

# Launcells Parish Council

Minutes of Virtual meeting – via “ZOOM” – held on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 7.30pm

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

**304.9/04 Apologies:** Peter Harwood, Maxwell Allin, Graham Tape

**305.9/04 Minutes:** The minutes of the last meeting, which had previously been distributed, were approved for signature

## **306.9/04: Matters arising**

- a) **Launcells History Group** – work on “Learning for schools” project has begun, and cheque sent as previously agreed.
- b) **Replacement clerk:** Last date for applications is April 15<sup>th</sup>. To date there has only been one applicant – from South Cornwall. The chairman proposed speaking to another local clerk and it was suggested approaching an employment agency.
- c) **Street Trading Renewal – Hobbacott Layby:** Concerns have been forwarded to Cornwall Council as the wood carver arrived back in the Layby in March and is displaying his wares for sale. A decision on his licence will be held via tele conferencing on 21<sup>st</sup> April and it was agreed that Alan Whittle represent the council and “speak in support of your objections”
- d) **Car Parking on grass at Grimscott Estate** – It was reported that several cars are parking on the grass area in the centre of the Estate. Clerk to take the matter up with Cornwall Housing who owns the land.

## **307.9/04 Declarations of Interest**

Margaret Cleave & Andrew Hargreaves declared an interest in Planning Application PA21/01864 and took no part in discussions or decision

**308.9/04 Playing Field:** Sheridan Rosser outlined issues as identified in the RoSPA inspection, which was carried out on 7<sup>th</sup> April. All items were minor and/ or already known and the Playing Field Committee are planning to have their AGM shortly, when the points raised will be discussed and addressed as required. The 2 Covid-19 safety signs have just arrived and will be erected in due course.

## **309.9/04 Parish Hall:**

- a) The electrician, has not yet returned to sort out problems with the Emergency lighting in the main hall. The under-floor heating in the Archive Room is now working and a meter has been purchased to check on usage costs.
- b) According to the Government Covid-19 Roadmap, the Hall can re-open from May 17<sup>th</sup> but exact date has not yet been announced.

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- c) The Hall has now received a further round of funding via Business Support Grants due to the National Lockdowns. Total now received is £19K
- d) Trevor Elliott agreed to speak to his contact regarding the implementation of white lining the car park and to report back to councillors.

**310.9/04 Planning application: PA21/01864** Erection of extensions to existing agricultural livestock buildings to form covered livestock handling area and covered dung store at Lower Ossington – No objections

## **311.9/04 Planning Notification**

**PA20/11148** Application for postponement of review at Pigsdon Quarry – **Approved**

## **312.9/04 Clerk's Report:**

- a) Nominations for Parish Council & Cornwall Council have now been published. There will be 3 ballots at May's election:
  - Devon & Cornwall Police & Crime Commissioner
  - Cornwall Council Poundstock Ward (which is now for 8 parishes including Launcells) - There are 4 nominations - for 1 seat
  - Launcells Parish Council – 11 nominations for 10 seats
- b) It was proposed by Brian Pollard, seconded by Margaret Cleave and unanimously agreed to employ Aalgaard Renshaw as Internal Auditor. The fee agreed at £110 + postage and VAT
- c) Membership of the Cornwall Association of Local Councils was discussed. It was proposed by Andrew Hargreaves, seconded by Margaret Cleave and unanimously agreed to pay 2021/22 subscription of £271.86 + VAT
- d) The new planter at Grimscott has been delivered and installed and it was agreed to pay invoice at quoted price
- e) The dates for next few meetings need to be changed for various reasons.

New dates are:-

### **Friday 21st May**

Parish Council's remote meeting powers end May 7th so last evening's meeting was the last via Zoom for the foreseeable future.

As there are elections in May - the May meeting (incorporating AGM) cannot be before 10th May and must be within 21 days of election. As the Hall can be open for meetings (with necessary restrictions in place) from 17th May this is first suitable date.

### **Friday 25th June**

The Annual Parish Meeting has to be before end of June and, following Government Roadmap should be after 21st June (in case a large crowd attend) so it would be appropriate to hold this on same day as June meeting.

### **Friday 6th August**

Then, due to June meeting being very late in month there should be no need for July meeting but to shift that to early August instead.

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**Friday 3rd September**

Then back to normal from September onwards.

## **313.9/04 Chairman's Report**

- No date has been set for Cross Border Health meeting due to "Purdah" and no decision made on health provisions at Stratton Hospital.
- Following concerns raised over the speed of traffic approaching Grimscott north-bound, a "Hidden entrance" sign has now been erected. The highways officer stated that "private signage, providing this isn't located within the limits of the highway, so on private boundaries or hedges then we wouldn't look to take any removal action".

## **314.9/04 Finance**

It was proposed by Paul Wingard seconded by Trevor Elliott and unanimously agreed to approve the following invoices for payment:

Cornwall Council – repayment of clerk's March salary (inc Admin fee)	£208.00
Darran Royle – Grimscott flower planter	£354.00
Cornwall Association of Local Councils – 2021/22 subscription	£318.87
Spanglefish – hosting of website	£ 78.00
Playsafety Ltd – Playing Field safety inspection	£ 82.20

**315.9/04 Asset Register** This had been distributed a week before meeting. There was one query which had been addressed viz; Why is Hall not classed as an asset and why is Playing Field recorded at Nominal 1p? Answer: The Hall has its own constitution whereby it has its own insurance and therefore not part of record needed for PC insurance. The Playing Field is insured by PC so needs to be included and the reason for nominal value is because it was gifted to the parish.

**316.9/04 Standing Orders** Copies had been distributed prior to meeting. Temporary orders regarding Covid-19 updates which expire in May are being deleted and there being no further issues the orders were re-adopted.

**317.9/04 Financial Regulations** No issues highlighted and unanimously agreed for re-adoption.

## **318.5/03 Other matters**

**Article for Parish News:** Brian

**Clearing of dog waste bin:** Peter

**B3254 Hersham Cross to Red Post** - Notice of intention received for temporary prohibition of traffic 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> May (7.30 to 17.00hours) to enable Cornwall Council to carry out essential works.

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Date of next meeting (AGM): Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2021