for rates and further details.

Your Council

The Council Office is located upstairs at Lanner Village Hall. This is our centre for administration storage of archives and key equipment. Our weekly Open Office hours are: Tuesday 9.30am to 12.30pm Thursday 2.30 to 4.30pm We welcome visits from residents who would like information about services, have an issue to raise or just simply to find out more about community life.

Council usually meets on the last Thursday of each month and the Planning Committee on the second Thursday. All meetings start at 19:00 and have a spot reserved for public comment and questions. But do check with website or notice boards to ensure no last-minute changes have been made.

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