

LAUNCELLS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held in the Parish Hall on Friday 2nd December 2016 at 7.30pm

Present: Royston Symons, Peter Harwood, Andrew Hargreaves, Paul Wingard, Maxwell Allin, Margaret Cleave, Graham Tape, Pamela Brewer (clerk)

Apologies: Sheridan Rosser, Brian Pollard, Christine Hobbs, Paula Dolphin

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting which had been distributed were agreed and signed by Chairman Royston Symons

Matters arising:

Defibrillators - Rob White of ESP Training & Consultancy has quoted £360 for a 6hour Emergency First Aid course for up to 12 people with a possible extra 1.5hours for Defib familiarisation. Further to that he is able to supply a LifePak CR Plus Defibrillator for £780+VAT. Initial concerns shown over length of course and whether enough people would be prepared to devote that period of time. Enquiries are to be made to Mr White on whether a short Defib only course is available. It was suggested that when a suitable course and dates have been fixed that invites should be sent to as many businesses in the parish as possible inviting one or more of their employees to take part on the course and to deliver fliers to all properties within Grimscott.

A further grant application is to be made to the Local Devolution Fund for funding towards purchase of a Defibrillator.

Paths - Royston Symons agreed to liase with Mr Rosser regarding creating a path around the Common land as per quotation. Before an area can be created around the Playing Field for dog walkers a grant application will be made to the East Langford Solar Farm fund towards fencing (next round of funding due Spring 2017) . An application has been made for funding from Paula Dolphin's Community Chest towards installing a dog waste bin and £100 has been awarded.

Playing Field -The inside hedges have been trimmed and the roadside will be done shortly. Donations given for bonfire night mean the amount carried forward for next year is less than expected. At the suggestion of Graham Tape a Soup & Sweet event will be held to fund raise.

The new "Springer" is ready to be installed for which funding is also being received via Cllr Dolphin's Community Chest.

Councillors tasks: It was agreed for Graham Tape to liase with parishioners who plant and maintain the parish flowerboxes including making them aware that the parish council will reimburse them for all plants and materials purchased (Receipts required). As Christine Hobbs will not be available at the moment it was suggested that if Graham Tape's responsibilities now include flowerbeds that Sheridan Rosser may take on responsibilities for Red Post - awaiting confirmation.

Planning Applications:

PA16/08057 Erection of shed to store dry, solid cattle and poultry manure away from rain water at Lower Pigsdon Barn - No objections, agricultural need

PA16/11020 Listed building consent for the formation of opening in internal wall at Ravenscourt - No objections

Planning Decision:

PA16/09524 Application for a non-material amendment to amend the window size to north elevation. Gable roof dorma style to accommodate the door height in first floor west

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elevation in respect of decision notice at Whispering Heights, Coombepark Lane -
Permission granted

Other Planning Matters:

Concerns over building works being undertaken at Barnhurst which appear to be other than as per permission granted by Lawful Development Certificate have been highlighted to planners and are currently under investigation.

Finance:

Grants: It was proposed by Margaret Cleave, seconded by Maxwell Allin and unanimously agreed to award the following grants to local groups:

The Samaritans £75, Cornwall Air Ambulance £75, Devon Air Ambulance £75,
Launcells Playing Field Committee £100, Citizens Advice Bureau £75, St Swithin's
Churchyard Fund £150, Launcells Methodist Churchyard fund £150

Reviews: The clerk's salary was increased earlier in the year and with her agreement no further review to be carried out until December 2017.

Graham Tape was thanked for excellent work he continues to do in the Playing Field and then he was asked to leave the room for review of grass cutting arrangements. It was proposed by Peter Harwood, seconded by Margaret Cleave and unanimously agreed to increase payment to £550, which will be due for review in December 2018.

Election Costs: Notification received from Cornwall Council of costs to the parish for elections to be held on 4th May 2017. If there is a "contested election" for Parish Councillors the cost to the parish is estimated at £1929 or if the election is "uncontested" the projected cost is £350

Precept: The budget for 2017/18 was studied and as there will be an estimated 8K in the bank at year end, it was decided to precept enough for a possible "uncontested election" in May but at this stage to make provisions for a possible "contested election" from reserves and if necessary to increase precept in following year. It was therefore proposed by Andrew Hargreaves, seconded by Paul Wingard and agreed to ask for precept of £5700

Bills for payment:

Cornwall Council - repayment of clerk's November salary inc Admin fee
£186.01

Safe & Sound Electrical Supplies - P/A system for Parish Hall
£330.00

Other Business:

- Flowers to be sent to Sheridan Rosser to congratulate her on the birth of her daughter Meredith.
- When are highways works at Hillhead due to be completed and will work traffic restrictions be lifted over Christmas.
- RNID to be contacted for advice on "Loop system" for the Hall
- A build up of debris in the River Tamar near Tamarstone / Blackpool Bridge is causing unnecessary problems with flooding. Environment Agency to be asked to clear and manage the waterway.
- Grants totalling £2000 have been awarded by Councillor Dolphin from her Community Chest
- Holsworthy Motor Club's classic reliability trial, which includes a section in Jewells Lane / Leigh Woods / track at Crossleigh is taking place on 19th February 2017.
- The Cornwall Local Plan 2010 - 2030 was adopted on 22nd November 2016

Next meeting 6th January 2017

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