

POP UP CAMPSITE AT LANDLOOE FARM

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Subject: Re: Pop up camping
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To: Sally Lewis <chair@stkeyneparishcouncil.org.uk>
FROM RESIDENT
CC: John H <clerk@stkeyneparishcouncil.org.uk>, cllr.jane.pascoe@cornwall.gov.uk,
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Sally,

Thank you very much for your help.

For clarification, my concerns are as follows;

1. My understanding of popup camping is that it is to provide agricultural landowners with some additional revenue for a specific number of days across the year (normally 28 but this year 56) however the land must be returned to its original state and that any facilities (ie. portable toilets etc) should be temporary. Also that no permanent changes to the land can be made. In respect of the camping at Landlooe Bridge Farm it is being advertised on pitchup website as having pitches offering electricity (there are lots of grey electricity boxes that have been erected on the land) and there is a "new toilet and shower block with baby changing and washing up facilities". This does not appear to be of a temporary nature.

2. That this camping covertly turns into an all year round camp site.

3. Impact on the environment.

- In the past week since the campsite opened we have witnessed a reduction in wildlife with an absence of ducks on the lake at the bottom of our garden, absence of deer that used to come into our garden every evening, absence of birds of prey that would circle the garden every day and even a significant reduction in the number of rabbits.

- given the campsite is being advertised as having 45 pitches with say an average of 4 people per pitch this begs the question of how human effluent and grey water is being disposed of, given the proximity of the campsite to the river that runs down into the Looe estuary.

- increased traffic and noise pollution

- there is a noticeable increase in litter in the lane

4. Disturbance of privacy given all the windows in our property and our garden overlooks the campsite.

Many thanks

RESIDENT

On 1 Aug 2021, at 12:08, Sally Lewis <chair@stkeyneparishcouncil.org.uk> wrote:

I have now sent an email to our two Cornwall Council representatives and our Planning Lead and have asked them for some advice about how to take this matter forward. I will keep you informed of any response or progress that come from it.

Best wishes

Sally

FROM RESIDENT

On 26/07/2021 10:56,

Sally,

Thanks just for clarity. I am aware that pop up camping is available to agricultural landowners for usually 28 days per year however the government have extended it this year to 56 days. I also believe that temporary facilities can be used i.e. portaloo. However on the website "pitchup" the facilities being advertised are:

Facilities on site include a modern bathroom block (with hot showers, toilets and baby changing facilities), a water point, recycling facilities, washing-up area and a freezer for ice packs.

Given the site is being advertised as suitable for 45 tents than that would be a lot of toilets and showers required. So would planning permission have been required to install a modern bathroom block....as stated on the website? Also would planning permission have been required to install electricity to the camping pitches?

Thanks

On Mon, Jul 26, 2021, 9:49 AM Sally Lewis <chair@stkeyneparishcouncil.org.uk> wrote:

Hello

I've found this on the web about planning permission for a camp site - ' You must have planning permission for the campsite before you apply for a licence. You do not need a licence to run a campsite if: the site is used for camping in tents on fewer than 42 days in a row, or fewer than 60 days in any 12 month period. ... members of an exempted organisation stay in their tents on the site.'

I don't know if this rule applies to what is happening at Landlooe Farm but I will do a bit more searching and get back to you on Sunday if not before.

Best wishes

Sally

On 25/07/2021 17:21, RESIDENT

Good afternoon Sally,

I wonder if I could have a chat with you after church on Sunday about the pop up camp site that has opened for business at Landlooe Farm which is offering camping pitches with electricity, and as advertised on the "pitchup" website "modern toilets and showers and baby changing facilities". Would facilities such as this and provision of electricity to camping pitches have required planning permission? If so would planning permission have gone through the Parish Council?

Thanks