

LAUNCELLS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in the Parish Hall on Friday 10th January 2014 at 7.30pm

Present: Andrew Hargreaves (chairman), Margaret Cleave (vice-chairman), Peter Harwood, Maxwell Allin, Brian Pollard, Sheridan Rosser, Royston Symons, Graham Tape, Pam Brewer (clerk)

Apologies for absence were received from: Christine Hobbs, Paul Wingard

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

Matters arising:

- **Parish Paths** – Follow up letters, introducing the parish paths warden Mr Dave Richardson have been sent to all landowners in the parish who have Public Rights of Way on their property. A suggestion was put forward that Geocaches could be set up in the parish using the public path network, and that Mr Richardson to be asked to mark out the paths on the map on display in the Hall foyer.
- **Pigsdon Quarry** – Councillors have not had too much success so far with photographic evidence from the quarry and Royston Symons agreed to look into problems with cameras.
- **Willowbrook Farm:** An email has just been received from James Hills the Planning Officer at Cornwall Council regarding the planning application for demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling at Willowbrook Farm for Mr. B. Cowell – which at the last meeting councillors voted to reject. The Officer states that he had negotiated with the applicant to withdraw the previous scheme on the grounds it was too large and on a different plot to the existing building. This scheme represents a more aesthetically pleasing alternative to the current property which has a lawful use as a residential building and suggests a delegated decision for approval. Andrew Hargreaves agreed to ring the Officer to put forward the council's views and explain reasons why this should be rejected.

Planning Application: Siting of wind turbine 36.8m high to hub, and associated development on land associated with Lower Pigsdon Farm for Mr. R. Gladstone - discussions involved size of turbine in relation to others nearby, visibility of the turbine considering contours of the land, concerns over who the applicant is and his intentions. Overall decision deferred.

Finance: The following cheques were agreed for payment:

Cornwall Council – repayment of Clerk's November salary plus admin fee £100.07

Plus the Following grants which were agreed at the last meeting:

The Samaritans	£75.00	Citizens Advice Bureau	£75.00
Cornwall Air Ambulance	£75.00	Devon Air Ambulance	£75.00
Gateway to Grimscott Group	£100.00		
St Swithin's Churchyard Fund	£150.00	Methodist Churchyard Fund	£150.00

Correspondence: Notification of Bude Community Network Panel Meeting at the Parkhouse Centre, Bude on Monday 13th January.

Other business:

- **Emergency Plan:** It was unanimously agreed that the council should look into producing a Plan. This should ideally consist of a list of people, with contact details, who could be called

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upon by parishioners for help, in the event of any Emergency. Ideas put forward included purchasing a generator – check to see if funds could be sourced from Solar Farm funds – which could be stored at the Parish Hall together with Large Torches and Foil Blankets. The Council has already supported a suggestion from the Local History Group to erect an archive room at the rear of the Hall and Emergency equipment if purchased would ideally be housed in/on this building. A request to go in the Parish News and on website asking for the services (FOC?) of a local architect.

- **Seat Plaques:** Royston Symons agreed to find out from Sign-O-Times types and prices, and get samples if possible of suitable plaques to fit to the “Memorial Seat” in the Playing Field. Further enquiries will then be made to find out how many people would be interested in purchasing a plaque in memory of loved ones.
- **Grant Aid:** Peter Harwood told the meeting that the Local History Group had received funding from Paula Dolphin’s Community Fund to purchase a mobile scanner, storage and archive items. The Parish Hall Management Committee has also received funding to purchase crockery and tables. A letter of thanks to be sent to Paula.
- **Potholes:** Highways to be asked to attend to the poor condition of roads, from Buttsbeer Cross to Marhamchurch – in particular the ruts from Hobbacott to Buttsbeer, Coombe Lane, Nr Marhamchurch and just over the parish boundary at Strawberry Bank, Stratton.

Other matters – Local History Group meeting Friday 24th January. The Group are currently looking into the donation of “Peace mugs” given after World War One, and names of any locals awarded DCM (Distinguished Conduct Medal).

It has been noted that some water bills have increased alarmingly – discussions to follow if more incidents are reported.

The meeting ended at 8.50pm.

Next meeting Friday 7th February 2014