

LAUNCELLS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held in the Parish Hall on Friday 6th May 2016 at 6.45pm

Present: Andrew Hargreaves, Sheridan Rosser, Margaret Cleave, Peter Harwood, Brian Pollard, Christine Hobbs, Royston Symons, Maxwell Allin, Paul Wingard, Pamela Brewer (clerk), 2 Planning Officers from Cornwall Council & 7 members of the public for part of the meeting

Apologies: Graham Tape

Norton Barton: A pre public consultation was given by Matthew Williams and his colleague from Cornwall Council on Food Enterprise Zone project at Norton Barton. Food Enterprise Zones - there are 2 in Cornwall with the other being at Bodmin - were set up by DEFRA supported by European and private sector funding. The proposals are, to set up a Local Development Order with a site wide planning application. Cornwall Council has employed consultants to assess plans including giving consideration to growth, job creation, transport impact, ecology etc. A draft will be drawn up and stakeholders e.g. The Parish Council will be consulted, comments will be considered and at this stage consultants may amend as necessary. The framework will be set up with conditions that will allow businesses to be flexible and for small units to be set up quickly on demand.

Public Comments: 2 parishioners expressed concerns to the council about an apparent “summer house” at Barnhurst which is to have its own electricity supply. At this stage this is brought forward for councillor’s information only, no action can be taken until any breach of planning can be reported.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed by the chairman.

Matters arising:

Mobile homes: The 2 reported cases of “unauthorized” mobile homes have been assigned to Cornwall Council’s enforcement team and need to be monitored.

Red Post: A planning contravention notice has been issued

Grimscott Estate: The reported matter has been inspected by Cornwall Housing who gave permission for a fence to be erected but were not aware of its height. The Officer reports that there are extenuating circumstances due to the new tenant’s health problems and plans are for it to be painted green. It was in the circumstances, proposed by Royston Symons, seconded by Maxwell Allin and unanimously agreed that no further action should be taken but that Cornwall Council need to remove it if the tenancy should alter in the future.

Grimscott Commons: It has now been reported that a concrete path has been laid onto the Commons. Advice to be sought before letter is written to Ms Little asking for path to be removed.

Milestone: In view of ongoing concerns it was agreed to write to Oliver Jones at Cormac on behalf of the History Group asking that the slate milestone near Thurlibeer be moved into nearby lay-by.

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Paperless Planning: A new Laptop and Projector has been purchased with help of a grant so that all future planning applications may be viewed “paperless”

Parish Archive room: Ian Saltern has not been able to help with the grant application process but will ‘advise’. The Clerk passed partially completed forms on for advice.

Election of Officers: Peter Harwood took the chair for election of officers. Royston Symons was proposed as chairman by Peter Harwood, seconded by Margaret Cleave and this was unanimously agreed. It was proposed by Paul Wingard, seconded by Andrew Hargreaves and unanimously agreed to elect Brian Pollard as vice-chairman. Royston Symons thanked his fellow councillors for the nomination and also expressed the councils thanks to Andrew Hargreaves for his excellent leadership over the past three years.

Planning Applications:

PA16/1860 Reserved matters (access, appearance, layout and scale) following outline approval for erection of an agricultural worker’s dwelling on land South West of Marsh Farm - No objections raised

PA16/02554 Demolition of existing outbuildings and greenhouse, erection of stable yard and ancillary facilities including access track, erection of coach house, change of use of land to paddocks at The Round House, Hobbacott Lane - No comments

PA16/03135 Proposed change of use and conversion & extension of former shippon into 2 holiday cottages to let at Oxenpark Farm - This was the first application viewed completely paperless on the council’s new laptop & projector - No objections raised

Planning Notifications:

PA16/01621 Certificate of lawfulness existing use: To establish that the dwelling is not subject to an agricultural occupancy restriction at Redenen House - Issue of certificate granted

Reports: Sheridan Rosser gave a report on recent Bude Community Network Meeting which included AGM and election of chairman. Guest speaker was Public Space Officer for Cornwall Council Environmental Service Standards - John Mitchell. John spoke of changes to the services that they provide, such as grass cutting to a 'outcome based' procedure rather than a restrictive procedure as before. So for example- instead of saying that a particular verge will be cut 3 times per year they are now saying that the same grass verge will be kept within a tolerance of a certain height. The 'Cornwall Conversation Panel' has been used to help deduce this new procedure.

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The Environmental Services team have had a big job in amalgamating the records of assets all over Cornwall, (all 2610 of them!), it will help increase or maintain the service standards.

The local devolution fund applications were discussed. The devolution fund is a pot of money totalling £19772-00.

There was much confusion over this fund and many parish councils had been led to believe that there was no need to apply (hence only 3 applications) as the money was earmarked in each parish to provide broadband to village halls - but this is not the case! The deadline has been extended to end June.

Other business:

CALC: It was proposed by Andrew Hargreaves, seconded by Margaret Cleave and unanimously agreed to join the Cornwall Association of Local Councils at quoted price of £222.26. Recently their advice has been needed on legal matters and will be again this month.

Highways: The poor state of the road between Moreton Pound & Moreton Mill to be brought to attention of Cornwall Council.

Finance: The following accounts were agreed for payment:

- South & West Internal Audit - Internal Audit Fee £90.00
- Zurich - Insurance Premium £342.49
- Martin Group Services (via P. Brewer) Laptop & Projector £859.97
- Cornwall Assoc of Local Councils subscription £222.26

The Internal Audit report was completely satisfactory with “No Issues”

**The meeting ended at 8.15pm
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Next meeting Friday 3rd June