

# Launcells Parish Council

**Minutes of Virtual meeting – via “Zoom” - held on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Alan Whittle, Brian Pollard, Margaret Cleave (due to line failure, left at 7.40pm), Trevor Elliott, Sheila Minter Paul Wingard, Andrew Hargreaves, Graham Tape, Pamela Brewer (Clerk)

**273.8/01 Apologies:** Maxwell Allin, Peter Harwood,

**274.8/01 Minutes:** The minutes of the last meeting, which had previously been distributed were approved for signature

**275.8/01 Matters Arising:**

**Bus shelters** at Red Post – Trevor has attended to minor problems as promised and will report back if any further repairs are required.

**Notice board** – Alan, having carried out the necessary repairs and also made a new nameplate, will re-erect the noticeboard at Grimscott during next few weeks.

**Planters** – It was proposed by Andrew Hargreaves, seconded by Graham Tape and unanimously agreed to accept quotation from Darran Royle of £295+VAT for replacement planter, south of Grimscott.

**Highways** – Issues brought to the council’s attention at the last meeting:- 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 have all been addressed – no further action required.

**Defibrillator** – Monthly reports requested by South West Ambulance Service for defibrillator at Red Post are now being undertaken

**Local History Group** – Following last month’s discussions regarding learning resources for schools, which formed part of grant funding towards archive room extension at the Parish Hall, the matter of alternative suppliers having been investigated, has not yet been progressed. Alan Whittle, having spoken with school / academy principles was able to give some examples of learning resources used in other places. As the number of local history members with the required knowledge to carry out the task in-house is limited, it was agreed that as custodians of the archives that the parish council should make the decision to get the matter, and finances, to a conclusion. It was then proposed by Paul Wingard, Seconded by Sheila Minter and agreed on a majority vote of 6 in favour with 2 abstentions (Councillors Hargreaves & Whittle), to accept Azook’s quotation of £3500.

**276.8/01 Playing Field -** The field remains open with Covid-19 regulations in place.

**277.8/01 Parish Hall** - The Hall remains closed until further notice. A further Covid-19 related business grant – this time for £1334 - has been received, to compensate for lack of income.

Graham Tape asked if the matter of hall electricity /meter problems could be sorted out during enforced closure of the hall. Alan Whittle agreed to draft a letter to the Hall Committee.

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## **278.8/01 Planning Notification**

**Planning Notifications – Approval – PA20/08201** Change of use of redundant barns to 3 holiday cottages (Removal of condition re holiday occupancy of Decision Notice E1/97/1018) at Marsh Farm Cottage

**PA20/10452** Screening for modifications to the existing asphalt plant and variation in plant operating hours at Pigsdon Quarry – **Environmental Impact Assessment not required**

## **279.8/01 Other Planning Matters**

**Enforcement EN20/00017** – Awaiting information on possible further infringements on land adjoining Kitts Farm

**280.8/01 Chairman’s Report** - An online / YouTube meeting, led by Councillor Sally Hawken, Portfolio holder for wellbeing and public health, was held earlier today on the current situation regarding the Covid-19 pandemic in Cornwall. With the county now in Tier 4 restrictions and positive cases at an all-time high of 325 cases per 100,000 compared with pre Christmas figures of 18 per 100,000 everyone is urged to follow government guidelines to stay at home except for essential trips to shops, appointments and work if unable to do so from home. Questions from the public were answered by Ruth Goldstein, Consultant in Public Health, and Rachel Wigglesworth, Director of Public Health.

## **281.8/01 Finance**

**Financial statement** – Copy bank statements and reconciliations having been distributed were agreed.

**Payments** - The following amounts was unanimously approved for payment as proposed by Brian Pollard and seconded by Trevor Elliott

Cornwall Council – repayment of clerk’s November salary & admin fee	£208.00
S. Jose – Footpath maintenance	** £288.00
My History (via P. Brewer) storage materials re Archives (Grant funded)	£ 48.45
Wood stain for noticeboard – A. Whittle	£ 10.00

\*\* LMP payment of £113.94 from Cornwall Council has been received towards this maintenance

## **282.8/01 Other matters**

**Article for Parish News** – Paul

**Clearing of dog waste bin** – Trevor

**Traffic issues at Grimscott** The SCARF meeting due to take place in November was postponed and will now take place on 21<sup>st</sup> January with update on action plan promised for mid February

**Highways** – Potholes at West Street and at Prustacott to be reported to highways

**Fairfield** – Notice received of complaints raised regarding use of land as “Race track” and concerns shown over 14 day ruling

**283.8/01 Date of next meeting:** Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 7.30pm.