

Landewednack Parish Council

Chapel Update.

Thank you to the Chapel Working Group for keeping the Parish Council 'in the loop' with the progress of their project.

The Working Group has advised that they have drawn up a constitution for a new charitable incorporated organisation - CIO. A copy of the Constitution, when available, is awaited.

The working party has advised that the Chapel is not yet on the market for sale, and that they were unable to register the Chapel as an Asset of Community Value, because it had already closed, however The Group has been able to give an expression of Interest to the local circuit and the Methodist Church.

LPC has a Grant Awarding policy, details of which are available on the Parish Council website.

The Chapel Working Group will be holding a Public Meeting on Wednesday 24th September 2025 at 19:00 at the Lizard Football Club.

Members of the Council have been invited to attend. Until such time as the Constitution is available and LPC nominates any representative, their attendance would of course be in a personal capacity.

Turning to Assets of Community Value.

Although not specifically related to The Chapel, The Group has suggested that LPC should register several places as assets of community value.

Having considered the request and taken advice the Parish Council can report as follows:

The Recreation Ground and Social and Football Club Building

'The land known as The Lizard Recreation Ground is a registered Village Green and is also held under Charitable Trust with the objects of providing facilities and open space for the inhabitants of the parish of Landewednack to freely enjoy for leisure, recreation, and sport.

Both sets of legislation apply. The Parish Council, as Corporate Body, is Sole Trustee to the Recreation Ground Charity and responsible for the Village Green'. *

As a Registered Village Green, as well as being held under a Charitable Trust, The Lizard Recreation Ground already benefits from a far higher level of protection than a community right to bid would endow. Indeed, any attempt to sell village green requires a lengthy process which would take far longer than the delay a 'right to bid' would offer.

Likewise, The Social and Football Club building, situated on the registered Village Green is occupied under a lease granted by the Charitable Trust, via The Parish Council, the Trustee as a corporate body.

Turning to The Lizard Reading Room, this is also held within a regulated Charitable Trust where there are community restrictions imposed upon any possible proposed sale of the building. LPC considers that it would be up to The Trustees of The Reading Room Charity to make any Registration of Community Asset if they considered it necessary, or as previously mentioned to The Chapel Working Group they could apply to the relevant department.

In a similar vein, The Chapel working group, once constituted could apply to register Landewednack Primary School, which it is understood is held under an Academy Trust arrangement.

Having responded to the points raised by the Chapel Working Group, and in the interests of balance, it is only correct that LPC also reports upon comments it has received about the future of The Lizard Chapel. LPC has no doubt these will be addressed at their public meeting.

These include:

- Admiration for the drive and enthusiasm of the Working Group
- Recognition of the historic nature of the building
- Questions about the viability of the project in years to come, in terms of enthusiasm and finance, including staffing, and other required ongoing costs.
- The condition of the Grade 2 listed building and the costs of renovation and repair
- Questions about the availability of large enough grants in the current economic climate.
- Questions about area grants being diluted by another call on available funding.
- Questions about the willingness of people to travel to The Lizard throughout the year, including the winter for events.
- Questions on the impact of a new centre on the rest of the village, and their ongoing viability when many are reeling from the current economic environment and changes in consumer loyalty – this includes all other venues providing entertainment, and places to meet, such as
 - The Lizard Social and Football Club,
 - The Local Farm
 - The School,
 - The local hostelrys that provide entertainment including Pub, Inn, Restaurants, Bars and others.
- And
 - The Lizard Reading Room