

St Stephens by Launceston Rural Parish Council

Minutes of Council meeting held on 5th May 2022 at Langore Village Hall.

22/17 **Present:** Cllrs. J Ranson, E Hayden, J caudle, J Heaton,, C Frost, S Goodenough, C Gunning. Cornwall Councilor Paynter. Clerk in attendance

22/18 **Apologies** : none

22/19 **Chairman's Report:** The Chairman gave a brief report on the preceding year. A new notice board is in situ in Langore, Footpath signs had been ordered, trees planted in Truscott. The Council had a full compliment. It can do better listening and making itself more approachable. Cllr Ranson thanked his Vice Chairman, Cllr. Haydon and the Clerk for their assistance throughout the year.

22/20 **Election of Chairman:** Cllr Ranson was proposed by Cllr Haydon and seconded by Cllr Goodenough. Cllr Caudle was proposed by Cllr Heaton and seconded by Cllr Gunning. Cllr Caudle was elected following a vote. Cllr Caudle formally accepted office and stated that he wished to heal the divide and take the Council forward.

22/21 **Election of Vice Chairman:** Cllr Gunning was proposed by Cllr Heaton and Seconded by Cllr Frost. Cllr Haydon was proposed by Cllr Goodenough and seconded by Cllr Ranson. Cllr Haydon was elected on the Chairman's casting vote.

22/22 **Declarations of interest:** Cllr Ranson aspects of Langore Green. Cllr Caudle aspects of Truscott Green.

22/23 **Minutes:** Minutes of meeting 7/4/22 were agreed

22/24 **Public representation;** None

22/25 **Standing Orders:** will be considered at the next meeting.

22/26 **Cllr. Adam Paynter report:** Parish not overly busy re CC. Work Dutson road improvements for pedestrians will take place in the current financial year. Homeleigh may take over the entrance road to their main car park. There is a pot of £3000 available this year for each Cornwall Councillor to use for small projects in their area.

22/27 **Highways.** Vision Zero. Funds are awaited. The Dutson improvement scheme will encompass warning signs rather than the preferred pavement option. Some Vision Zero funding may be needed here. The recent Newport road closure highlighted deficiencies in the Truscott rat run. Road markings are wearing thin and are barely visible. Speeding is becoming an issue throughout the Parish, the use of dash cams and download evidence to the police was encouraged. Cllrs Haydon and Goodenough will work on a footpath to the Egloskerry Road.

22/28 **Village Greens;** Truscott, trees sprouting nicely, pond water levels are low
Langore. Looking good

22/29 **Finance;** a) Cheques for payment agreed

BHIB insurance chq 358 £599.79
St Stephens Rec Ground insurance chq 359 £235.37
J Conway chq 360 £321.86
HMRC chq 361 £59.60
ROSPA to be paid by rec ground committee.
B) Cashbook approved

22/30 **Planning:** PA22/01087 still awaiting decision

22/31 **Climate Change;** Hedges are being cut in the nesting season, care needs to be taken.

22/32: **Medical Services;** The Dutson defibrillator arrived today. The medical centre has been inundated. Extra staff will man the phones in the mornings. Clinics are returning. East and North Cornwall are being exacerbated by the Devon border. Public transport is little use to use medical services. One social prescriber has been lost due to housing issues. SWAST services are poor due to ambulances being queued at A and E so unavailable for patient use.

22/33 Correspondence: none.

22/34 Reports

Town Council: Weeds are to be burnt using new equipment. Stourscombe wild area has been cleared, to be a nature reserve. Work halted whilst birds nest. Bollards in Town Centre will be used shortly.

Standing orders suspended to enable public to speak

Village Hall – Getting busier, see newsletter

Rec Ground – play equipment., sub committee formed, dog signs to be considered

Standing orders reinstated

22/35 Questions: none

22/36 Date of next meeting 9/6/22

22/37 Resolved to exclude the public to consider legal issues

22/38 Agreed that Chairman and Clerk meet with Scott Mann for advice re green

22/39 Meeting closed 2155

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