

Launcells Parish Council

Minutes of Virtual meeting – via “Zoom” - held on Friday 2nd October 2020 at 7.30pm

Present: Alan Whittle, Brian Pollard, Graham Tape, Margaret Cleave, Trevor Elliott, Sheila Minter, Maxwell Allin, Andrew Hargreaves, Pamela Brewer (Clerk)

235.2/10 Apologies: Paul Wingard, Peter Harwood

236.2/10 Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting, which had previously been distributed were approved for signature

237.2/10 Matters Arising:

Highways: Potholes at Red Post (Grimscott side of junction), and at West Street have been repaired.

Housing dept contacted regarding car parked on central green at Grimscott Estate

Website Accessibility Checks have been carried out to establish whether the parish’s website complies with new regulations which came into effect in September. Many issues were highlighted, some of these are trivial but, there are a few which are quite serious. A move from the existing Spanglefish Version 2 to Version 3, at an additional cost of approximately £30 per year, would enable the site to be made compliant without too much input. It was proposed by Andrew Hargreaves, seconded by Sheila Minter and unanimously agreed to upgrade. Thanks were expressed to Sheridan and Alan for input and advice.

238.2/10 Playing Field

Further Covid-19 awareness signs will be in place shortly.

239.2/10 Parish Hall

A meeting is still to be arranged between the Hall Committee, Parish Council and History Group to sort out problems with emergency lighting, under-floor heating in archive room and metering charges.

The new fire extinguisher for archive room has been installed.

240.2/10 Reports Alan Whittle reported on Community Network Planning meeting which was lead by the group leader of planning at Cornwall Council, group leader from enforcement and the area leader of the planning department. He was able to get updates on the issues which are “being dealt with” by the Enforcement team.

Majnoons – Evidence is still being gathered towards prosecution in regard to failure to comply with enforcement notices.

Land south of Kitts Farm – Still in early stages of investigations due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Hobbacott Down – This case has been forwarded to “Licensing” as the use is on the highway but as the season will end shortly the matter will be re-addressed next year.

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Argum Villa – The retrospective application has not yet been determined. The building is being used despite lack of planning permission, which is partially dependent upon results of traffic survey being carried out, Covid-19 restrictions permitting.

Alan also reported on another online meeting which he attended regarding “Planning Reform”. Changes are proposed throughout the planning system, many of which will not affect the parish. However, it is evident that in time, it will be easier for applicants to obtain permission and that there will be less consultation at county and parish levels. In some cases planning permission may not necessarily be required but plans will still need to go through the system to satisfy building regulations.

241.2/10 Traffic Issues

Concerns were brought to the attention of the chairman by a concerned resident over speeding traffic at Grimscott. These concerns are being addressed by highways and data from the speed survey cameras, which were removed several months ago, is still being analysed. A **Speed Compliance Action Review Forum (SCARF)** review is to take place in November. The SCARF team will make a decision based on the data (from speed cameras) and topography of the site. This could be that no action is required, in the form of education and enforcement or in the form of engineering works.

242.2/10 Planning Applications: None

243.2/10 Planning Notifications: None

244.2/10 Finance

Financial statement to end of September was distributed and approved.

The following amount was unanimously approved for payment as proposed by Maxwell Allin and seconded by Trevor Elliott:

Cornwall Council – repayment of clerk’s August salary including Admin fee £208.00

245.2/10 Any other business

Article for Parish News – Andrew

Clearing of dog waste bin – Peter

Cornish buildings at risk register – Nothing to report

Dog Fouling Posters – Available from Cornwall Council – No action taken due to costs involved

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Bonfire night – It has been unanimously agreed to cancel this year’s event due to ongoing restrictions and lack of fund raising opportunities.

Highways – Pothole near Red Post on A3072 to be reported

Local Planning Conference – notice of next event 21st October

Bude Area Community Network Panel – next meeting Monday 5th October (online)

Parish Assets – A list of “tasks” regarding bus shelter, notice board, planters, salt bins, and footpath signs forwarded to councillors for consideration at the next meeting

Flower planters – Due to unavailability of plants at the time, no planting took place in the southern approach to Grimscott boxes this year. Graham Tape has someone interested in taking on the planting; this was agreed to by councillors.

Online meetings – It is clear that online parish council meetings could be the “normal” for some time to come. Investigations have been made into costs and it was agreed to upgrade the “Zoom” package to allow more than the 40 minutes available at present. This package will cost £10 per month and it was proposed by Brian Pollard, seconded by Margaret Cleave and unanimously agreed to get this set up for the November meeting.

Local History Group – The group held a meeting to discuss setting up “Learning Resources for Schools”. This formed a key part of the application for grant funding towards the Hall archive extension. The Learning Resources project was awarded £3500. Proposals have now been put forward that the resources need to be made available to schools to be included in setting up syllabus for next school year. Parish Councillors as custodians of the archives, to be aware of intent

246.2/10 Date of next meeting: Friday 6th November at 7.30pm.