

Launcells Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Launcells Parish Council

held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday 07th June 2022 at 7:30pm.

Present: Alan Whittle (Chairman), Maxwell Allin, Margaret Cleave, Trevor Elliott, Andrew Hargreaves, Sheila Minter, Matthew Stokes, Paul Wingard, Ian Saltern (Clerk), one member of the public.

Apologies: Brian Pollard, Graham Tape.

512.07/06 To approve minutes of meeting held on 09th May 2022:

Two minor corrections were recommended to the minutes of the meeting held on 09th May 2022. Once made the corrected minutes would be redistributed for approval and signature.

513.07/06 Matters arising from this meeting not dealt with elsewhere:

There were no matters arising.

514.07/06 Report from Cornwall Councillor Nicky Chopak:

Cllr Chopak was not able to attend the meeting. Nicky had reported to the Chairman prior to the meeting that she is monitoring ongoing planning enforcements within the parish, but as yet there is not new information to report on these enforcements.

515.07/06 Declarations of interest:

Brays Hills Manager – Cllr Matt Stokes declared an interest in the application **PA22/04587** - *Reserved matters of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale following outline consent PA21/03678 dated 28.07.2021 for the erection of an agricultural dwelling for a farm worker.*

516.07/06 Public participation:

One member of the public in attendance wished to speak to a planning application as applicant.

517.07/06 Planning matters:

PA22/04242 – *Non-material amendment (NMA1) for a minor amendment to location of the proposed planting mitigation detailed in the approved Pigsdon Quarry Tip Enlargement - Launcells Bude Cornwall EX23 9LQ.*

Whilst there was a range of views amongst Councillors on this application, the majority had no objection and Launcells Parish Council's official comment reflected this.

PA22/04338 and **PA22/04339** - *Retrospective Listed Building Consent for 3x replacement windows to south elevation at first floor level and partial conversion of garage to en-suite bedroom - Ravenscourt Churchtown Launcells Bude Cornwall EX23 9NQ.* Whilst there was a range of views amongst Councillors on this application, the majority had no objection and Launcells Parish Council's official comment reflected this.

PA22/02982 - *Erection of an agricultural building to house a milk vending/dispensing machine, with parking/fencing and new access - Scorsham Farm Stratton Bude Cornwall EX23 9NP.* The member of the public as applicant for this application addressed the meeting. She informed Councillors that in light of planning authority concerns regarding the safety of the entrance proposed on the A3072 (echoed by Launcells Parish Council), a new entrance for the milk vending machine had now been proposed from the B3254. There were no objections from Launcells Parish Councillors to this proposed new entrance. Margaret Cleave asked the member of the public if moving the proposed entrance would pose difficulties. The member of the public replied that in some ways it would, but an entrance from the B3254 would be a better solution.

518.07/06 Red Post – future security:

The Clerk had enquired of Oliver Jones (Highways) regarding progress on the potential for Launcells Parish Council to insure the signpost. The Clerk was awaiting a response.

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519.07/06 Website:

Alan Whittle reported that the Launcells Parish website now needs to be handed over from Sheridan Rosser to the new service provider. Alan stated that the only foreseen difficulty will be taking the advertisers over and he would enquire as to how this might be done.

520.07/06 Bus Stop lighting:

The Clerk reported that there was no further information regarding this as yet. A response was still awaited from Go Cornwall Travel regarding the number of people using the Red Post bus stop(s). This data would inform the application for funding towards the lighting from Cornwall Council.

521.07/06 Vision Zero Traffic Scheme:

There was no news specific to the Vision Zero Traffic Scheme to report.

522.07/06 Councillor's tasks/Emergency Plan:

Playing Field – no issues.

Parish Hall/Car Park – Cllr Pollard not in attendance.

Churchyard and Chapel graveyard – no issues.

Orchard Trust – Paul Wingard reported that he was going to enquire of the Charity Commission if the Orchard Trust would actively encourage the giving of legacies to increase the funds it had to distribute. Andrew Hargreaves felt that this would be a good idea. He said that a closed trust was difficult to put money in but legacies were usually acceptable.

Bus Shelter – no issues.

Commons – no issues.

Footpaths – no issues.

Salt Bin – no issues.

Flowerbeds – Cllr Tape was not in attendance.

Defibrillator – Alan Whittle reported that he had ordered replacement pads but, to date, had not received them. When he enquired as to why, he was told that the supplier had a 22-week waiting list. Alan reported that new pads were now on order from different supplier. The defibrillator was still operational in the meantime. Margaret Cleave suggested that the Parish Council organise further training for use of the defibrillator – it was suggested that Darren Cornish might be able to provide this. The Clerk to enquire.

Emergency Plan – Alan Whittle thanked the Working Group for its fantastic efforts – it had produced a great piece of work. Alan had added maps to the Plan from the Cornwall Council website, and had also produced a flood map from Environment Agency data. This data has Kingford and Moreton Mill as possibly at risk from flooding. Andrew Hargreaves confirmed that flooding has not historically impacted on properties. Alan would update the Emergency Plan accordingly and once that had been done it would be presented to the Parish Council to be adopted formally, submitted to Cornwall Council and reviewed after one year.

523.07/06 Clerk's report:

- a) Correspondence received – nothing to report.
- b) Landmark Tree update – St Swithin's Parochial Church Council had last year requested that the Parish Council apply for a 'Darley Oak' sapling Landmark Tree. Unfortunately, such saplings were no longer available last year, but Cornwall Council had recently been in contact with the Clerk to report that new Darley Oak saplings are now available and the Clerk has relayed this information to St Swithin's PCC.
- c) Fly tipping – a case of fly tipping at a lay-by on the B3254 had been reported to the Parish Council and relayed to Cornwall Council via its online reporting tool. The refuse had been removed within the same day, pointing to the success of the reporting tool.

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524.07/06 Chairman's report:

Alan Whittle reported that he had been elected Chairman of the Bude Area Network Panel at its AGM on 6th June. He vowed to do his utmost in the role. Cllr Nicky Chopak had been elected as Vice-Chair. Alan reported on the Domestic Waste Collection presentation given at the Panel meeting – Cornwall Council will be moving to a 2-week refuse collection. Alan felt that the Parish Council should make parishioners aware of the forthcoming domestic waste collection changes, which will include food waste. Andrew Hargreaves welcomed the idea of someone from Cornwall Council attending the Parish Council to explain the forthcoming changes. The Clerk to request attendance of Rachael Reid, Waste and Recycling Community Support Officer at Parish Council meeting.

Alan reported on the Village Works scheme which was also presented at the Panel meeting – a scheme seeking to help the unemployed into work. Alan asked Councillors to identify anyone who might benefit.

Alan Whittle also reported that at the Bude Area Network Panel a presentation have been given by a Poundstock Parish Councillor regarding child poverty in the area, which included a request that Parishes somehow contribute financially to a scheme to provide meals and activities during the summer holidays. The discussion which followed the presentation was generally rather challenging and the request for financial assistance from the Parish Councils was not met with full support at the meeting. Alan was not sure how Launcells Parish Council could assist with the scheme

Alan reported on the Parish Council budget from last year – he had prepared a budget showing the Parish Council's core income and spending- i.e., not that relating to the Red Post restoration, the History Group or Playing Field contributions. Alan talked through the accounts and emphasised that there is not a great deal of money this year.

Playing Field – Alan asked Maxwell Allin about ash dieback at the Playing Field. The general feeling was that if trees still had leaves on them is best to leave them. Andrew Hargreaves felt the larger ash trees won't revive, but the smaller trees might revive and shoot from lower down the trunk. Maxwell confirmed that this was the case with the ash trees at the Playing Field. Alan felt that a small clean-up of trees was necessary and would discuss further with Maxwell and Graham Tape.

Fireworks – Graham Tape intends to host a firework show with breakfast at the Parish Hall to be held on 18 June with breakfast 2 sittings - one at 9am and another at 10am.

525.07/06 Finance -Invoices for payment:

Clerk's salary – May 2022

£212.60

It was proposed by Alan Whittle, seconded by Maxwell Allin and unanimously agreed to approve payment.

526.07/06 Other matters:

The next article for Launcells Parish – Sheila Minter, July Maxwell Allin.

Alan Whittle has written small report on the Jubilee Cream Tea event which was felt to have been great fun, with the commemorative mugs very well received. Alan wished to record a vote of thanks for the event team on a great success.

527.07/06 Matters for consideration at the Chairman's discretion (time permitting):

Sheila Minter reported that she attended a Vision Zero/Speedwatch conference – which was a great day. She had mentioned speeding and problems in Grimscott to Police Officers attending the conference. Sheila reported that it was the Officers' view that there would be no opportunity of having a "GATSO" speed camera at Grimscott as the cost was prohibitive. The possibility of installing chicanes to reduce the speed of traffic had also been ruled-out by Cornwall Council. Andrew Hargreaves said that some villages have priority system chicanes – such as Poughill. The Clerk to enquire of Oliver Jones (Highways) why chicanes would not be an

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option for Grimscott. Sheila said that she still needs volunteers for the Speedwatch programme. Anyone interested please contact Sheila on 01288 382831. Sheila will have the third practical Speedwatch session in coming days.

Trevor Elliott reported that he had reviewed the Hershams bus stop, and felt that there was a need for repair - no more than a day's work to tidy it up. The Clerk to check with Sharon Jenkins if there is a need to repair. Councillors voted unanimously to take forward repairs.

Paul Wingard reported that in Kilkhampton there was a homemade speed reduction sign to which he had paid more attention than other signs, and asked if Launcells Parish Council could erect something similar. Maxwell Allin had enquired of Cornwall Council if he could put up such signs on his land but this was not allowed. Maxwell said that the speed of traffic was posing a risk to his life. The Clerk to ask Oliver Jones (Highways) what the timeline was for the introduction of the '20 is Plenty' 20mph limit in villages.

Paul Wingard noted that he had brought his granddaughter to Cream Team and afterwards visited the Playing Field and remarked how fantastic it is. Recorded thanks to Playing Field Committee.

The meeting closed at 8:29 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday 04th July 2022 – 7:30pm