

# LAUNCELLS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in the Parish Hall on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at 7.30pm

**Present:** Andrew Hargreaves, Margaret Cleave, Sheridan Rosser, Brian Pollard, Graham Tape, Royston Symons, Maxwell Allin, Peter Harwood, Paul Wingard, Paula Dolphin, Pamela Brewer (clerk)

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

## **Matters arising:**

**Grimscott Commons** - No further updates at present

**Parish Paths :** A report was given on sub-committee meeting held prior to the full council meeting. It was proposed by Margaret Cleave, seconded by Paul Wingard and unanimously agreed to write to Mr Richardson expressing the Council's appreciation of his input and suggesting he take no further part on the Councils behalf in respect of footpaths in the parish.

It was felt that the parish should enter into agreement with Cornwall Council under 'Local Maintenance Partnership'. It was further agreed to contact Steve Jose to see if he is able to carry out minor maintenance works under the new agreement.

**Red Post:** Royston Symons is keeping in touch with Enforcement Officer Ben Bassett who is working with solicitors regarding the new entrance onto A3072, east of Red Post junction.

**Emergency Plan:** A meeting of the sub-committee was held by kind invitation at Burn Farm. See report below \*

**Bus shelters:** A quote has been received of £15 to clean the bus shelters at Red Post. It was agreed to ask Mr Pears to carry out the work and then for it to be done about 3 times per year.

**Blackpool Bridge:** Due to pressure of other work caused by flooding etc the promised exploratory work has not yet been done but will be shortly.

## **Planning Applications**

**PA16/00166** To build a two storey extension to the rear of the existing cottage. At basement level to build an integral garage to house two cars at Whispering Heights, Coombe Park Lane - No objections provided it fits in with the existing environs and the height is approved by officer on site visit

**PA15/11619** Proposed new access to existing dwelling at Yellow Leigh, Hersham - No objections

**PA16/00637** Adaption and conversion of an agricultural barn into a dwelling at Tileyard Farm - No objections

## **Finance:**

### **Bills for payment:**

Cornwall Council - Service Recharge re Clerk's salary Jan15-Dec15	£72.00
Cornwall Council - repayment of clerk's December salary	£117.13
David Gynn Memorials - Replacement milestone	£556.80
S. Rosser - updating of website for Transparency Code	£90.00

### **Other matters:**

**Milestone:** A replacement slate milestone has been supplied and will be erected by CORMAC near entrance to Shernick Lane at a date to be arranged. It was agreed to pay the contractors invoice and to ask the History Society for their contribution / grants after deduction of VAT and the Parish Council's contribution of £150 as agreed at September 2015 meeting

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**Paperless Planning:** A brief account was given on Workshop in Bude which was attended by Sheridan Rosser, Royston Symons & Pamela Brewer. A decision on types of ICT equipment to be purchased was deferred until after the clerk has attended a further workshop in Launceston on March 17<sup>th</sup>

**Transparency Code:** A grant application to the Cornwall Association of Local Councils for updating information to comply with new regulations onto Website was successful and it was agreed that the full amount of £90 should be paid to Sheridan Rosser for completing the task on the council's behalf.

**Community Network:** Cornwall Councillor Paula Dolphin advised councillors that each Network in Cornwall is to receive a budget of £20,000 and discussions are taking place within the Bude Network on the possibility of providing Broadband / Phonelines into village halls.

**Pigsdon Quarry:** Andrew Hargreaves read a letter he had received from Scott Mann MP over river pollution incidents, involving Pigsdon Quarry. Mr Mann tabled a question in Parliament to find out why the Environment Agency has not prosecuted Glendinnings. Legal proceedings resulted in a contribution of £70K and the Environment Agency are still in discussions.

**Parish Hall:** The Management Committee are concerned about "unauthorised parking of cars" in the Hall car park and ask that the gates are closed at night or allow parking but ask for a fee / donation. A notice to be put in Launcells News that the Council / Hall Committee are considering closing the gates due to inappropriate parking. Other suggestions put forward included erecting a new "No unauthorised parking" sign (subject to costs), white lining the car park (subject to costs) and asking the owners of the adjoining field if they would consider releasing part of their field for overflow parking.

**Correspondence** included:- Cornwall Local Plan public consultation 25<sup>th</sup> January - 7<sup>th</sup> March 2016 on schedule of further significant changes  
and  
Cornwall for change statement - the current position

## **\* Emergency Planning Sub Committee Report**

A meeting was held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at Burn Farm by kind invitation of Mr & Mrs Pollard.

Present: Brian Pollard, Sheridan Rosser, Paul Wingard, Pamela Brewer

Apologies: Andrew Hargreaves

It was decided to progress on from where we left off 2 years ago.

Sheridan agreed to put an article in the next Parish News explaining that an Emergency Plan is to be produced, asking for people with tractors / ATVs etc to come forward as possible contacts.

This list of contacts not to be distributed to everyone just to named community response team.

Brian & Paul agreed to look into availability of small gas cylinders and whether they could safely be stored at The Hall, or details on storage cases available. Also to price up small gas stoves with camping gas.

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Pam to contact neighbouring parishes to tell them of our Plans and ask if we may store their contact details

Sheridon to look into finance available

It was agreed that some details e.g. tractor contacts should be available to the Response Team only and that a A5 size Plan should be given to all households. This A5 Plan to encourage people to keep relevant phone numbers and other contact information readily available but to word it so that no one feels scared or threatened

A follow up meeting was not arranged but will hopefully before April Parish Council meeting, once people have had a chance to respond to article in Parish News

## **\*\*Parish Paths Sub Committee Report**

A meeting was held in the Parish Hall immediately before the full council meeting. Present: Andrew Hargreaves, Pamela Brewer, Sheridon Rosser, Paul Wingard, David Richardson, Maxwell Allin

Andrew Hargreaves outlined the current situation with the Public Paths Network and thanked David Richardson for the 2015 Review. Some progress has been made on footpath No 8 where a new gate has been fixed at Norton Barton but the path is still virtually inaccessible from the Hershams side. The landowner of Path No 11 has been approached and has promised to meet with councillors. Plans are being drawn up by landowners of Path No 12 to re-route the path and this should make it accessible from the public highway. Chris Monk, Cornwall Council's Senior Countryside Officer attended an earlier sub-committee meeting, took away a list of signage required and has agreed to "draw up a list and get back with some specific details" The Parish Council has agreed to contribute to costs of new signs.

David Richardson responded by saying he was disappointed with the lack of progress and support from the Parish Council. Very few issues have been addressed by the Sub-Committee and little or no contact made with landowners. The process of obtaining signage seems to have stalled and without serious commitment the ability for the public to use the parish paths will be lost forever. Of the 12 footpaths in the parish only 5 are accessible from both ends and it is important that these are kept "accessible" and maintained as well as the parishes 3 "green lanes".

Sheridon Rosser was invited to the meeting to get the committee's input on proposed 'Parish Paths' insert for the Parish News. It was suggested that initially a list of all 12 paths could go into the magazine but with greater detail on selected paths - paths suggested were Nos 1, 2, 3 and 6

Maxwell Allin suggested that to get things moving, the Parish Council should order 10 or 12 signs from Cornwall Council and erect them. It was further discussed and suggested that some of these signs should say "Permissive Paths"

At this point David Richardson walked out of the meeting.

It was resolved to report back to the full council meeting which was to follow.