

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in the Parish Hall on Thursday 4th June 2015 at 7.30pm

Present: Andrew Hargreaves, Margaret Cleave, Sheridan Rosser, Brian Pollard, Graham Tape, Royston Symons, Maxwell Allin, Pamela Brewer (clerk)

Apologies for Absence: Peter Harwood, Paul Wingard,

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

Planning Applications:

PA15/02799 Listed building consent for introduction of trench & land drain, replaster internally with lime base plaster and investigate water penetration to west elevation at Tumbles Cottage - No objections

PA15/04428 Conversion of existing disused barn to a single residential dwelling at Lower Thurlibeer - No objections

Comments forwarded between meetings on the following applications:

PA15/03727 Construction of low energy & sustainable family home with detached garage at 2 Royal Oak - The majority of the parish council are in favour now that they have moved the site to the middle of the plot to reduce the risk of any further development. The Development Officer for Cornwall Council states "As it stands it is unlikely to be getting officer support as it is still considered an unrestricted dwelling in open countryside and is therefore contrary to planning policy" As there was divided opinion on this application it was agreed to "Agree to Disagree" and let the Officer decide.

PA15/03165 Retrospective application for the creation of decking area at The Root Store, Howard Lane - Following a meeting on site with the planning officer, comments were altered to We have concerns over the height and scale of this development and feel it should be lowered, so that it is not visible over the adjoining fence. We do not consider that neighbouring properties are noticeably affected by the decking, as this is already done to a certain extent by the contours of the gardens / grounds. The planning officer did not support the application but suggested they reapply for a lower level decking. This application was subsequently withdrawn.

PA15/03902 Conversion of barn to dwelling at Three Gables, Prustacott - No objections
Andrew Hargreaves and Maxwell Allin declared an interest in this application

Planning Decisions:

APPROVED Extension to Village Hall for Launcells Parish Council

Finance: Cheque agreed for payment;

Cornwall Council - repayment of clerks April & May salary £234.26

Reports: Sheridan Rosser gave a report on the recent Inaugural Playing Field meeting. As there were only 4 people present, officers were not officially elected but a programme of fund raising events was discussed. The decision was taken that the installation of swings is to be the next main feature and

various grants are to be explored. Money left over from a previous grant is to be put towards purchasing two double-sided seats.

Peter Harwood provided a report of meeting on the “Case for Cornwall” and said that Cornwall council currently has a budget of 4.3billion pounds which is controlled by Whitehall. No new legislation is required but the council is just asking for more control over how the budget is spent. The Parish Council however, decided not to offer support as it is felt that officers are already unable to sort out existing problems.

Parish Calendars: It was agreed to produce a parish calendar again this year and to ask the History Group to get involved in supporting the venture in return for any profit raised. In order to make decisions fairer and easier photos will only be accepted in landscape and limited to 2 photos per season for any parishioner. Full rules will be published in the Parish News and on the Parish Website. 200 calendars will be printed and this year envelopes will be included in the price.

Other Business:

- It was agreed to defer any further work on Emergency Plan until advice on way forward comes through from Chris Sims - Network Community Link Officer
- Cormac are to provide a “Parish Hall” sign for Launcells Cross - cost to be confirmed.
- Consideration to be given on whether to make a grant to “Home-Start Kernow”, when other grants given, later in the year
- “No dog” signs required for Parish Hall and Playing Field and “No dumping” sign at Playing Field entrance.
- Permission not given for bee hives to be placed in lower part of Playing Field
- Parishioners complaints over parking sign at Red Post have been addressed
- A follow up letter to be sent to the Planning enforcement officer over lack of action regarding mobile homes at Majnoons.
- Consideration to be given on purchase of Defibrillator
- It was reported that The Environmental Agency are to issue a summons against Glendinning for 3 breeches at Pigsdon Quarry and the quarry owners have applied to Cornwall Council for additional discharge licence.

Next meeting 3rd July 2015