

# LAUNCELLS PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of Meeting held in the Parish Hall on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Graham Tape, Royston Symons, Paul Wingard, Margaret Cleave, Brian Pollard, Alan Whittle, Andrew Hargreaves, Peter Harwood, Maxwell Allin, Pamela Brewer (Clerk) and 1 member of the public

**1.6/07 Apologies** - None

**2.6/07 Minutes:** - The minutes of the last meeting which had been distributed were agreed, and signed by chairman, Royston Symons

## **3.6/07 Matters arising**

**Bus shelter at Grimscott** - A quotation to supply and install a shelter has been received from Cormac. Further quotes are to be obtained on shelter and groundwork separately.

**Neighbourhood Planning(N/P)** - Alan Whittle reported on N/P Surgery with Cornwall Council and suggestions received on possible ways forward. These suggestions include discussing the matter with either Marhamchurch or Poundstock parishes who have recently started their plans, bringing the matter forward for inclusion on agenda for October's Community Network meeting, forming an initial Steering Group to gauge interest. It was proposed that an initial questionnaire should be set up to find out what issues need to be addressed.

**Dog & Litter bins**- As previously agreed Margaret Cleave has cleared the litter bin in Red Post Lay-by and Alan Whittle the dog bin on the Commons. A rota of councillors is to be established to check on and clear both bins.

**Flower beds** - Have now been topped up with soil, planted and are looking good.

**New Councillor** - There were 2 candidates for the vacancy, caused by the resignation of Sheridan Rosser. The successful applicant was Trevor Elliott with a narrow majority over the other candidate John Pickard.

**Roadside vegetation spraying** - Oliver Jones of Cormac is currently addressing this issue with Police, HSE and other agencies. Environment Agency will only get involved if spraying is on or near a water course. As matter is on-going evidence / photos of the perpetrators is needed.

**4.6/07 Playing Field** - Repairs and adjustments to the slide and other equipment as highlighted in recent RoSPA report have been carried out. It is anticipated that the new treetops climbing frame will be fitted shortly. A successful Wine & Wisdom held recently raised £174 to be shared with the Local History Group.

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**Archive room** - Awaiting decision from the Blanchminster Trust on whether they are able to award any grant aid to the project as all funding needs to be in place before works commence.

**Fire Door** - This has not yet been fitted as there is an issue with design of the door  
- clerk to chase

## 6.6/07 Clerk's Report

**Travel expenses** - It was proposed by Graham Tape, seconded by Margaret Cleave and unanimously agreed that if councillors are representing the council at meetings / courses outside the immediate area, that they should be re-imbursed the relevant travelling costs. It was similarly agreed to pay Alan Whittle retrospectively for travelling to Bodmin regarding N/P Surgery in June.

**Enforcement Decision** - Having checked the reported new entrance at Mapowders, planning officers report no breach of planning as permission was not required for this entrance. No further action to be taken.

**Defibrillator training** - Margaret Cleave to investigate possibility of a refresher course in the autumn and to liaise with the clerk on possible dates, before the next meeting.

## 7.6/07 Planning Applications

**PA18/03964** The proposed construction of 2 workshops and retention and improvements to existing vehicular access on land ENE of Red Post Workshops - comments submitted between meetings. No comments were expressed in relation to the workshops but deep concern was shown over proposed 'legalisation' and expansion of the new entrance onto A3072, an entrance which is already subject to an enforcement notice. However, notice has now been received that officers are "minded to recommend approval of the proposal subject to conditions", as the proposal was assessed at pre-application stage and the Council's Highways Officer has raised no objects. In line with Protocol for Local Councils it was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council maintain its position against the proposal, despite officer's recommendations, and Alan Whittle agreed to speak on the council's behalf at the relevant Planning Committee meeting.

**PA18/05104** Outline planning permission with some matters reserved: Demolition of existing dwelling and provision of new access with redevelopment of the site comprising 5 new residential units at Great Saunders Grimscott - The Parish Council strongly objects to this proposal for the following reasons:

1. The proposed access is unsuitable. Great Saunders is situated on the southern side of Grimscott amongst a series of sharp bends. Due to the nature of the road, regardless of new visibility splays, traffic approaching from either direction, even at 30mph, would be at danger from vehicles entering or exiting the site. The proposed footpath would need to be set back into the development and designed in order to protect pedestrians from passing large vehicles, which are already a problem due to road layout.

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2. The sewage system is already at, or near capacity, and barely adequate for the area it serves. Creating 4 additional dwellings would seriously compromise service to existing properties.
3. The existing property is described as Victorian and indeed is shown on Tithe map of 1841. Although it is not a listed building an Archaeological survey of the house and shippen need to be carried out. The house is an important part of the village heritage.
4. A Bat & Barn Owl survey is necessary on shippen and outbuildings.
5. We note that the number of units has been reduced following pre-application advice but the proposal for 5 detached residential homes is still too many to be in keeping on this prominent site.
6. .There is no obvious need for 4 further dwellings in this small rural community, located in Area of Great Landscape Value, which has very few local amenities.
7. In its present form the application does not show enough consideration for neighbouring properties whose privacy would be greatly compromised.

## **8.6/07 Finance**

### **The following invoices were agreed for payment**

Launcells Parish Hall - grant towards Insurance costs	
£285.00	
Cornwall Council - Repayment of clerk's May salary inc Admin fee	
£208.01	
Darran Royle - repairs to Playing Field gate & slide	
£360.00	
Microsoft - via P. Brewer - Office 365 for laptop	£ 59.99
Calico Ltd - website domain name	£24.00
Schoolscapes - Climbing frame for Playing Field	
£5855.60	
R. Symons / A. Whittle - for clearing dog bin	
£12.99	

**Financial Accounts to end of June 2018 were presented, and agreed to bank statements.**

## **9.6/07 Correspondence & Reports**

**Bude Community Network Panel - Notification of meeting to be held 9<sup>th</sup> July in Bude**

**Electoral Review of Cornwall - consultation on recommendations end 17<sup>th</sup> September**

**Ethical Standards Complaints - correspondence on general complaints received by Standards Committee, read and noted.**

**Code of Conduct Training - various dates July - October**

## **10.6/07 Any other business**

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Mr Wickett of Marsh Farm has approached councillors seeking opinions on possibility of converting farm buildings to dwellings. No action required until a planning application is made.

**The meeting closed at 9pm  
September 2018**

**Next meeting Friday 7<sup>th</sup>**