

LAUNCELLS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held in the Parish Hall on Friday 1st December 2017 at 7.30pm

Present: Peter Harwood, Graham Tape, Royston Symons, Paul Wingard, Margaret Cleave, Sheridan Rosser, Brian Pollard, Alan Whittle, Maxwell Allin, Pamela Brewer (Clerk),

1.1/12 Apologies - Andrew Hargreaves, Ian Saltern

2.1/12 Minutes: - The minutes of the last meeting which had been distributed were agreed, and signed by chairman, Royston Symons

3.1/12 Matters arising:

- a) **Parish Hall** - Possible grants for archive room - Unfortunately Mr. Ian Saltern is unwell at present but Alan Whittle was able to report that the application for grant aid is progressing well. To the end of November Mr. Saltern had expended 8 days on the project and it was agreed to pay his invoice accordingly.
- b) **Parish Hall** - One quotation has been received for a replacement fire door but others needed before grant application can be made.
- c) **Defibrillator** - Arrangements are being made for installation on 6th December. Graham Tape to liaise with Steven Holdcroft.
- d) **Community Internet Project** - Instructions on the use of free Wi-Fi access in the Hall is now on Hall notice boards, has been tested and working satisfactorily. Included in Parish News article are to be questions asking for feedback on Hall users i.e. Have you or will you make use of the free Wi-Fi?
- e) **Planning / enforcement updates** - Alan Whittle reported on latest situation regarding the “permitted development” at Barnhurst. The Ombudsman has agreed the development should not have been allowed as criteria was analysed incorrectly. Follow up correspondence will be sent to the planning department and to the Ombudsman as points highlighted by them have not been taken forward.
- f) **Neighbourhood Planning** - Decision not yet taken on whether to progress alone or talk further with Kilkhampton PC. It was highlighted at recent Planning Conference that Quethiock, a parish of similar size to Launcells has recently completed their Plan and this is worth looking at in helping to decide on further action.
- g) **“Parish road” Lower Buttsbeer to Thurlibeer** - Investigations show that this is an unclassified road, U6189 with a very low maintenance category, classed as unsuitable for vehicular traffic. However, to prohibit motor vehicles would require a “Traffic Regulation Order”. This statutory consultative procedure can be lengthy and expensive so Highways have agreed to consider this road for Traffic Regulation amendments when the next review is being carried out in the vicinity. No further action to be taken at present.
- h) **Flower bed at Grimscott** - Quotations are to be obtained for 3 replacement boxes
- i) **Wood man at Hobbacott Lay-by** - Has now left the site so no further action required
- j) **Caravan at Grimscott Estate** - has been reported to Cornwall Council

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- k) Large shed near Tamarstone - No breach of use reported
l) Roller blind - It was decided not to progress with the proposal for a blind to be used in the Hall with PC projector but to paint an area of wall at the far end of the Parish Hall. Alan Whittle volunteered to do the work.

4.1/12 Planning Applications : None

5.1/12 Planning Decisions: None

6.1/12 Finance:

Financial figures as at 30th November 2017 were distributed for approval.

Grants / Donations to local organizations: After much discussion and various proposals, it was agreed by majority vote of 7 for, with 2 against to go with proposal put forward by Royston Symons which was seconded by Peter Harwood to grant the following amounts:

- Church & Chapel graveyard funds £150 each
- Citizens Advice, Samaritans, Cornwall Air Ambulance, Devon Air Ambulance £100 each.
- It was then further agreed to grant £50 to the Playing Field and £50 to the Horticultural Show Committee.

Setting of Precept: After studying budget figures for the coming year it was proposed by Maxwell Allin, seconded by Peter Harwood and agreed by majority vote of 6 in favour, to increase precept by £300 to £6000 for the financial year 2018/19

Payments: It was unanimously agreed to payment of the following invoices:

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

Ian Saltern - Invoice to end of November
£1440.00

P. Brewer - clerk's expenses June - November 2017 £ 56.74

Cornwall Council - 4th May election recharges £232.58

Safe & Sound - To supply only, hearing loop equipment for Parish Hall
£964.94

7.1/12 Correspondence

Invitation to workshop on helping to shape the delivery of future waste and street cleaning arrangements - County Hall, Truro, 13th December

“Localism Summit” - Parkhouse Centre, Bude - 19th December 11.00-15.30hrs

Notification of external auditor appointment for 2017/18 financial year - PKF Littlejohn LLP of Canary Wharf, London

Public Budget meeting session - Camelford 12th December

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8.1/12 Reports

Planning Conference - Alan Whittle gave a presentation, with the aid of slides of conference he attended in Bodmin on 28th November. Among items highlighted were that it's not a crime to breach planning regulations but that it is a crime to breach enforcement. If there is considered to be "No harm" then no action is taken by Enforcement team.

9.1/12 Any other business

Updates to list of councillors tasks - A list of current areas / tasks was distributed for discussion and amendments at the next meeting.

Highways - The following to be forwarded to Highways Dept:

- i. Request for reflective signs on the bend, near Rhude Cross
- ii. Water Gulleys between Hobbacott Down & Red Post and between Red Post & Grimscott need clearing
- iii. Over hanging hedge south of Launcells Cross needs attention

Bus Shelters - Sheridan Rosser investigating the possibility of adverts on the bus shelters

Next meeting 5th January

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