

LAUNCELLS PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Royston Symons, Brian Pollard, Andrew Hargreaves, Margaret Cleave, Graham Tape, Maxwell Allin, Pamela Brewer (clerk), and 2 members of the public

Apologies: Sheridan Rosser, Peter Harwood, Christine Hobbs

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

Matters arising:

Blackpool Bridge near Tamarstone: As promised, remedial works have been carried out by Cormac

Defibrillators: Discussions took place on Automated External Defibrillators (AED) and consideration was also given to two written reports on the matter. Adverts have been placed in the Parish News for anyone with first aid knowledge to come forward but no one has responded. The AED as recommended by FLEET at cost of £3100 is £600 - £1000 more expensive than other reliable alternatives but has the advantage of being constantly monitored by the Ambulance Service. Originally it was considered that Grimscott would be the most suitable location for an AED but a suggestion was put forward that Red Post may be an alternative, in view of the number of accidents which regularly occur either on A3072 or on B3254 in Red Post area. Another suggestion put forward was that the largest number of elderly people (who may also be classed as most vulnerable) in the parish, are at Fairfield Country Rest Home a letter is to be sent to the owners / managers to enquire whether they already have an AED or similar and if not whether they would be interested in having this parish asset at their premises. No decision made on whether to apply for grants made until type and location issues finalised.

Community Emergency Plan: A sub-committee of the council has been working towards producing an emergency plan document for distribution to all households of which a draft copy was given to all present for feedback. It was unanimously agreed to create a plan and apply for a grant from a fund set up by Cornwall Council to cover printing and distribution costs. The committee hope to build up a list of those who would be available to assist parishoners in a crisis and of vulnerable people in the community. When this process is completed it is hoped that a few small items will be purchased and stored at the Parish Hall in case of emergency need - details to be confirmed.

Grimscott Commons: The matter of an unauthorised path on the Commons is being dealt with through CALC and a further letter from the resident of adjoining property to be acknowledged.

Dog Walkers: The costs of fencing off a walkway around part of the Playing Field as discussed at last meeting would be £1296 and may only be possible if there is

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grant aid available. This is by no means certain at this stage but meanwhile it is hoped that a path will be created on the Common land before end of this year. Also to be considered if the option of a path around the Playing Field becomes viable is would the existing council mower be able to cope with additional work and who would be responsible for emptying dog bin (which would need to be purchased). A request was sent to Highways for traffic calming at Grimscott but this will not happen as “there are no longer any funded programmes aimed specifically at works of this type”

Pigsdon Quarry: Details were sent to Scott Mann MP in June regarding lack of action on pollution incidents - no reply has been received, this to be followed up and reported to next meeting. When taken to court the defendants pleaded guilty to 2 charges but no further action was taken and an agreement was reached whereby they would organise for remedial works to be carried out on/in the Tamar. These works which are to include repairs to river banks have not yet been carried out. After seeing photos taken in 2012 & 2014 of pollution incidents, principal ecologist of SLR Consulting Ltd commented “Looks like it was clay-based sediment that’s been washed into the system which can be pretty damaging to fish and invertebrates”. Mr Clive Fry was able to report that on his side of the Lamberal Water, the water is clean and fish, freshwater mussels and even otters are thriving.

Correspondence received / sent to solicitors acting on behalf of Glendinnings regarding comments made online to their proposals for extension to their quarry in the Dartmoor National Park at Linhay Hill were presented and discussed. No further action to be taken at present.

Parish Archive room: Notification received that the Heritage Lottery Fund have rejected an application for grant aid but it is hoped to reapply shortly. Meanwhile it seems unlikely that the project will be eligible under Sita Landfill categories.

Footpath map - Councillors have not yet walked paths 7 & 8 so next insert for Parish News deferred at present

Planning Applications:

Comments on these 2 applications - majority decision, no objections- submitted between meetings:

PA16/06637 Single storey front porch over front door at 1 Grimscott Estate

PA16/06769 Two new window openings at West Holme

Planning Decisions:

Plans Approved: Proposed extension to holiday let at Bidna Farm

Demolition of 4 barns, erection of new events building formation of parking area at Launcells Barton

Listed building consent for conversions to form accommodation associated with change of use and erection of new events building at Launcells Barton

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Application Refused: 4 new build eco lodges at Lower Thurlibeer

Application Adopted: Norton Barton Local Development Order (LDO)

Other Planning Matters: Explanation received from Development Officer on “Permitted Development” following concerns over application at Barnhurst. If the building goes beyond what is proposed or its use proves to exceed occasional, sporadic accommodation for visitors, the matter should be reported through the planning enforcement process.

The proposed Bude-Stratton Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan is now available online for comments. Concerns were shown at this stage on why Cornwall Council or Bude-Stratton Town Council have never consulted Launcells, as a neighbouring parish on the developments taking place at “Birlea Business Park” which directly affects many of our parishioners.

Finance: Accounts to 31st July 2016 - were presented and approved

Bills for payment:

Cornwall Council - repayment of clerk's June / July salary inc Admin fee	£372.02
Spanglefish - via S. Rosser - website host	£ 29.95
Grant Thornton - Annual Audit fee	£120.00
Schoolscapes - “Springer” for Playing Field	£474.00

Reports: A report was given on recent Bude Community Network Panel Meeting (CNP). As a result of discussions and questions it was clear that many parishes have had unresolved issues with the Planning Enforcement team and the planning officer agreed to provide an officer to discuss the matter at the next CNP meeting in October. Holsworthy Rural Community Transport gave a presentation and requested parish councils to contact them if they felt there is a need for i) Ring and Ride Service, ii) Volunteer Car Scheme or iii) Community Minibus Hire. The panel agreed to allocate grants from the Local Devolution Fund to the 6 parish councils who had applied for Community Broadband Access - this has still to be confirmed by the legal compliance & Localism Dept (Launcells applied for £770). Sheridan Rosser will not for the foreseeable future be able to represent the council as voting member on the CNP so Royston Symons agreed to be nominated in her place.

Other business:

Red Post: Concerns have been shown over a hedgerow which has been removed at Red Post and Royston Symons agreed to approach the owner in regards to erecting suitable screening so that vehicles etc are not visible from A3072

Brays Hill: A new entrance on road from Buttsbeer Cross to Marhamchurch is causing concern. The clerk to contact the Planning Authority to confirm all work is as approved under planning application PA15/08138

Woodcarver: Public Protection department of Cornwall Council are aware that woodcarver is working from A3072 layby at Hobbacott and the matter has been passed onto the Compliance team to pursue.

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Playing Field: The seat around chestnut tree has received some damage due to vandalism and needs repairing. It is hoped that the PCSO may be able to attend next meeting and advise on vandalism in general.

Parish Hall: It was felt that there would be little point in going ahead with plans to re-site the Hall to the Playing Field as once built it would leave limited space for car parking. The current hall is in good order due to efforts of the Management Committee and thanks to various grants obtained over recent years. Parking is a problem at times due to lack of space but the carpark surface is in excellent order throughout.

Next meeting Friday 7th October 2016