

# Launcells Parish Council

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Parish Hall on Monday 02<sup>nd</sup> August 2021 at 7:30pm.**

**Present:** Alan Whittle (Chairman), Maxwell Allin, Margaret Cleave, Andrew Hargreaves, Sheila Minter, Brian Pollard, Graham Tape, Paul Wingard, Ian Saltern (Clerk), Nicky Chopak (Cornwall Council)

**Apologies:** Matthew Stokes, Trevor Elliot, retrospectively

## **355.02/08 Minutes of the previous meeting:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021, which had previously been distributed, were approved for signature.

## **356.02/08 Matters arising:**

Alan Whittle reminded those present that Code of Conduct training needed to be completed by all Councillors within six months of the Local Elections of May 2021. Ian Saltern to re-circulate information to Councillors.

Alan Whittle reported that defibrillator logging was no longer undertaken by South West Ambulance Service and that while, he had received confirmation that the new registering organisation had registered the defibrillator in the Parish Hall, he was receiving no updates as yet.

## **357.02/08 Report from Cornwall Councillor Nicky Chopak:**

Nicky Chopak reported that the many planning enforcement issues in the parish will not be quickly resolved. There are currently 120 live enforcement cases in the Poundstock Division. Together with Cornwall Council Enforcement Officers, Nicky will visit Launcells parish and other parishes within the Division. As a consequence of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) legislation, Nicky is no longer able to receive notification of enforcement cases from Cornwall Council's planning team. Nicky reported that Cornwall Council is receiving around 600 planning applications per month. Nicky confirmed that enforcement reports were circulated to Cornwall Councillors but the process can take many months. Nicky will ask Cornwall Council planning officers to visit Launcells parish more frequently. Alan Whittle asked if Nicky could obtain data relating to the number of enforcement cases in Cornwall which have proceeded as far as prosecution. Alan Whittle will raise the issue of enforcement with North Cornwall Member of Parliament, Scott Mann.

Nicky reported that the proposed roll-out of a new waste and recycling regime, which will provide all Cornish residents with wheelie and food waste bins has been postponed until 2023 when further central Government funding would be available. In the interim it looked likely that waste collection would move from fortnightly to every three weeks.

Nicky reported that a formal complaint regarding the provision of General Practice in the area had been made to Secretary of State for Health & Social Care.

Nicky reported that she has Cornwall Councillor Community Chest of £3,000 to which local groups could apply. £500 tended to be the average size of grant Nicky would offer. Nicky stated that she

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would donate £500 towards the restoration of Red Post. Ian Saltern to request and complete application form.

Nicky reported that the planning agent for the application for change of use at Mapowders had approached her to ask why their client is expected to pay for road improvements at the site. Brian Pollard stated that he did not believe that the clients should pay for road improvements. Nicky asked that if she proposed that the client should not pay for the improvements, would Launcells Parish Council maintain its view that there is a traffic issue that needed addressing? Andrew Hargreaves stated that if no traffic improvements were undertaken, he would strongly oppose the planning application.

Nicky Chopak and Oliver Jones (CORMAC Area Manager) visited Thorne Cross and agreed it was a potentially dangerous section of road. Nicky to propose a reduction in the speed limit to 50mph for this section of road and also that from Red Post to Stratton (A3072).

Alan Whittle thanked Nicky for all of her assistance.

## **358.02/08 Declarations of Interest:**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **359.02/08 Public participation session:**

There were no members of the public in attendance.

## **360.02/08 Grimscott speeding:**

Alan Whittle reported that he, Nicky Chopak and Oliver Jones had visited Grimscott to witness the speeding issues. Speed monitoring cameras are now in place in Grimscott and additional road markings had been painted. Oliver Jones was very positive about ideas to address speeding and the collection of data from the speed monitors will help to press the case for further interventions. He had agreed to share the monitoring data with AJW. Nicky reminded Councillors that, in addition to the Highways budget, the Community Network Panel also has a budget to address transport issues and that any future speeding interventions in Grimscott could be part funded by the Community Network Panel.

## **361.02/08 Individual Councillor tasks:**

Alan Whittle suggested that at the next Launcells Parish Council meeting, the individual tasks currently allocated to Councillors could be reviewed and possibly reallocated.

## **362.02/08 Restoration of Red Post:**

Sheila Minter reported that it would take 6 weeks from start to finish to recast the finger posts. Thus far, the following funds had been raised:

£500 from the Red Post Inn

£500 from Nicky Chopak

£1,307 from Crowdfunder (including cheques sent directly to LPC)

Launcells Parish Hall Committee will meet to discuss making a donation.

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Nicky Chopak reported that Oliver Jones/CORMAC would underwrite any outstanding amount to ensure that Red Post can be restored. Oliver Jones suggested that BBC Spotlight feature the restoration of the sign. Ian Saltern to investigate.

Paul Wingard asked if the process of commissioning the recasting of the finger post could begin immediately, before the fundraising campaign had concluded. Alan Whittle suggested that the metal workers be contacted to ascertain what level of deposit would be required for their work to commence. All Councillors agreed with this approach.

## **363.02/08 Planning matters:**

**PA21/03678 Bray's Hill Farm Agricultural Worker's dwelling** – It was noted that Launcells Parish Council had 'Agreed to disagree' with the local planning authority's recommendation for approval of the application.

**PA21/0349 Rhude Cross Barn, Launcells** - It was noted that Launcells Parish Council had 'Agreed to disagree' with the local planning authority's recommendation for approval of the application. Alan Whittle asked if Nicky Chopak could find out what proportion of planning applications in Launcells parish were approved or rejected on the recommendation of the Parish Council.

## **364.02/08: Concerns raised regarding developments at Thurlibeer:**

Alan Whittle reported that Cornwall Council had been notified and that investigations were still taking place regarding the possibility of unregulated building works.

## **365.02/08: Clerk's report:**

Software – Ian Saltern asked if all Councillors present were happy to consent to resubscription to software packages necessary for undertaking the role of Clerk as per his email of 29<sup>th</sup> June 2021. All Councillors present agreed.

Code of Conduct training – Ian Saltern will re-circulate information to Councillors.

## **366.02/08 Chairman's report:**

Alan Whittle reported that on 22<sup>nd</sup> July he and Simon Beesley as Vice Chair and Chair of the Bude Community Network Panel respectively, attended a virtual workshop regarding the emerging Bude Area Economic Development Plan which has been commissioned by Bude-Stratton Town Council. Alan and Simon would be visiting each Parish Council to explain the purpose of the Bude Area Community Network and will use this as an opportunity to also explain the purpose of the Economic Plan.

Alan Whittle reported that he, Nicky Chopak and Simon Beesley attend a meeting of the Bude/Holsworthy Cross Border Health group on 14<sup>th</sup> July, which had been very productive. Alan stated that the local '111 service' manager was superb but was at present overwhelmed. There was a need for data to ensure that locally a case can be made to retain vital health services. Alan stated that he was now in possession of a database of ambulance response times in the area. Nicky Chopak stated that she was concerned that Stratton Minor Injuries Unit was at risk and that staff resourcing

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was an issue. Paul Wingard stated that the issues of health and the risks to its provision in the area should be included within the emerging Bude Area Economic Development Plan.

## **367.02/08 Finance:**

There were no invoices for payment.

## **368.02/08 Other matters:**

Next article for Launcells Parish News – Cllr Stokes

Clearing of dog waste bin – Cllr Pollard

Graham Tape reported that the car abandoned at the A3072 layby nearest Mapowders had now been removed.

Alan Whittle reported that the planning application PA20/090 Lower Pigsdon Farm, Launcells – part retrospective – involving a change of use, had led to objections from parishioners. Cornwall Council planning officers had not sought to halt works on site. Alan stated that he did not know what further action Launcells Parish Council could take with respect to this situation. Nicky Chopak may create an opportunity to visit the site.

Margaret Cleave reported that she had conducted a site visit for planning application PA21/06749 Hobbacott Mill – Erection of garage/workshop with store craft room above. Margaret had spoken with neighbours of the applicant who were content with the application, therefore Margaret had no objection. Consequently, all Councillors were happy for Launcells Parish Council to support the application.

Meeting dates – it was agreed that whenever possible, future Launcells Parish Council meeting would be held on the first Monday of the month, with the exception of Bank Holidays when the meeting would be held on the second Monday of the month.

**Next Meeting:           Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021 – 7:30pm**