

Launcells Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Parish Hall on Monday 07th February 2022 at 7:30pm.

Present: Alan Whittle (Chairman), Maxwell Allin, Margaret Cleave, Trevor Elliott, Sheila Minter, Brian Pollard, Matthew Stokes, Graham Tape, Cllr Nicky Chopak (Cornwall Council), Ian Saltern (Clerk), and two members of the public.

Apologies: Andrew Hargreaves, Paul Wingard

437.07/02 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd December 2021:

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th January 2022, which had previously been distributed, were to be corrected at 430.10/1 to state that the Parish Hall Committee would be meeting the cost of providing souvenir mugs for children to mark HM Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

438.07/02 Matters arising from these minutes not dealt with elsewhere:

There were no matters arising.

439.07/02 Report from Cornwall Councillor Nicky Chopak:

Nicky reported that Cornwall Council was compelled to make significant, further cuts to its budget of around £60million, including Children's Services and Adult Social Care. Eight Children and Adult Social Workers would be cut from workforce. Four Cornwall Care facilities would close. There were currently 180 people in Cornwall awaiting care packages. Cornwall Council is seeking 500 voluntary redundancies. Nicky would be buying a tree for each of the Parish Councils within her Division to mark HM Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Nicky reported that COVID case numbers were increasing in Cornwall.

440.07/02 Declarations of Interest:

Trevor Elliott had declared an interest with regard to planning application **PA21/12579** - *Outline application for up to two dwellings on land behind 1 Tile Yard Cottages, Launcells*, which had been dealt with between meetings. Alan Whittle declared an interest with regard to planning applications **PA22/00670** - *Proposed shed to cover existing manure store*, **PA22/00671** - *Proposed shed to cover cow yard*, and **PA22/00672** - *Demolition of existing lean to and erection of new shed to cover yard* all at Thorne Farm Cornwall EX22 7HD.

441.07/02 Public participation:

Mr Ben Marsh addressed the Parish Council meeting regarding his submitted planning application **PA21/12203** - *Full planning sought for proposed new dwelling in lieu of existing class Q approval - Redundant Barn Barons Barn Hobbacott Lane Marhamchurch Bude Cornwall EX23 0EX*. Mr Marsh informed the Parish Council that approval for part-building on the site was already secured. The revised dwelling plan would reduce the footprint of the existing barn by 90m², would be lower than the current adjacent houses; built to be more in-keeping with existing buildings on the site; and, would be built to high sustainability standards. Mr Marsh said that he would be happy to conduct Councillors on a site visit. Matt Stokes felt that the proposed dwelling was an improvement on the existing barn. Some concerns regarding Class Q conversion were expressed. Margaret Cleave felt that the proposed dwelling would benefit the area and fit in well. The remainder of Councillors generally felt that the dwelling would be an improvement on the existing barn. Alan Whittle reported that he had visited the site. He felt the design was very good but was concerned about possibly setting a precedent for replacing Class Q structures with totally new dwellings. Nicky Chopak said that Class Q developments are not granted lightly and were given in order to protect old building with character. Nicky was surprised in this case that the barn had Class Q rights. She too was concerned around precedent. She felt that this application might not be straightforward but the support of Launcells Parish Council would help. Nicky would discuss with Planning Officer and said it would be important to stress that the development would provide housing for a family. Launcells Parish Council voted unanimously in favour of supporting the application.

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442.07/02 Planning matters:

PA21/10539 - *Erection of an agricultural feed and machinery storage building - Hobbacott Mill, Hobbacott Lane Marhamchurch Bude EX23 0EX.* Launcells Parish Council had no comment to make regarding this application. Alan Whittle left the room.

PA22/00670 - *Proposed shed to cover existing manure store - resubmission of PA21/02981 with enlarged footprint - Thorne Farm Access to Thorne Farm Bridgerule Holsworthy EX22 7HD;* **PA22/00671** - *Proposed shed to cover cow yard (resubmission of PA21/02980 enlarged footprint) Thorne Farm Access To Thorne Farm Bridgerule Holsworthy EX22 7HD;* **PA22/00672** - *Demolition of existing lean to and erection of new shed to cover yard - Thorne Farm Bridgerule Holsworthy Cornwall EX22 7HD.* These three applications were review collectively. Launcells Parish Council had no comments to make on these applications.

PA21/01745 – *Proposed eco lodge - Land South of Kitts Farm Stratton Bude Cornwall EX23 9NR.* It was noted that this application has been refused.

Alan Whittle asked if Nicky Chopak would check upon two enforcement actions in the parish . The Parish Council has also been asked to investigate potential changes to the site at ‘Sunrise’ vs current planning permissions.

443.07/02 Woodcarver, Hobbacott Layby, Street Trading License Renewal:

Alan Whittle reported that the Woodcarver has reapplied for a street trading licence. On behalf of the Parish Council, Alan had submitted objections including video footage of lorry impeding traffic on main road, a complaint received from a member of the public and photographs of the state of the layby. Nicky Chopak said that she would object to the application for renewal. A formal review meeting has been arranged. Alan will attend on behalf of the Parish Council, with the decision due in March.

444.07/02 HM Queen, Platinum Jubilee:

Graham Tape reported that a celebratory Cream Tea would be held in the Parish Hall on Friday 03rd June 2022. Souvenir mugs for children in the parish would be purchased by Parish Hall Committee. A suitable form of wording for the mugs was to be agreed.

445.07/02 Red Post - future security:

Alan Whittle reported that the positioning of a CCTV camera pointing at the signpost from the Red Post Joinery building had been agreed in principle. The camera would require night vision capability. GDPR implications need to be explored before a camera could be purchased (in the cost range of £140 - £178). Launcells Parish Council voted unanimously, in principle, to purchase a camera, once costs and GDPR implications have been finalised and recorded a vote of thanks to Jordan for agreeing to host it.

446.07/02 Bus Stop lighting:

Alan Whittle agreed to progress the provision of lighting for the two bus stops at Red Post with Oliver Jones of Cornwall Council Highways.

447.07/02 Vision Zero Traffic Scheme:

Alan Whittle reported that he had met with Oliver Jones and residents to review the issue of speeding cars through Grimscott and at Launcells Cross, and the decision of the Post Office to discontinue delivering mail in the latter location due to safety concerns.

Options at Launcells Cross are limited as the one of the roads that forms the crossroads is a private track and not maintained by Cornwall Council. However, traffic slowing measures at a cost of c. £2,500 including larger speed signs were proposed. Details of this have been forwarded on to concerned local residents. It was also suggested that the owners of the adjacent land be asked if they would consider moving hedge back to improve visibility. Margaret Cleave is acquainted with the owner of the land and would provide Ian Saltern with contact details. Alan Whittle and Ian Saltern would write to land owners on behalf of Launcells Parish Council.

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Initial options for either side of Grimscott include Speed Activated signs and more paint on the ground. Costs for these options are awaited. In addition, Oliver Jones and Sheila also favour reducing the speed limit on that stretch of road either side of the village, but this will involve a public consultation exercise and will necessarily take more than 6 months to complete. It is hoped that aspect of the project work could be taken forward via the Bude Community Network Area Panel Highways budget.

It was suggested that the £25,000 Vision Zero grant money be paid now to Cornwall Council to ensure that it is 'committed' within the stated deadline. Cornwall Council would then use the grant funding to undertake required traffic calming measures discussed above.

Graham Tape warned that if 'dragons teeth' painted at the approaches to Grimscott were too high they would cause a significant noise disturbance.

448.07/02 Councillors' Tasks:

Playing Field – Moles – no change and no fresh activity reported.

Parish Hall – Alan Whittle reported that the heating of the Archive Room has now been stabilised but costs are still several pounds a day. Trevor Elliott suggested sustainable means of providing power to the Archive Room such as solar or turbine. Ian Saltern to investigate feasibility. Alan asked if any Councillor would be the link between Council and Launcells History Group. Brian Pollard volunteered.

Churchyard and Chapel graveyard – nothing to report.

Bus Shelter – discussed at 446.07/02

Commons - Sheila Minter mentioned that the dog waste bin was filling regularly. She volunteered to be assigned as Councillor who empties it, rather than relying on the current rota system.

Footpaths – Alan Whittle reminded Councillors that ash dieback remains an issue. He and Graham Tape would review state of ash at the Playing Field. Ian Saltern to contact Mr Jose regarding maintenance of footpaths.

Defibrillator – nothing to report.

Alan Whittle reported that the Parish Council had been approached to contribute towards the flower beds on the approaches to Grimscott. Launcells Parish Council voted unanimously to contribute.

449.07/02 Clerk's Report:

a) Online banking – the Clerk reported that this was proving less straightforward than anticipated and would require the details of all current authorised signatories to progress the application. Ian Saltern to email requesting details from relevant Councillors.

b) CALC Training Course – the Clerk had attended a training course regarding the new Cornwall Council Casework reporting system.

c) Bude Area Community Network Highways Scheme Guidance – discussed previously at 447.07/02

Update regarding **PA20/04321** - *Reserved matters of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale following outline consent - Launcells Barton EX23 9NQ* – the Clerk reported that the condition suggested by Launcells Parish Council at its meeting in January, that the proposed manager dwelling should not be sold as a private residence was previously agreed when the application was considered by Launcells Parish Council in 2020.

450.07/02 Chairman's Report:

a) Defibrillator Training Course – Alan Whittle suggested another defibrillator training course in three months' time, which should be advertised widely. Launcells Parish Council voted unanimously to take forward.

b) Flower planter – addressed at 448.07/02

c) Grimscott Planter Area Water Issue – Alan Whittle reported that this had now been resolved.

451.07/02 Other matters:

Sheila Minter reported that the Community Speed Watch training with the Police would take place on 08th February with four volunteers.

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Graham Tape asked if planning permission would be required for a 'dug out' style wooden shelter for the Playing Field. It was suggested that permission would not be required as it would be a temporary wooden structure.

Alan also reported that the date of the next meeting of Launcells Parish Council would clash with the Bude Community Network Panel meeting, and suggested Maxwell Allin, as Vice-Chairman, would Chair the meeting. Maxwell agreed.

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The meeting closed at 9:00pm

Next Meeting: Monday 07th March 2022 – 7:30pm