

LAUNCELLS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in the Parish Hall on Friday 8th January 2016 at 7.30pm

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

Apologies: Paula Dolphin

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

Public Comment Session: Mr & Mrs M. Jackson, the new owners of Launcells Barton explained to councillors that they will shortly be applying to Cornwall Council for listed building consent to refurbish parts of the dwelling house into a wedding and events venue. The project will also include obtaining the necessary planning consent for converting disused barns into accommodation, erecting a purpose-built events barn to replace sheds behind milking parlour and creating a parking area.

Matters arising:

Grimscott Commons A further quote has been received for making an entrance and path on the common land and constructing a bridge. As this totalled £700 it was felt that some of the labouring could be done by volunteers and a working party is to be arranged. Further costs could involve the erection of signage e.g. Please keep dogs on leads

Parish Paths maps for Parish News Sheridan Rosser placed copies of suggested map insert for the Parish News before the meeting. It was decided to defer the matter until after a sub-committee meeting is held and to possibly at this stage give details of the accessible paths only. It was agreed that there is a need to make people more aware of the paths and then they will probably be better used in the future.

Parish Paths - 2015 Review A comprehensive review of the parish paths, compiled by footpath coordinator Dave Richardson was distributed and discussed. A sub-committee meeting to be arranged.

Archive room / Hall extension: 3 quotations have now been received for proposed Hall extension and a grant application has been made to The Big Lottery Fund "Reaching Communities". Notification on whether this grant has been successful should be received mid February

Red Post Oliver Jones (Cormac Ltd) is looking into complaint about car parked on the verge but states "we have limited powers unless it is causing an obstruction or is deemed dangerous, if it is parked legally within the limits of the highway it can be difficult to action anything". Regarding the new entrance onto A3072, east of Red Post junction, the enforcement officer is still asking for photographic evidence of any ongoing works and Royston Symons agreed to ask for progress report.

Emergency Plan: A meeting of the sub-committee (Brian Pollard, Sheridan Rosser, Paul Wingard, Andrew Hargreaves, and Pamela Brewer) which was set up 2 years ago is to be arranged to carry the project forward

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Review of clerk's salary: It was proposed by Margaret Cleave, seconded by Paul Wingard and unanimously agreed to increase the clerk's salary to 20 hours per month @ £9 per hour, effective from 1st February 2016

Planning Decisions:

The planning application for change of use and conversion and extension of former shippon into two dwellings at Oxenpark Farm has been withdrawn

Finance:

Bills for payment: Cornwall Council -repayment of clerk's November salary
£117.13

Grant aid to local groups / organisations as agreed at last meeting:

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| The Samaritans, N Devon & N Cornwall branch | £75.00 |
| Cornwall Air Ambulance Trust | £75.00 |
| Devon Air Ambulance Trust | £75.00 |
| Gateway to Grimscott Group | £100.00 |
| Citizens Advice Bureau Cornwall - Bude Area | £75.00 |
| St Swithin's - Churchyard Fund | £150.00 |
| Launcells Methodist Church - graveyard fund | £150.00 |

Other matters:

The bus shelters at Red Post need cleaning. Graham Tape agreed to ask the window cleaner for a quote.

A report to be requested on recent exploratory work carried out at Blackpool Bridge, Tamarstone

Andrew Hargreaves read a letter he had submitted to Scott Mann MP over river pollution incidents, involving Pigsdon Quarry. It is understood that the Environment Agency have no plans to prosecute Glendinnings at present

Next meeting Friday 5th February 2016