

LAUNCELLS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in the Parish Hall on Friday 5th December 2014 at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Andrew Hargreaves, Margaret Cleave, Peter Harwood, Sheridan Rosser, Brian Pollard, Graham Tape, Royston Symons, Maxwell Allin

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Christine Hobbs, Paul Wingard, Paula Dolphin

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

PLAYING FIELD: Nothing further has been heard about grant funding or extra play equipment since the last meeting.

It was proposed by Graham Tape, seconded by Margaret Cleave and unanimously agreed to accept quotation from Tom Rosser of £400 for cutting the western boundary hedge and clearing ditches. Sheridan Rosser declared an interest and took no part in this matter.

Maxwell Allin agreed to trim the hedge on the southern side when weather permits.

PARISH HALL: Mr Pengelly declined to quote for removal of boundary hedge, a request to be put in the parish magazine and online, for volunteers to do the work in exchange for free logs.

The Hall Management Committee agreed to last month's request of granting £400 towards external decoration of the Hall. It was suggested that it may be better at this stage to replace soffits rather than clean and replace existing, so a further quote to be obtained before grant application is completed.

Drawings have been received for proposed archive storage room at the Parish Hall. At this stage Proposal No 1 is the preferred option and Royston Symons agreed to inform Mr Pearson and to correspond with him on matters voiced by councillors.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

PA14/10738 Variation of condition 6 (Agricultural occupancy) to enable continued use of dwelling without compliance with occupancy restriction at Redenen House for Mr. S. Dell - Cllr Harwood proposed, Cllr Pollard seconded and it was recommended for refusal on majority vote (with 2 abstentions)

PA14/10894 & PA14/11086 Listed Building Consent for Conversion of existing garage and storage outbuildings to form a new 2 bed cottage, including demolition of a 20th Century block built garage and excavation to improve car parking and a small extension to form living area at The Old Post Office for Rockpool Property Ltd - No objections, provided parking and entrances meet approval of Highways Dept

PA14/11012 Convert a redundant agricultural barn, originally used as a Linhay & Shippon into a private dwelling at Summerleaze for Mr and Mrs F Hobbs - Concerns shown over exit onto highway and position with regard to other converted barns. Request to be made to the agents for them to meet

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councillors on site before submission of any comments to Planning Dept.
Margaret Cleave as a neighbour declared an interest and declined to take part.

FINANCE:

The clerk distributed copies of the current financial situation and estimated budget for 2015-16. It was proposed by Royston Symons, seconded by Margaret Cleave and unanimously agreed to precept for £4900 - which is the same as the previous 2 years.

It was decided to defer awarding of grant aid to local organisations until the January meeting.

The following cheques were agreed for payment:

P. Brewer - clerks expenses July - November 2014 £31.85

Easyprint - printing of parish calendar £540.00

REPORTS:

Andrew Hargreaves reported on recent meeting held at Camelford regarding "Cornwall for change", with issues / complaints about unsatisfactory performance of council officers, not elected councillors. Cornwall for change wish to set up a steering group for North Cornwall and asked Andrew Hargreaves to be a representative on agreement of the Parish Council, which was duly given. A list of complaints to be drawn up including Land Drainage Officer, Conservation officer regarding wind turbine issues and Planning Enforcement Officer.

OTHER MATTERS:

Having drawn up a list of past chairmen of the council, the clerk will in due course arrange for suitable plaques to be made, for placing on the new Playing Field seat.

The chairman to contact Cornwall Council Democratic Services regarding issues with alleged contravention of planning regulations and what evidence can be obtained without infringing on any individuals privacy.

Thanks were expressed to all who helped make bonfire night a great success with particular thanks to those who helped make the bonfire.

The state of road which leads to Launcells Church has been reported to Highways.

More information to be obtained on Defibrillators

Next meeting arranged for 9th January 2015