

LAUNCELLS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in the Parish Hall on Friday 10th April 2015 at 7.30pm

Present: Andrew Hargreaves, Margaret Cleave, Sheridan Rosser, Brian Pollard, Graham Tape, Royston Symons, Peter Harwood, Christine Hobbs, Maxwell Allin, Paul Wingard, Pamela Brewer (clerk) & 2 members of the public

Apologies for Absence: Paula Dolphin

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

Planning Applications:

PA15/01117 Installation of a single medium scale wind turbine and associated works at Scorsham Farm for Constantine Wind Energy - Refusal recommended by a majority vote on the following grounds : This application is invalid because no pre-application prior public consultation process was performed in accordance with the pre-application guidance issued by Cornwall Council in CC's Renewable Energy Planning guidance note 3.

Proliferation of turbines in the parish now harming the character of the area in an Area of Great landscape Value. This turbine represents substantial harm to the landscape over- dominating the skyline - exacerbated by the cumulative impact with other turbines as above including those at Prustacott and Thurlibeer. It is therefore contrary to Para 17 section 11 of the National Policy Framework (which also requires a cumulative impact assessment), saved policy TRU4 and ENV1 of the North Cornwall district Plan 1999 and policies 13 ,14, 15 and 23 of the emerging Cornwall Local Plan. A dangerous access onto a fast section of the Holsworthy Bude Highway on which there have been a number of serious accidents , and a distraction hazard cumulatively with the Thurlibeer turbine.

Not enough consideration given to harm to "non- associated" neighbours, and the locality and the distances and noise levels quoted to neighbouring affected properties at Thurlibeer appear understated. Too large for such a prominent site, on the brow of the hill in a sensitive position relative to the landscape and to the views of the sea and visitor attractions of the coast and its hinterland

PA15/02138 Listed building consent for proposed extension to conservatory + internal alterations at Ravenscourt for Mr & Mrs Thornburn - No objections

PA15/02594 PA15/02595 & PA15/2596 Extensions to existing free range poultry buildings at Penleaze for Mr. R Turner - concerns shown over possibility of more heavy lorries travelling along the Buttsbeer Cross to Marhamchurch road, particularly at night.

PA15/02592 Extension to Village Hall for Launcells Parish Council - Unable to comment

Planning Decisions:

APPROVED Outline application with all matters reserved for the erection of an agricultural workers dwelling on land south west of Marsh Farm

Finance:

The completed financial accounts for 2014-15 were accepted and signed by the chairman and the clerk. The accounts will now go to internal audit 20th April and District Audit 1st June

Cheques for payment:

BT Global Services - Cornwall Council Payroll Charges July 2013 - March 2015
£126.00

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Cornwall Council - repayment of clerks Jan/Feb/March salary £351.39

Other matters:

A letter to be sent to CEO of Cornwall Council Andrew Kerr (with copies to Dan Rogerson MP and Cllr Pollard, leader of the council) deploring the inefficient performance of the Planning Enforcement officers in relation to mobile homes at Majnoons Red Post and at Coombe Park Lane

Letter received from P & T Horrocks at Red Post Inn on their intention to submit a planning application for 18 static holiday caravans. No comments or action to be taken until an application is received.

Notice of Bude Community Network Panel meeting on Monday 13th April -
Sheridon Rosser agreed to attend as parish representative

Library and One Stop Shop service consultation - public drop in session at Bude Library 29th April

A request for better signage to the Parish Hall, at Launcells Cross, deferred for consideration at the next meeting

Expression of thanks for the Parish Council's involvement in his retirement gift, after 30+ years as editor of the Parish News, received from Nigel Hunt

The clerk emphasized to councillors, the need to declare any interests in the business at the start of each meeting under Code of Conduct obligations

Following a query at the last meeting advice has been given that "Provided a mobile home is located within the curtilage of a dwelling house, planning permission is not required (with certain exceptions) provided it is used ancillary to the main dwelling i.e. used for sleeping purposes subject to the occupant using the main facilities of the dwelling house for meals"

An application to "Cornwall 100 Club Fund" for £3000 grant towards cost of external upkeep of the Parish Hall has been successful and the Hall

Management Committee has agreed to increase their contribution from £400 to £574. It was proposed by Royston Symons, seconded by Peter Harwood and unanimously agreed for the Parish Council to also contribute £574 so that the chosen contractor, Mike Vockins, can go ahead with the work.

Andrew Hargreaves gave a report on recent "Cornwall for Change"(C4C) meeting with Leader of the Council John Pollard and the council's member for localism. The list of complaints that the parish council lodged against officers of Cornwall Council have been forwarded to C4C and John Pollard, and it is expected that unresolved issues will be brought to the attention of the press.

In the light of current inefficiency there would not appear to be any point in the council taking on extra services as suggested by the "Case for Cornwall"

A follow up sub-committee meeting is to be held to monitor progress on the Parish Path Network.

Despite earlier interest, not enough people have come forward to form a Playing Field Committee - the matter to be discussed at next meeting

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Meeting ended at 8.45pm

Next meeting 1st May 2015 - this is AGM followed by Annual
Parish Meeting