

# Launcells Parish Council

**Present:** Alan Whittle (chairman), Brian Pollard, Margaret Cleave, Trevor Elliott, Sheila Minter, Andrew Hargreaves, Paul Wingard, Graham Tape, Pamela Brewer (Clerk)

**294.5/03 Apologies:** Peter Harwood, Maxwell Allin

**295.5/03 Minutes:** The minutes of the last meeting, which had previously been distributed, were approved for signature

## **296.5/03: Matters arising**

**Launcells History Group** – work on “Learning for schools” project has not yet begun, cheque still being held.

**Facebook** – Following discussions at the last meeting, Mrs Mandy Pollard (administrator of parish Facebook page) offered to update items on behalf of the parish council

**Orchard Trust Charity:** Paul Wingard was able to report on behalf of the Trustees that they hope to advertise the charity within the parish to see if any young people can be helped with learning resources. Disappointingly TSB have decided to close the charity’s bank account and other options are being looked into.

**Replacement clerk:** The chairman has contacted CALC for advice on procedures to select a new clerk. Adverts will be placed shortly and a selection committee of chairman, vice-chairman plus Andrew Hargreaves and Paul Wingard was proposed and unanimously approved.

**297.5/03 Playing Field:** Cornwall Council COVID Enforcement team have funding available to provide signage for use in play areas. 2 signs have been ordered by the Playing Field Committee.

**298.5/03 Parish Hall:** Further to discussions at the last meeting, Brian Pollard was thanked for contacting a suitably qualified electrician who has now carried out the necessary safety checks to enable the hall to gain suitable certificate / insurance. The electrician, Nigel, has also been able to sort out problems with wiring to the Archive room extension and will return to attend to the Emergency lighting in the main hall. When all works are completed, Brian as Parish Council representative on the Hall Management Committee, will ensure that system safety and PAT testing is done on a regular (annual) basis.

## **299.5/03 Planning applications:**

**PA20/11148** Application for postponement of review at Pigsdon Quarry – This was dealt with between meetings and by a majority vote it was decided not to oppose the application. Although there have been complaints in the past there have been no recent examples of possible planning infringements. The application seeks to postpone the ROMPs (Review of Old Mineral Permissions) to June 2028 under regulations governed by the Environment Act 1995.

**PA21/00309/PREAPP** Land North East of North View Launcells - Pre-application advice for 6 bell tents and buildings consisting of reception, storage unit, compost toilets, shower and

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kitchen block to form campsite – This is only at pre-application stage, for information purposes only.

**PA20/09034** Change of use of building from chicken shed to retail units (part retrospective) at Lower Pigsdon Farm – No objections

**Street Trading Renewal – Hobbacott Layby:** Mr Petersen has applied to renew his application to trade from the layby April – October 2021, 7am-10pm with Showman’s Wagon/Bedford, Camper van with trailer and VW Beetle. It was agreed to oppose this applications on the grounds that too many vehicles on site is inappropriate and last year the applicant did not comply with rules set by the Licensing Department

## **300.5/03 Clerk’s Report:**

**Missing footpath signs** have been reported and acknowledgements received “The replacement of broken or missing signs is not a priority at this time, however the locations identified have been added to list of missing signs and it is hoped, if in the future additional investment is available, to arrange for replacements.”

Incidents of missing signs and unclear access to paths (e.g. Path number 8 Norton to Hershams; Path 9 Magses to Moreton Pound & Path 11 Moreton Mill to Pigsdon) have been highlighted by local people via social media, particularly during the long months of lockdown. These matters and doing safety checks on for example ash die back to be put on future agenda, to be addressed by new council after May elections. The clerk is looking into legal requirements regarding the possibility of the parish council providing some signs.

**Foot path maintenance** was discussed and it was proposed by Andrew Hargreaves, seconded by Paul Wingard and unanimously agreed to accept Cornwall Council’s offer of £116.22 under the LMP (Local Maintenance Partnership) and to ask Steve Jose to carryout minor works as in previous years.

**Public footpath diversion:** Cornwall Council has received an application to divert footpath number 12 at Launcells Barton. This would extinguish the existing path which passes along the front of Launcells Barton but is only a permissive path from the public highway. A publicly accessible path would be created from the highway, opposite the point where Footpath number 3 meets the road near entrance to Underwood. It was proposed by Brian Pollard, seconded by Andrew Hargreaves and unanimously agreed, to support these proposals.

## **301.5/03 Chairman’s Report**

The chairman reported on recent meetings of the Bude Community Network Panel (CNP). This included forming a Cross Border Health panel representing the communities of Holsworthy, Bude-Stratton and all surrounding parishes. The Network learnt recently that the provision of overnight minor injury provision at Stratton Hospital is under review and unanimous support was given to lobbying the Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust to retain the service.

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Following on from data supplied regarding traffic speeds at Grimscott, it has been confirmed that the speed activation device will return later this year and it is hoped that Highways will also carry out further measures to fully understand concerns.

Other items covered by CNP included: The re-siting of the storm tower at Compass Point in Bude: The future of Covid street marshals: Crime figures issued for Bude showing a slight increase but no overall change in this parish (very low)

Road safety measures are to be carried out at Red Post shortly. The hatched feeder lane, approaching Red Post from Stratton direction, is to be extended to allow safe manoeuvring into Red Post Garage. Statistics show that there have been a number of recorded accidents at or near this location in the past 10 years.

## **302.5/03 Finance**

It was proposed by Andrew Hargreaves, seconded by Margaret Cleave and unanimously agreed to approve the following invoices for payment:

Cornwall Council – repayment of clerk’s Jan & Feb salary (inc Admin fees)	£416.00
P. Brewer – Clerk’s expenses August 2020 – March 2021	£ 55.08

## **303.5/03 Other matters**

Article for Parish News: Trevor

Clearing of dog waste bin: Pam

Nomination papers for May’s elections due to be distributed next week or available to download from Cornwall Council website

Last date to register for Postal votes is 20<sup>th</sup> April

**Date of next meeting:**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2021**