

LAUNCELLS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held in the Parish Hall on Monday 4th February 2019 at 7.30pm (Postponed from Friday 1st February due to snow & icy on roads)

Present: Graham Tape, Royston Symons, Paul Wingard, Brian Pollard, Alan Whittle, Andrew Hargreaves, Trevor Elliott, Maxwell Allin, Peter Harwood and Pamela Brewer (Clerk)

12.4/02 Apologies - Margaret Cleave

13.4/02 Minutes: - The minutes of the last meeting which had been distributed were agreed, and signed by chairman, Royston Symons

14.4/02 Matters arising

Grimscott Estate -As previously reported, despite a letter being sent to all residents of the estate, a car has been parked / dumped on the grass area. Cornwall Housing are dealing with the matter.

Highways - Efforts to contact owner of the overgrown hedge near Launcells Cross have failed. Further enquiries being carried out before end February - which is final date for this season's hedge trimming.

Blocked drains between Launcells Cross & Grimscott have been reported and Highways state "We have inspected the reported issue and we have determined that in accordance with our Highway Maintenance Manual it does not require attention at the present time". It was felt that this is an unsatisfactory reply, so a further request for attention to be sent, particularly as recently this has caused problems with water on the road icing over.

Mirrors - Paul Wingard & Alan Whittle were thanked for fitting the new mirrors at Launcells Cross & Hershams Cross.

Moreton Lane - "This does not form part of the publicly maintainable highway". This statement received from the Highways Department has been confirmed by landowners / previous landowners who have researched the matter in the past. Although not proven, it appears no one actually owns the lane but that all landowners / users of the lane should share in it's upkeep. As this is a private matter no further action on repairs to be taken by the council but research to be made into the viability of getting the lane "Adopted"

The Commons - Maxwell Allin agreed to attend to safety issues on the pedestrian bridge.

15.4/02 Playing Field - The AGM is due to take place in the Parish Hall on Friday 7th March at 7.30pm and councillors were invited to give their support.

16.4/02 Parish Hall - Archive Room As 'Project Manager' from the Parish Council Royston Symons agreed to contact the builders to find out start date.

Electricity - After analysing the Hall's electricity costs, Alan Whittle & Brian Pollard came to an agreement that together the costs of running both the Defibrillator & Cabinet and also Broadband access, amount to £29.07 per year. It

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was proposed by Maxwell Allin, seconded by Andrew Hargreaves and agreed, to forward a cheque for 2018 usage of £30 to the Hall Management Committee. On checking through the accounts an error was found and subsequently, due to councillor's efforts, the electricity suppliers have refunded to the Hall Committee £72. As running costs remain high for night time usage, investigations are to be made into costs of replacing 500w security lighting with low wattage LED lights. **Fire Door** - A grant of £460 has been received through Councillor Dolphin's Community Chest Fund towards cost of installing replacement fire door at northern end of the Hall. The door will now be ordered to match the one replaced at the other end last year.

17.4/02 Clerk's Report

LPN Councillor Contribution for March edition - B. Pollard

Emptying of Dog / Litter bins - M. Allin

Neighbourhood Planning -As promised, maps of the parish have been supplied by Cornwall Council and will be available for display at forthcoming events to enable the council to gauge interest throughout the parish of creating a neighbourhood plan for Launcells.

18.4/02 Planning Applications

PA19/00066 Proposed domestic shed at Newlight Cottage - Councillors not in favour of this application. The building is much too high and large to be a "domestic shed" and it would suggest there may be future implications if this were to be allowed.

PA19/00636 Replacement shed at rear/south of existing boiler house at Harimau - No objections

19.4/02 Planning Decisions - None

20.4/02 Finance:

Cheque agreed for payment:

Launcells Parish Hall - contribution towards electricity costs £30.00

Review of payment for grass cutting in the Playing Field and Review of clerk's salary - At this point the clerk and Graham Tape (who cuts the grass) were asked to leave the room while the matter was discussed. Prior to the meeting both had discussed the matter separately with the chairman. In view of the current financial position councillor's accepted the offers of both the clerk and the grass cutter to forego any increase for 2019 and both were thanked for their continuing support.

21.4/02 Reports

Bude Community Network Panel - Royston Symons reported on January meeting. After successfully completing their Neighbourhood Plan, councillors on Bude-Stratton Town Council extended an invitation to any parish embarking on their own plans to contact them for help and support. The main speakers were:- Jane Wells,

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Practice Manager at the Stratton Medical Centre who gave an update regarding the Minor Injuries Unit and doctors needed to replace pending retirements; Ian Saltern, Facilitator of Community Led Local Development who gave an insight in funding opportunities available throughout “Atlantic & Moor” in North Cornwall; Inspector Lynden Hughes of Devon & Cornwall Police who spoke on policing issues particularly regarding safeguarding, officers roles within the community and drug problems. He also gave some advice on the Community Speedwatch Initiative.
History Group meeting - A talk on the History of Cornwall was given to the group on Friday 18th January by Paul Wreyford and arrangements are in hand for World War Exhibition on Saturday 23rd February to which all councillors were requested to make an input.

22.4/02 Correspondence

Letters of thanks for grant aid received from Methodist Church, St Swithin’s Church, Devon & Cornwall Air Ambulances.

2019 Off-Street Parking Order - Details of Cornwall Council proposals

Parking Problems at Grimscott - letter from concerned residents to be acknowledged but no further action needed

Bude Canal Bi-Centenary - Details given of forthcoming programme of events - further details to be in Parish News

Cornwall Voluntary Sector Forum - Notice given of workshop to be held in Bude on 25th February

Implementing Area Team Planning in Cornwall - Chance to meet allocated officers - 28th March at Launceston Town Hall

Local Maintenance Partnership 2019-20 - reference public rights of way - 2019-20 contribution from Cornwall Council = £111.71

Community Link Officer for Bude - Replacing Chris Sims the new officer for the Bude Community Network, Zoe Bernard-John has been invited to forthcoming meeting

Extraordinary Meeting - 14th February a meeting called by Bude Community Network Panel to discuss emerging proposals for the current temporary overnight closure of the Minor Injuries Unit at Stratton Community Hospital

23.4/02 Any other business

Potholes - Another request to be made to Highways for repairs to road at Lower Buttsbeer

White lines - Need replacing at Red Post junction

Playing Field Mower - Verbal estimate of £600 received for replacement of deck on mower plus a further £200 for annual service. Provision for replacement deck was made when considering precept amount. A suggestion was put forward to apply for a grant later in the year for a new mower and meanwhile to hire a machine for this year’s use. However, at this stage it was proposed by Paul Wingard, seconded by Alan Whittle and agreed on majority vote to progress with

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deck replacement and to consider applying for a 100% grant for new mower in due course.

Red Post - EN18/00689 - Despite Data Protection Legislation is there any further progress to report?

Trees - Concern about overhanging trees, south of Red Post to be further investigated.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm
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Next meeting Friday 1st March