

St Stephens by Launceston Rural Parish Council

Minutes of Council meeting held on 16th January 2025 at Langore Village Hall.

24/122: **Present:** Cllrs. J Heaton, C Gunning, C Frost, A Lipscombe, J Ranson, Hayden Clerk and Cllr. Paynter in attendance.

24/123: **Apologies :** Cllr Goodenough

24/124: **Declarations of interest:** Cllr Ranson, aspects of Langore Green

24/125: **Minutes:** Minutes of meeting 5/12/24 were agreed, it was noted that the minutes were not published within 30 days of the meeting.

24/126: **Public representation;** none

24/127: **Statement of facts:** It was agreed that no further action is taken regarding the revised statement of facts.

24/128: **Correspondence:** An email has been received from Cornwall Council stating that street lights in Langore would be switched off from 2400 to 0500. Objections would be considered. It was agreed to survey the residents of Menhenniot Close (where the streetlights are) and action the result. Thanks were expressed to Mr and Mrs Toms for their response and the Council looks forward to a better working relationship.

24/129 **Reports;**

The tap at Truscott Cemetery is now working.

Cllr Paynter reported that the new waste collection system was generally settling in well, potholes were an ongoing problem. He also apologised for non attendance at some of our meetings due to diary clashes.

24/130 **Highways and Village Green:** It was agreed unanimously to purchase an additional speed monitor for Langore and pursue the erection of posts in Langore and moving the one at Cross Lanes. There is to be an A388 community safety campaign, Council agreed not to support the campaign financially but provide data from our speed camera on the A388

24/131 **Finance.**

a) Cheques for payment :

Langore Village Hall chq 052	£66.00
J Conway chq 053.	£337.36
HMRC chq 054.	£59.60
Elan City chq 055.	£2807.99

b) It was agreed to open a deposit account with Lloyds bank

c) Precept 2025/6 unanimously agreed to remain at £7600.

24/132 **Planning:** Cllr Paynter asked for comment on the pre application for a pond at Walters Cottage. Concern was raised that the proposed pond was of a considerable size and would be stagnant, not being fed from a watercourse.

24/133 **Dog Walking Field:** Carry forward

24/134 **Website:** see 24/125 above

24/135 **Code of Conduct:** Cllr Ranson confirmed that he would not apologise as instructed by Cornwall Council Standards Officer. The Clerk explained that it was a requirement of councillors to carry out the instruction of the Standards Officer following a complaint. This does not comment upon the complaint itself, similar to a court decision, the accused must carry out the sentence of the court. In this instance Cllr Ranson has refused to carry out the instruction of the Standards Officer and is therefore Censured.

24/136 **Questions:** None this time

24/137 Date of next meeting 6/2/25

24/138 Meeting closed at 2205

