

# LAUNCELLS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held in the Parish Hall on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019 at 7.30pm

**Present:** Margaret Cleave, Graham Tape, Royston Symons, Paul Wingard, Brian Pollard, Trevor Elliott, Peter Harwood, Pamela Brewer (Clerk), Zoe Bernard-John & 3 Members of BRAG

**24.1/03 Apologies** - Alan Whittle, Andrew Hargreaves, Maxwell Allin

## **25.1/03 Public Comment Session**

Mr Paul Crum, who is an ambassador for “Keep Britain Tidy”, explained how he came to set up **Bude Rubbish Action Group (BRAG)**. The group currently litter picks throughout Bude, Stratton and the rural area. He was thanked for the work his group has done in this parish, in particular around the lay-bys at Red Post and Hobbacott Down. To set up a group, the parish should register with “Clean Cornwall” and details will be obtained on the necessary insurance, equipment and on waste disposal.

Zoe Bernard-John who is the new **Community Link Officer for the Bude Community Network Area** introduced herself to those present. She has recently taken over the role, which was formerly the responsibility of Chris Sims. She explained that her role was to support local councillors e.g. Councillor Dolphin and to liaise with parish councillors and clerks. Having previously worked in the Planning Department she discussed with councillors the concept of creating a Neighbourhood Plan and said it was necessary, if there were likely to be issues with local planning.

**26.1/03 Minutes:** - The minutes of the last meeting which had been distributed were agreed, and signed by chairman, Royston Symons

## **27.1/03 Matters arising**

**Grimscott Estate** - A car is still parked / dumped on the grass area. Trevor Elliott to discuss matter with the owner before any other action will be taken.

### **Highways**

- Efforts to contact owner of the overgrown hedge near Launcells Cross are continuing.
- Situation regarding blocked drains between Launcells Cross & Grimscott to be monitored and the matter followed up as appropriate.
- Highways have repaired potholes etc on road from Buttsbeer Cross to Marhamchurch but not the country road off Hobbacott Lane down to Lower Buttsbeare. A further report is to be sent in, emphasising exact location.
- Poor / non-existent white lines at Red Post have been reported.
- A reminder on work needed to replace the damaged well at Launcells Cross has been sent to Highways and work to be done May/June 2019

**Moreton Lane** - Following a request to Highways to consider “Adopting” the lane, the Council would consider the request if “the road meets the necessary criteria and is brought up to an adoptable standard”

**The Commons** - As promised, Maxwell Allin has attended to safety issues on the pedestrian bridge.

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**Playing Field Mower** - Quotation of £552.63 for replacing deck on the mower has been accepted and the job is now awaiting delivery of necessary parts.

**Red Post (Haywood Units)** - The Planning Enforcement Officer has advised the owners / their agents that if works as agreed, are not started within 14 days, the case will be forwarded to prosecution.

**Neighbourhood Planning** -A map of the parish was displayed at recent History Society event and to date little interest has been shown in creating a neighbourhood plan for Launcells.

**28.1/03 Playing Field** - The AGM will take place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm. It was unanimously agreed that “Play Safety” be invited to carry out annual safety inspection of the Playing Field at cost of £68.50 + £3.50 each, for any additional items over five on site. It was also agreed to take up Play Safety’s offer of being set up as an “Automatic” client, to ensure continuity of service.

## **29.1/03 Parish Hall**

**Archive Room** The builders indicate that works will start in May. This causes concern because, to conform to grant requirements works must be started by 19<sup>th</sup> April. Royston Symons to inform builders and to sort out changes to building regulations with architects.

**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. Due to suppliers of previous door not willing to measure up, unless a fee of £60 is paid, it was suggested at this stage to seek other quotations.

**Security Lighting** - matter deferred to next meeting.

## **30.1/03 Clerk’s Report**

**LPN Councillor Contribution for April edition** - G. Tape

**Emptying of Dog bin** - P. Harwood

**Internal Audit** - It was proposed by Paul Wingard, seconded by Peter Harwood and unanimously agreed to accept Aalgaard Renshaw Business Solutions as Internal Auditor for 2018/19 accounts.

## **31.1/03 Planning Applications**

**PA19/01078** Reserved matters approval sought for access; appearance; landscaping; layout and scale following outline application PA17/06786 for construction of agricultural workers dwelling on land north of Penleaze - No comments

**PA19/01355** Extension of the footprint and height of the existing tip for quarry spoil: restoration works and habitat creation at Pigsdon Quarry - Concern shown over further expansion when it is believed that all clauses on previous applications have not yet been made; a) Have more detailed dust emissions monitoring been carried out, as in the conditions stated in 2013 application, and could the Parish Council have site of the monitoring results.

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b) There is no mention of the removal of the potential bat habitat as highlighted in the previous application, as we understand from the plans, the new proposed area will be used by the operator to tip waste.

**32.1/03 Planning Decisions** - Approval - **PA19/00636** Replacement shed at rear/south of existing boiler house at Harimau

## **33.1/03 Finance:**

### **Cheques agreed for payment:**

Cornwall Council - repayment of clerk's January salary inc Admin fee  
£208.01

Launcells Parish Hall - Hall rental April 2018 - March 2019 £  
77.00

G.J. & Y.V. Pears - Cleaning of bus shelters & mirrors £ 25.00

## **34.1/03 Reports**

**Bude Community Network Panel** - Royston Symons reported on Extraordinary Meeting, called to discuss emerging proposals for the current temporary overnight closure of the Minor Injuries Unit at Stratton Community Hospital. The closure is not due to lack of finance but the inability to recruit the necessary staff.

**Local History Group** - Peter Harwood reported on recent World War Exhibition. The exhibition showcased archive material held by the parish as well as materials lent by members of the public. The display was in various sections e.g. women's work during the war: Belgians stationed in the Bude area: relevant snippets from C&D Post archives.

## **35.1/03 Correspondence**

**Bude Canal Bi-Centenary** - Details given from forthcoming programme of events.

**Area Team Planning in Cornwall** - Alan Whittle has agreed to attend introduction session - 2 further places available to councillors

**Invitation to Cornwall Community Resilience Workshop** - 19<sup>th</sup> March at

Chacewater. **Cornwall Women's Centre Bude** - Request for financial support.

Matter noted but no action at present.

## **36.1/03 Any Other Business**

**Green Lane** Lower Buttsbeare to Lower Thurlibeer is being used / abused by 4wd type vehicles and gate temporarily locked by residents.

**Cornish Hedge Community Heritage Project** has funding available but only in AONB at present.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Next meeting Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019