

Launcells Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Parish Hall on Friday 25th June 2021 at 7:00pm.

Present: Alan Whittle (Chairman), Maxwell Allin, Margaret Cleave, Trevor Elliot, Andrew Hargreaves, Brian Pollard, Matthew Stokes, Graham Tape, Paul Wingard, Ian Saltern (Clerk), one member of the public.

Apologies: Sheila Minter, Nicky Chopak (Cornwall Council)

340.25/06 Minutes of the previous meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 May 2021, which had previously been distributed, were approved for signature.

341.25.06 Matters arising:

A report from Cornwall Councillor Nicky Chopak concerning matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting had not received in time for this meeting.

342.25/06 Declarations:

There were no declarations of interest.

343.25/06 Public participation session:

There was no participation from the member of the public attending.

344.25/06 Day of the week to hold Parish Council meetings:

Alan Whittle expressed the view that it would be helpful to have the attendance of Cornwall Councillor Nicky Chopak at Parish Council meetings, but that given the size of her Council division and the number of parishes for which she is responsible, she would not be able to attend Launcells Parish Council meetings if held on a Friday evening. Cllr Chopak had requested that Launcells Parish Council alter the day on which its meetings are held. It was agreed that, in principle, it would be possible to hold some Launcells Parish Council meetings on days other than Friday to accommodate Cllr Chopak. This need not be every month. It was generally agreed that Monday evening would be most convenient for Parish Councillors.

345.25/06 Planning matters:

PA21/04977 Change of use of land to dog training/exercise - Mapowders Farm – *Councillors raised no specific objections, but did have concerns regarding increased traffic at the location.*

PA21/04978 Retrospective application for change of use of land to domestic curtilage and proposed annex accommodation - Mapowders Farm – *Councillors raised no objections.*

The following received between meetings and comments submitted to the planning authority:

PA21/03493 Rhude Cross Barn – Extend existing garden amenity to include a practical outdoor family area and erection of a single-story outbuilding incorporating a garage, workshop and office- *Parish Council had raised an objection which was submitted to Cornwall Council. However, Cornwall Council has subsequently requested that the Parish Council consider the following options as set out within the Protocol for Local Councils: 1) Agree with Cornwall Council's recommendation (mindful to approve the*

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application), 2) Agree to disagree, 3) Having made strong planning reasons maintain objection to the proposal against the recommendation and request that the application is determined by the Planning Committee. Launcells Parish Councillors chose option 2) Agree to disagree. Clerk to notify Cornwall Council.

346.25/06: Concerns raised regarding developments at Thurlibeer:

Alan Whittle reported that he had received communication from a parishioner raising concerns that unregulated building works had occurred at properties that did not have Permitted Development Rights (sometimes a condition of the agreed conversion of barns to homes). Alan Whittle proposed that Parish Council take-up the concerns of the parishioner with Cornwall Council, seconded by Maxwell Allin. The proposal was carried unanimously.

347.25/06: Concerns about gate at land south of Kitts Farm

AJW had noted that a significant solid metal gate has been erected adjacent to the road at a site south of Kitts Farm, potentially in contravention of planning regulations. This knowledge will be passed on to the enforcement team.

348.25/06 Bank Account change of address request:

The Clerk requested that two existing approved bank signatories from amongst the Councillors sign the forms required to change the registered address for the Council's bank accounts.

349.25/06 Code of Conduct training:

The Clerk reminded Councillors of their obligation to undertake Code of Conduct training as soon as possible. Training is being offered by CALC via Zoom at a cost of £20 per delegate on a first come first served basis. However, it is possible to watch a video recording of the Code of Conduct training. Watching the video meets the obligation to receive the training. The Clerk was asked to recirculate the email with the Code of Conduct training video link to Councillors.

350.25/06 Let's Talk Homes:

The Clerk reminded Councillors that Cornwall Council is seeking input as part of its review of the current Housing Strategy. An email from Cornwall Council had been circulated to Councillors with a link to a webpage seeking answers to key questions by 18 June 2021. However, further questions will be added to this webpage over coming months so there is still an opportunity for Councillors to give their views.

351.25/06 Software:

The Clerk sought the views of Councillors regarding the resubscription to software essential to the undertaking of his role. He also suggested an additional program which would assist with keeping the Council's accounts. Councillors recommended that the Clerk circulate to them the costs involved in acquiring the requested software in order to reach a decision.

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352.25/06 Chairman's Report:

Bude Community Area Network Panel Meeting held (virtually) Monday 7th June 2021 – Alan Whittle reported that he had attended the meeting at which Cllr Simon Beesley (Chairman of North Tamerton Parish Council) was elected Chairman and Alan Whittle elected Vice Chairman. Alan Whittle reported that he meets with Zoe Bernard John (Cornwall Council Community Link Officer), Nicky Chopak (Cornwall Councillor) and Simon Beesley weekly to discuss matters relating to the Community Area Network Panel.

Bude/Holsworthy Cross Border Health Meeting held (virtually) Monday 14th June 2021 – Alan Whittle reported that he had attended this meeting. The meeting has been very well attended, with both the Chairman of the Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust and Cornwall Council Portfolio Holder for Adults and Public Health present. Amongst the key issues raised was the need to encourage more people to use the overnight service provided at the Minor Injuries Unit (MIU) at Stratton hospital, rather than relying on the ambulance service. Alan Whittle asked Launcells Parish Councillors to feed their views to him regarding health services in the area. Emails had been sent to Scott Mann MP and the CEO of Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust requesting their attendance at future Health Meetings.

The missing Red Post sign

Graham Tape reported that the Launcells Parish Hall Committee would be happy to donate towards the costs of replacing the sign. Alan Whittle relayed information from Sheila Minter that she had received a quote of £4,500 inc VAT for manufacturing new finger posts. Nicky Chopak had relayed information that a contribution could also be made by Cornwall Council Highways. Alan Whittle thanked Sheila Minter in her absence for her work with Peter Harwood in progressing the replacement of the sign. He said that there had been significant local interest in replacing the sign and he had received a number of emails to that effect. Trevor Elliot expressed concern that the sign might be stolen again. Andrew Hargreaves mentioned that there were specific insurance policies for items of historical significance which would be worth investigating. The Clerk had made initial investigations regarding security microchips for a new sign. Paul Wingard suggested that momentum is maintained and formally proposed that a Crowdfunder be established to help meet the remainder of the costs. This was seconded by Alan Whittle and carried unanimously. The Clerk was asked to establish a Crowdfunder campaign.

Trevor Elliot reported that Red Post Inn would host a jar to collect change towards the replacement of Red Post (provided this meets with Covid-19 safety requirements).

Redundant road signs

Alan Whittle relayed information from an email from Nicky Chopak asking Councillors to report any redundant road signs in the parish to the Clerk. In turn the Clerk would notify Cornwall Council Highways requesting their removal.

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353.06/21 Finance:

It was proposed by Alan Whittle, seconded by Maxwell Allin and unanimously agreed to approve the following payments notified on the agenda and presented at the meeting:

Cornwall Council – repayment of clerk’s May salary & admin fee	£208.00
Clerk’s expenses 2 nd March – 31 st May	£111.00
Cornwall Council – repayment overdue on Clerks salary for March 2020	£202.01
Sheridon Rosser – Domain name for Launcells Parish website	£24.00

354.06/21 Other matters:

Next article for Launcells Parish News – Cllr Allin

Clearing of dog waste bin – Cllr Whittle

Graham Tape will stim entrance to the Common.

Margaret Cleave reported that the grass at Red Post junction requires cutting. The Clerk will notify Highways.

Alan Whittle asked if the proprietors of Red Post Inn could be reminded to log the defibrillator hosted there on the national database of defibrillators.

Alan Whittle reported two planning pre-applications - a conversion of stables to one storey house and a glamping site as a pop-up campsite for 56 days (tents only).

Next Meeting: Friday 6th August 2021 – 7:30pm