

St Stephens by Launceston Rural Parish Council

Minutes of Council meeting held on 9 February 2023 at Langore Village Hall.

22/177 **Present:** Cllrs. J Ranson, E Hayden, J Heaton, C Frost, S Goodenough, A Lipscombe and C Gunning
Clerk in attendance

22/178 **Apologies :** Cllr. Paynter

22/179 **Declarations of interest:** Cllr Ranson; aspects of Langore Green

22/180 **Minutes:** Minutes of meeting 05/01/23 were agreed. Clerk apologised for an error in the final item on the initial draft.

22/181 **Public representation;** a member of the public stressed the importance of maintaining free speech. Suspension of Standing Orders was broached and it was agreed that Standing Orders would remain suspended during this item.

22/182 **Correspondence:** corres re Highway Gates at the entrance to settlements was raised, a more cost effective solution may be considered.
The Chairman referred to an email concerning damaged road verges and stated that there was no evidence as to who or what profession(s) caused the damage.

22/183 **Reports:** Town Council: The Museum has secured a grant of £480k for repairs to Lawrence House. A grant has also been approved of £100k towards a skatepark at Coronation Park.
Roydon Road will be resurfaced on 8/3/23. The Leisure Centre has reopened.
Cornwall Council; County Deal consultation closes soon
Standing Orders suspended

Langore Village Hall: now has a cleaner

Recreation Ground: Launceston Town Council have approved a grant of £250 towards play equipment.
Standing orders reinstated

22/184 **Highways.** A reminder was given that potholes and flytipping can be reported by anyone on the Cornwall Council website.

Flooding of a property on Menhenniot Crescent was mentioned, clerk to liase in the first instance with Cornwall Highways

The Highway gateways at Yeolmbridge were mentioned, cost was high so a cheaper alternative will be considered as will speed sensors.

The lack of a footpath on the A388 at Dutson remains a problem.

22/185 **Village Greens;** Truscott: Frog spawn is in evidence. Funding of £20 for seeds was agreed.

Cllr Ranson returned.

It was resolved that Council join the Open Spaces Society at a cost of £45

22/186 **Finance;** a) Cheques for payment agreed :

Cllr E Hayden chq 402 £35

22/187 **Planning:** none

22/188 **Climate Change**; The Climate DPD is due to be approved by Cornwall Council on 21 February.

22/189 Questions etc; Is it appropriate to include on our website a code of conduct decision relating to an ex councillor? Clerk to investigate.

It was agreed that only the Clerk should correspond with third parties re Virginia Cottage by a unanimous vote.

22/190 Date of next meeting 2 March 2023

22/191 Meeting closed 2055