

Landewednack Parish Council

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An update and summary of Measures agreed as a result of COVID-19 outbreak 23rd April 2020

Summary:

The Government has confirmed that their measures, to stop non-essential contact with others, non-essential travel and such associated activity should continue. The situation is constantly under review

This document provides an update as to how Parish Council is operating during the suspension of Council activities.

For advice on the pandemic, please refer to Central Government and NHS official sources below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Meetings

All Council meetings, Committee meetings, working groups, appointments, events and attendance at training have been cancelled up until at least the last week in May – to be reviewed and subject to change (authority given to Clerk, Chair and Vice Chair to decide).

The Annual Parish Meeting, on 30th April 2020 has been cancelled..

Delegated Authority

Due to the extent of the COVID19 outbreak, Landewednack Parish Council has been advised by the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) and Cornwall Association of Local Councils (CALC) to adopt a broad delegation under the terms of the Local Government Act 1972 s101.

Taking a sensible and pragmatic view, because current restrictions prohibit the calling of a face to face meeting, the proposal was put to all Councillors that they adopt a broad delegation as detailed above.

Proposed by Victoria Parker Chair Seconded by Rob Wheeler, Vice Chair

On Saturday 28th March 2020, this proposal was agreed unanimously by all councillors and delegated authority was adopted.

A register will be held of all instances where the delegated authority has been applied.

Planning

Cornwall Council notifies the Parish Council of planning applications on a weekly basis. These are notified to councillors by email. These notifications are being made available to public view both on the Parish Council website <http://www.landewednackparishcouncil.org.uk/> and on the Cornwall Council planning portal (<http://planning.cornwall.gov.uk/onlineapplications/>), and onto the Parish Council Facebook page.

The Planning Committee formulates a response which is circulated to Councillors for comment and posted onto the Cornwall Council website, as instructed.

These comments are being made available to public view both on the Parish Council website <http://www.landewednackparishcouncil.org.uk/> and on the Cornwall Council planning portal (<http://planning.cornwall.gov.uk/onlineapplications/>).

The public is advised that they may make comments on any planning applications they wish on the planning portal. Cornwall Councillor Carolyn Rule may also be contacted to share your comments: (<https://democracy.cornwall.gov.uk/mgUserInfo.aspx?UID=2184>).

Public Toilets

The Public Toilets at The Green will remain closed until further notice.

Finance

The Clerk is handling incoming invoices and payments for normal expenditure, or otherwise previously authorised expenditure, or emergencies. The Council is continuing to operate under 'Delegated Authority' to ensure that legal commitments are being met.

Communications

The Clerk shall operate remotely as normal, with the best form of contact remaining by email. Councillors will confer by email and phone. The website shall be maintained as normal. Information from official sources will be posted onto the Landewednack Parish Council website page.

The Recreation Ground Play Area

The Council shall adhere to government advice as it evolves. As such, the play area was closed on 24th March.

Audit

Paperwork is being prepared for the Audit. The Government has extended the audit deadlines until 30 September which allows for some flexibility.

Annual Council meeting

This has been deferred, and by Government directive, Officers will remain in place until May 2021.

All other admin and clerical functions

Where possible will be performed remotely as normal practice.

Local support for those self-isolating or ill

This may be a time of anxiety, loneliness and hardship for some members of the community. An organic community support network has been formed online called Covid-19 Mutual Aid Lizard Peninsula. The Facebook Group has been created, and will be administered, by members of the community. The aim of the group is to co-ordinate and assist local people in relation to the developing situation with COVID-19. A link to the group can be found here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/547565559202460/>

Cornwall Council has information for residents here:

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/public-health-cornwall/information-about-coronavirus-covid-19/>

Communities are coming together in these difficult times. Volunteer Cornwall are coordinating a 'Flu Friends' effort. If you are isolating and need help you can register or if you are well and able and can volunteer, you can register as a volunteer. Please go to their website to find out more information and what you can do.

<https://www.volunteercornwall.org.uk/>

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