

LAUNCELLS PARISH COUNCIL

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

PRESENT: Andrew Hargreaves, Margaret Cleave, Maxwell Allin, Sheridan Rosser, Brian Pollard, Graham Tape, Paul Wingard, Royston Symons, Peter Harwood. Mr. C. Fry, Mrs. M Pollard

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Paula Dolphin, Christine Hobbs,

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

PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS:

Approval - Extend an existing livestock building increasing capacity for livestock, fodder storage and farming equipment at Marsh Farm for Mr. K. Wickett

Refusal - Construction of low energy and sustainable family home with detached garage at 2 Royal Oak for D & J Snell

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

- Covering over of existing concrete yard; used as a loaf area for dairy cows at Shernick Farm for Mr. T. Bray - No objections.
- Installation of a single scale medium scale wind turbine and associated works at Scorsham Farm for Mr & Mrs Pickard - the majority view was to object on the following points. 1. Highways - the site is inappropriate as access would be onto a very fast, undulating section of the A3072 where visibility is extremely poor. 2. Size - the size of turbine proposed, is unacceptably large. 3. Landscape - due to contours of the land, erecting a turbine on crest of hill would be distracting for motorists and interrupt the scenic landscape. 4. Guidance - contravenes the council's own guidance notes on renewable energy sources on sensitive sites.
- Listed building consent for change of use of redundant ground floor shop area back to part of the 4 bedroom residential accommodation and associated repairs and renewals including the demolition of 20th century lean-to conservatory at The Old Post Office, West Street for Rockpool Property Ltd - No objections to change of use or alterations provided it all meets Listed Building requirements. Permission should only be given on the condition that the letter box and the Parish Council's phonebox remain in position.

PARISH NEWS: Mrs Mandy Pollard attended the meeting as newly appointed editor, to take over from Mr Nigel Hunt, when he retires at end of the year. She explained that the existing photocopier will need to be dismantled for removal from Nigel's home but it now needs replacing anyway. The clerk agreed to apply for funding from the East Langford Solar Farm Community Fund.

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CALENDAR: Cllr Sheridan Rosser was thanked by councillors for all the work she has put into producing Launcells' first ever Parish Calendar. The calendars will be available shortly @ £4.50 each and features photos of views or events within the parish taken by parishioners.

PLAYING FIELD: Work on the Playing Field entrance has been completed by Jimmy Nicholls and thanks were expressed to him.

Arrangements are being made for a Fete to be held in the field on Saturday 27th September, to include games, cake stalls, teas etc.

Suggestions have been put forward that now improvements are being made to Playing Field facilities a separate Playing Field Committee with its own constitution needs to be set up. No decision made at this time but level of interest needs to be assessed.

PARISH HALL: Clerk to obtain quotes for redecorating the exterior of Parish Hall for next meeting.

PARISH PATHS: No response received from Dave Richardson - to be followed up.

RED POST: Thanks were expressed to Royston Symons for placing rock in gateway and erecting no parking sign.

A reply received from Andrew Kerr, Chief Executive of Cornwall Council - the council has chosen not to exercise its powers and have the culvert removed unless circumstances change. Pressure to be put on council to reconsider in light of constant flouting of rules by landowner.

PIGSDON QUARRY: A Mining Waste permit was given in 2013 against which the quarry appealed in May 2014. Dust is to be monitored for a 6 month period in every 2 years as per terms of original planning decision but they don't appear to be carrying this out.

FINANCE: The following cheques were agreed for payment.

John Davison Pipes - piping for Playing Field - £235.63

Cornwall Council - repayment of clerk's June & July salaries - £234.26

Calico - renewal of website domain - £18.00

Grassmats Ltd - rubber mats for Playing Field - £249.60

R Symons - No parking sign for Red Post - £13.45

OTHER MATTERS: It was agreed to defer applying for grant aid from East Langford Solar Community Fund for Emergency generator until a future round of funding as other requests have been submitted.

Copy details of Bude Network meeting on 13th October, which is to include Cornwall Council's budget consultation and on Planning conferences for local councils to be distributed.

The matter of fir trees causing problems near highway.

Chevrons to be requested for corner near Rhude Farm.

Planning contravention notices have been served regarding two caravans at Coombepark Lane.

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