

# LAUNCELLS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in the Parish Hall on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2015 at 8pm

**PRESENT:** All 10 Parish Councillors, the clerk and 15 members of the public

**APOLOGIES:** Police & Fire Officers, Gill Weghofer(Badminton Club), Bill & Jan Hunt, Fr David Barnes

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read, approved and signed by the chairman. There were no matters arising.

**CHAIRMAN - Andrew Hargreaves' report:**

Ladies and Gentlemen

I would like to begin by putting on record our thanks:

To our long suffering clerk Pam who has continued to serve us with dedication despite the illness of her husband - whom we wish a continued recovery .

To our divisional Cornwall Councillor Paula Dolphin for her efforts and support whenever we have asked for help

A repeated thanks to Nigel Hunt for his editorial efforts in producing the Parish Magazine for so many years – with huge dedication - and to Many Pollard for agreeing to take it on for us . To Cllr Sheridan Rosser for creating and updating the Parish website.

Then I would like to thank my councilor colleagues for their diligence responsibility , fairness and good natured doggedness in performing and discharging their responsibilities, each in his or her own way and for their contribution to the social and physical fabric of the parish – and neighbourhood.

Of particular note this year has been the development and re-opening of the playing fields ( and again our thanks to the Harding family and other grant donors - )and to all who have worked so hard to make that come together.

We must also make mention of continuing development both in social activities and in physical terms of the Parish Hall – and we thank those who have worked hard and who continue to work to develop the Hall as a focal asset within our community .

We should also perhaps report our continuing efforts to persuade Cornwall Council – especially their planning and enforcement departments to live up to their responsibilities, and their supposed commitment to devolution and localism . To this end we have joined some 60 plus other town and parish councils in the campaigning ginger group Cornwall for Change (C4C) and like so many others we will withhold our support and if need be oppose any ambitions by the leadership of Cornwall council to lobby for further devolved powers for Cornwall ( the case for Cornwall) council until they can demonstrate that they can properly and efficiently discharge their responsibilities under existing structures.

We should also put on record our continuing concern and support for the efforts of the Environment Agency in their proactive pursuit of glendinnings following the pollution of the River Tamar last March and we continue to

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support neighbouring farmers who have been so affected by dust and noise pollution from the quarry .  
Finally it would be remiss of me not to mention the many numerous social and other events both in the Hall and on the Playing fields whose success has been in no small measure due to the entirely voluntary efforts and dedication of people in this room and elsewhere, whether by manning the kitchens, organizing the tables and chairs, mowing the grass, finding materials , fixing lighting , baking cakes and biscuits – to whom we as community owe our thanks - which I would like to put on record.  
Thank you .

## REPORTS:

Written reports were given by Devon & Cornwall Police:

I am not sure I will be available on Fri 1/5/15. If I can make it I will. In advance of this I have provided a update from the Sector inspector and myself. The attachment gives a overview.

Please find attached our recent Sector update for last year from 01/01/04 to 31/3/15.

I have moved onto the Neighbourhood Team on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2015 and have taken over my role as NBM, (neighbourhood beat manager) **for the whole of Bude and Camelford.**

We have had a significant decrease in staff on the NBT from 2 NBM's and 3 PCSO's at Bude to currently myself and 1 PCSO, (PCSO Baxter,) at Bude and 3 PCSO's at Camelford. As you can see this can be seen as a logistical problem in the fact that I now over see two huge areas with less staff.

I have looked at the logs in the last 12 months in relation to your parish area we cover.

ASB = 3 incidents

General attendance ( non crime) calls = 16

RTC/Highway disruption = 31 ( most of these are linked to RED POST A3072 Junction.)

Alarms =4

Missing persons = 5

Crime and non crime domestic incidents =6

This shows that crime in your parish is low and police attending incidents in your area are few. I know and recognise that police visibility is a key factor in reducing the fear of crime. Unfortunately there is only myself and PCSO Baxter on the Neighbourhood team at present and our main tasking is to reduce demand for response units. Most of the demand, at present, centres in BUDE, as you can appreciate and so our time is spent, where demand is greatest. Demand in your parish in relation to ASB/ crime ect is predominantly low, (as above) and so although we aim to get around our parishes, we cannot promise to be visible to all.

One of the main themes the public are concerned about is that **Bude Police station is closed.** That is certainly not true! We are available 24/7 at Bude, although the front office/reception is closed for members of the public to attend, there is a phone on the wall to speak directly to police and a post box to leave mail. Sometimes police officers are the station and they can greet attendees' or return to the station to meet people or visit their home or make an appointment to visit them at the station or at their home. **Also we can be contacted on the neighbourhood phone 01288 357502 24/7 (A/Phone.) for non-urgent enquiries or 101. Clearly 999 must be used for urgent responses. We can also be contacted via Devon and Cornwall Police NHT web page too (BUDE.)**

Hope this helps .

Feel free to place (the above text,) on the board too, along with OUR details.

PC South/PCSO Baxter  
NBT BUDE  
1-2 Lansdown Close  
Bude

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## Cornwall Fire Service:

Thank you for the invite for this Friday, unfortunately I am unable to attend, but can give you a short update on things at the Station.

As with everyone else we are going through tough times with cuts & more cuts across the Service.

At Bude we have a very committed bunch of personnel so the turnouts to incidents is not affected in this part of the County.

The cuts have hit us in several other ways including lack of funding for School visits etc & also within many areas of the service where dept's have had their staff cut hard, leaving us short staffed & consequently a sub-standard service outside of response.

The full time Home Fire Safety Check post with 'a man in a van' travelling across the County has just been removed, so where this leaves us with HFSC's I am not sure.

Sorry to be so doom & gloom, but these are the worst times I have seen in my near 28yrs in the Service, things can only get better I guess!

All the best

## **Daryl Wellington**

Retained Station Manager

Cornwall Fire & Rescue Service  
Bude Community Fire Station  
The Wharf  
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## **PARISH REPORTS**

**St Swithins Church** - Fiona Hargreaves reported 69 members on the electoral role and an average congregation of 20. Alison Hardy is to be ordained to the priesthood in July and will continue as a curate within the benefice. Thanks were expressed to all volunteers who help with Lent Lunches, Harvest Supper, all fund raising efforts and to keep the church open every day.

**Methodist Church** - Gillian Cole thanked the Parish Council for donation towards upkeep of the graveyard and Graham Tape for cutting the grass. A special service is to be held in July in recognition of "An Active Graveyard" to which everyone is invited, in particular all those who have relatives buried in the cemetery.

**Tea & Friendship** - Sheila Colwill holds an open house each month at which 15 - 20 people enjoy talks, quizzes, slide shows etc. There is no charge but donations are invited and any money raised is given to charity. Mrs Colwill also appealed to all

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present to get in touch with her if they know of anyone within the community who is lonely, and she will arrange home visits

**Local History Group** - Dee Wynne-Morter spoke of the events held at which items have been on display to mark centenary of World War 1. A Cream Tea is being held to commemorate the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day and at the next meeting, Michael Hicks, whose father built the Parish Hall is the guest speaker.

**Short Mat Bowls** - Joe McBrinn in his usual cheerful voice welcomed new members to join them. There are currently only 7 members but they still meet most weeks and enjoy their games with a cup of tea or coffee.

**Parish Hall Committee** - Brian Pollard thanked everyone who had organised and/or attended fund raising events throughout the year. With the help of grant funding the stage and storage areas have been altered, new toilets fitted and shortly the outside of the hall will be redecorated.

**Card Making Workshop** - Freda Hockin organises, with helpers, workshops about 8 times per year in the Methodist Sunday schoolroom. Various methods and materials are used and participants from 6 years old to 80+ regularly take part. Donations have been given to charities including Red Nose Day and for Crohn & Colitis Research.

**The Orchard Trust** - Margaret Cleave, who is a trustee of this parish charity said there have been no applications this year. Anyone in the parish in need may apply but preference is given to young people. At present only the interest is being used so any grant given will be quite modest.

**Parish News** - Nigel Hunt who has recently retired as editor thanked Mandy Pollard and Sheridan Rosser for taking it over and for running the website. He also thanked the magazine and the Parish Council for gift of a cricket day out. Financial accounts distributed, showed a profit of £600 during the year. Mandy Pollard explained that printing of the magazine is now being out sourced, and in colour for a little extra cost. There will be 12 editions this year and thanks were expressed to all who deliver / distribute each month.

**Gateway to Grimscott** - Sheridan Rosser reported that a new treasurer and chairman are needed to take this group forward. The group have plans to plant trees at Red Post and near Tamarstone.

**Horticultural Show** - Graham Tape reported on another successful show last year. There were 374 entries but 3 less exhibitors than the previous year. Judges, some of whom come from as far as Tavistock, praise the high level of exhibits.

**Skittles** - Peter Harwood said the season didn't start very well as 3 teams dropped out of the league and at times there were several weeks without games. The club

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has a total of 18 players and at end of season on aggregate the teams finished 7<sup>th</sup> out of 9 clubs. Graham Tape had the league's highest average score and is to captain the league team.

**Parish Website** - Sheridan Rosser maintains and updates. During the last year there have been 2364 hits, with most people looking at the planning page, news, parish meetings and minutes. A new page has been created for Parish groups and there are currently 53 members on the community Facebook

**Parish Calendars** - general opinion was that this had been well received and should be repeated for 2016. A request was made for new photos etc.

**Parish Paths** - David Richardson gave the following report

A cutting schedule to control vegetation has been established. Stiles, gates and selected key lengths of paths are cleared once a year.

Considerable time and effort has been put into negotiating with Cornwall Council regarding provision of signs for our footpaths. In spite of our best efforts they are pleading poverty and have again put our request 'on file'. Plans are now being considered for the Parish to provide and install the signs.

We have had a number of meetings with landowners to discuss rectification work and changes that will benefit both walkers and the landowners. These include repair of gates, removal of obstructions, clearer waymarking and even the possible re-routing of one of the paths. Details are still being developed, when there are definite changes to report the news will be circulated through the Parish Magazine and Website.

We have taken steps towards improving public awareness of paths. The large map of the parish located in the foyer of the Parish Hall now shows all the Public Rights of Way. Descriptions of circular walks using the Public Paths have been written and published in the Parish Magazine.

In conclusion, we remain enthusiastic and determined in our long term task of maintaining and improving this parish amenity, but like all parish matters, it would be good to have ideas and suggestions from the public - at least to tell us that we are heading in the right direction!

Dave Richardson  
Footpath Coordinator

The meeting ended at 9.10pm and tea and biscuits were served