

Launcells Parish Council

Minutes of Virtual meeting – via “Zoom” - held on Friday 4th December 2020 at 7.30pm

Present: Alan Whittle, Brian Pollard, Margaret Cleave, Trevor Elliott, Sheila Minter joined at 7.50pm), Paul Wingard, Andrew Hargreaves, Maxwell Allin, Peter Harwood, Nicky Chopak, Pamela Brewer (Clerk) & 1 other

260.4/12 Apologies: Graham Tape

261.4/12 Declarations of Interest: Paul Wingard declared an interest in planning application PA20/09412. Peter Harwood declared an interest in item on Local History Group.

262.4/12 Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting, which had previously been distributed were approved for signature

263.4/12 Matters Arising:

Website Accessibility The parish website www.launcells.org has been updated and redesigned. The site now complies with new legislation.

Bus shelters at Red Post – Trevor attending to minor problems

Notice board – Graham & Alan to liaise regarding repairs needed

Planters – Awaiting quotation for replacement planter, south of Grimscott.

Salt bins – All bins checked and have (hopefully) got enough salt for the coming winter.

Footpath signs – Margaret & the clerk have liaised and a request is being sent to Cornwall Council to replace missing signs as listed.

264.4/12 Councillor comments: Nicky Chopak, who is the Cornwall councillor for the neighbouring Poundstock ward, introduced herself and explained her role as chairman of the Bude Area Community Network Panel(CNP). The purpose of the CNP is to enable all councils in the Bude catchment area to meet on a regular basis and work together whenever possible. Launcells has always been well represented on the panel with the current voting member being Chairman Alan Whittle; however, all councillors and members of the public are always invited to meetings.

265.4/12 Playing Field

The field remains open and new Covid-19 regulation signs are now in place.

266.4/12 Parish Hall

The Hall Management Committee has decided not to re-open the hall until the New Year when the matter will be reviewed. A grant application has been made for further Covid-19 related business grant to compensate for lack of income.

267.4/12 Planning Applications

PA20/10143 Construction of new warehouse building at Homeleigh Garden Centre – Although this site is outside the parish boundary, the parish council were invited to submit comments. All councillors voted in favour of the proposals as the building is infilling within the site.

PA20/09412 Proposed conversion of agricultural building and holiday let into dwelling at Lower Buttsbear Farm – Councillors unanimously agreed to support this application as it's using /

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converting existing buildings and will provide a permanent home for a local family. Paul Wingard took no part in discussions or decision.

268.4/12 Other Planning Matters

Enforcement – EN20/00595 The Planning authority have investigated the alleged developments at Hershams Fields. A Planning Contravention Notice has been served and the owner has been given until 30th April 2021 to comply with set conditions.

Pre-Applications to note: 2 bedroom lodge to be used as holiday let at Mapowders Farm
Conversion of double garage to create a holiday letting unit at Little Moreton.

Notice was given that a public consultation on pre-app for a crematorium “Atlantic View Crematorium” at Poundstock has now closed. The Parish Council have made no comments at this stage pending full application.

269.4/12 Chairman’s Report - Bude Area Community Network Panel meeting

– an extra meeting was held 26th November with presentation by Ruth Goldstein (Consultant in Public Health) with the area currently adhering to the 2nd Covid-19 lockdown restrictions. Although, nationally there are problems with the “Track & Trace” programme, locally the system appears to be working quite well. Evidence seems to show that the virus is spreading within social & business areas not as was originally thought through schools or tourists. There is currently good news regarding the roll out of vaccines, which could be available by next month.

Repairs to Highways – During October, in 2 different phases, resurfacing works to the A3072 between Red Post & Stratton and to the B3254 Red Post to Grimscott, have necessitated road closures and diversions. Concerns were shown by residents that some traffic was ignoring diversion signs and using minor roads causing a danger to all. Following requests to highways, extra signs were put in place indicating “This road is not part of Diversion”. Thanks to be expressed to Highways manager for his support.

270.4/12 Finance

Setting of Precept for 2021-2022 Details of current year expenditure to date and estimations to end of March 2021 had been distributed to all councillors. Local council elections are due in May 2021 but due to forecasted under spend within current year, it was proposed by Andrew Hargreaves, seconded by Margaret Cleave and unanimously agreed not to increase this year’s precept but to request £6426 as per 2020-21.

Payments - The following amounts was unanimously approved for payment as proposed by Margaret Cleave and seconded by Paul Wingard

Cornwall Council – repayment of clerk’s Sep & Oct salary including admin fee

£416.00

Staples & My History (via P. Brewer) storage materials re Archives (grant funded)

£82.76

271.4/12 Other matters

Article for Parish News – Margaret

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Clearing of dog waste bin – Sheila

Highways – The following issues to be addressed:- Flooding on road between Launcells Cross and Prustacott; Fly tipping at lay-by opposite Shernick Lane; Pits on road near well at Launcells Cross; Overgrown hedges near Fairfield and near Cross Lanes.

Traffic issues at Grimscott Awaiting results of SCARF meeting due to take place in November – to be followed up at Network Panel meeting

Defibrillator – Monthly reports requested by South West Ambulance Service for defibrillator at Red Post

Local History Group – Peter Harwood, chairman of the group, explained the proposals put forward to complete criteria used, in obtaining grant aid for the recently completed archive room – the provision of learning resources for schools. It was generally agreed that this process needs to be progressed but it was proposed by Paul Wingard, seconded by Andrew Hargreaves and unanimously agreed that a further quotation should be obtained for the work involved. As this would appear to be quite a specialist field, it is uncertain from where a 2nd quote can be sourced – Peter and Alan to investigate.

272.4/12 Date of next meeting: Friday 8th January 2021 at 7.30pm.