

St Stephens by Launceston Rural Parish Council

Minutes of Council meeting held on 14 March 2024 at Langore Village Hall.

23/159 **Present:** Cllrs. J Heaton, C Frost, S Goodenough, Ranson, Hayden and Lipscombe Clerk in attendance.

23/160 **Apologies :** Cllrs Gunning and Paynter

23/161 **Declarations of interest:** Cllr Ranson aspects of Langore Green.

23/162 **Minutes:** Minutes of meeting 1/2/24 and 27/2/24 approved.

23/163 **Public representation;** A request was made for the Chairman to resign following spending on legal matters concerning Langore Green. Cllr Ranson declared an interest and left the room. The Chair declined. Cllr Ranson returned.

23/164 **Correspondence:** None

23/165 Reports;

Cllr Ranson reported that the bollards on the junction between Langore and Egloskerry roads had been reported as damaged and repaired by Cormac. The speed camera had been sited by himself and the Clerk.

Cllr Goodenough proposed that a working party be set up to supervise the machine. This was agreed and would consist of Cllrs Ranson, Goodenough, Lipscombe and Hayden with assistance as necessary from the Clerk. A minimum of 2 persons are necessary to move the machine. Clerk was also instructed to see if some posts could be installed in Langore for it. Cllr Ranson also agreed to obtain a quote to replace the directional finger post at the end of Chapel Lane.

Health matters: A 30% reduction in running costs is being imposed. GPs are under increasing pressure from the ICB. The MIU in Launceston will close for a week to enable works on the floor.

Launceston TC ; A contract has been awarded to a firm of architects to redesign the building, completion of the works expected in about a year.

The Museum Popup will reopen on 2nd April.

Truscott; The seeds have been sown on the green. The pond survey has been completed, newts and pond snails being recorded. Consideration is being given to registration as a local nature reserve.

Village Hall Cttee: met on 29th February, this weekend will be the Hal spring clean. Afternoon teas will recommence April.

23/166 **Highways.** Truscott Chapel bus shelter; it was agreed to proceed with the estimate for repairs of £431.81

23/167 Finance;

a) Cheques for payment : Cllr Goodenough proposed, Cllr Ranson seconded that ROSPA report and insurance for 2023 totalling £368.99 be reimbursed

Cllr Ranson declared an interest and left the room.

Cheques as below approved, proposed by Cllr Lipscombe, seconded Cllr Hayden

Chq 022 J Conway £337.36

Chq 023 HMRC £59.60

Chq 024 Langore Village Hall £66

Chq 025 Stephens Scown £1108.80

Chq 026 St Stephens by Launceston Rec Ground £368.99

Chq 027 J Ranson, padlock £79.99

Cllr Ranson returned.

23/168 **Planning**: no new applications.

23/169 Cllr Ranson asked the following questions; (copy as supplied by Cllr Ranson)

Will the chair of this council apologise for the amount of time and money wasted clarifying the legal position of this council in relation to Langore village Green?

Will the chair of this council apologise for contacting the Open Spaces Society without the consent of this council?

Given that the chair of this council is responsible for adding content to the council website, will they apologise for adding inaccurate council meeting meetings to the website?

Will the chair apologise to the Village Hall committee for the lack of action in regards to the deed of variation for the hall field?

Will the chair of this council apologise for forwarding an email from an ex parish councillor to the clerk of the council to forward to County Council planning department in relation to a planning application at Glebe farm, Truscott?

Cllr Ranson also proposed a vote of no confidence in the Chairman. As it is not n agenda item it will be considered at the next meeting

Cllr Hayden asked the Chair to apologise for spending £5000 on solicitors fees and wished to apologise herself

23/169 Date of next meeting 11/4/24

23/170 meeting closed at 2200

