

LAUNCELLS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in the Parish Hall on Friday 2nd October 2015 at 7.30pm

Present: Andrew Hargreaves, Margaret Cleave, Sheridan Rosser, Christine Hobbs,

Brian Pollard, Graham Tape, Royston Symons, Peter Harwood, Paul Wingard, Pamela Brewer (clerk) & 3 members of the public

Apologies for absence: Maxwell Allin, Paula Dolphin

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

Matters arising:

Grimscott Commons: At the moment there would not appear to be much wood available as there are not many trees which need coppicing. The area has been looked at to see if it would be possible to make a track through the commons for walkers. A bank would need to be levelled and an area may need draining. If this is possible without great expense signs would be needed to ask dog walkers to clean up after their dogs.

Parish Paths: Since the last meeting, Mr David Richardson the parish paths warden, has been able to visit some of the paths which were reported as needing attention so no letters have been sent at present. The previous blockages on footpath from Norton to Hersham have been cleared and a new gate fitted however, there has been no progress on clearing of the access to the path from the B3254 at Hersham. There have been no improvements to the footpath at Lower Pigsdon, so the clerk was instructed to write to the landowners expressing concern and asking for a meeting. Mr Richardson has had talks with the landowner reference footpath No 12, who is considering putting in a modification order to divert part of the path.

Slate milestone: Further to last month when the parish council agreed to grant £150 towards a replacement slate milestone the History Group were to grant £50 and additional funding has been sought from the East Langford Solar Farm Fund(ELSF) and from Councillor Dolphin's Community Chest Fund. Councillor Symons advised that in order to claim funding from ELSF the History Group should be match funding the amount granted by Parish Council. Councillor Harwood agreed to go back to History Group to ask for £150, to alter claim made to ELSF and to cancel any claim made on Councillor Dolphin's funds.

Paperless Planning: The clerk and councillor Symons agreed to attend a workshop on paperless planning applications on 17th November at Wadebridge. The workshops are intended to provide a technical overview of the equipment required and a walk through of the website and downloading of documents when paperless applications start in January 2016. Each parish is to automatically receive a grant of £700 towards cost of purchasing the necessary equipment.

Pigsdon Quarry: It was reported that the Environment Agency propose taking Glendinning to court for pollution incidents of which they are not admitting liability.

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Parish Hall: The clerk is waiting for building regulation specifications from the architects before being able to get quotations from builders for proposed Archive room extension.

Tamarstone: Following discussion at the last meeting, Chris Sims has been in contact with Cormac regarding concerns over flooding issues at Blackpool Bridge. Investigation will shortly be carried out to pipework under the road (with cameras) along with some culvert work. A request to be made to Pancrasweek Parish Council to send a letter to Oliver Jones in support of our attempts to get a permanent solution to the problems.

Planning Applications

PA15/07556 Application to remove condition 4 in respect of decision E1/91/1606 to allow use of premises as a holiday let to continue at Bidna for Mr. & Mrs. M. Batstone - The Parish Council raised no objections

PA15/07042 Proposed access to existing dwelling at Yellow Leigh for Mr. J. Gardiner - The Parish Council raised no objections

PA15/08138 Proposed new agricultural accesses and gravel track at Brays Hill, Hobbacott for Mr. P. Hopper - No concerns with the gravel tracks and at 3.5m wide would appear to be sufficient for agricultural purposes but it appears that there is a great inconsistency in size of gates which are totally inappropriate. To access a 3.5m track with 8.53m (or even 4.57m) gateway is unnecessary and harmful to hedgerows. The size and scale of these entrances is not in keeping with agricultural needs on this narrow country road. It is noted that there are 2 different applicant names on this application

Planning Decisions:

Approvals:

Change of use for the provision of 18 static caravans and access track at Red Post Inn Caravan & Camping Site

Construction of agricultural building at Thorne Farm

Creation of decking area at The Root Store, Howard Lane

Refusal

Variation of Condition 6 (agricultural occupancy) to enable continued use of dwelling without compliance with occupancy restriction at Redenen House Grimscott

Correspondence & Reports:

- The clerk and councillors Hargreaves & Rosser attended a training session on the Code of Conduct at Bude and copies of the Code, which was adopted by the Parish Council in 2011, was distributed to all councillors
- Cornwall Council has recently reviewed its procedure for undertaking Criminal Records checks on its members and is a registered body with the Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS). It is offering to act as an intermediate if parishes want to make use of the service. There were

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firm views for and against having checks done and at this stage it was agreed to defer the matter until a new council is elected in 2017

- Notice given of Bude Community Network Meeting in Bude on 12th October and of Community Emergency Planning workshop on 16th November
- Annual bonfire & firework display to be held in the Playing Field on Saturday 7th November, the fire to be lit at 6.30pm with fireworks, food etc from 7pm.
- It has been noted that a mobile home appears to be installed, other than temporary and without planning permission at Orchard End, Grimscott. Letter to be sent to occupiers asking them to talk to councillors about the matter.
- No action has yet been taken regarding ongoing enforcement issues
- The Playing Field Committee have submitted an application for grant aid towards a set of swings
- It was suggested that all councillors make an attempt to sell 5 each of the parish 2016 calendars

The meeting ended at 9pm
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Next meeting Friday 6th