

# St Stephens by Launceston Rural Parish Council

Minutes of Council meeting held on 15 May 2025 at Langore Village Hall immediately following Annual Parish Meeting.

25/16: **Present:** Cllrs. J Heaton, C Gunning, C Frost, S Goodenough, Clerk in attendance

25/17: **Apologies :** Cllrs Ranson and Paynter

25/18: Declarations of acceptance of office were completed by all councillors present. It was resolved to give Cllr Ranson additional time to complete his.

25/19 **Election of Chairman:** Cllr. Heaton was elected with 1 vote against.

25/20 **Election of Vice Chairman:** Cllr Gunning was elected unanimously.

25/21: **Declarations of interest:** none

25/22: **Minutes:** Minutes of meeting 3/4/25 were agreed.

25/23: **Representation on outside bodies:** As this item is not on the appointments are provisional, to be ratified at the next meeting

Recreation Ground charity: Cllr Goodenough

Village Hall charity: Cllr Ranson if he agrees.

Relief in need charity: Cllr. Heaton

CAP: Cllr. Heaton

25/24: **Retiring Councillors:** The clerk was instructed to write thanking them for their service to the community.

25/25: Public **representation;** none

25/26: **Correspondence:** The Clerk advised that he had received a request from the Recreation Ground Committee for reimbursement of their insurance (£378.78) and ROSPA report (£96) as their bank account could not cover either of these. It was agreed to pay £476.78 and receive a copy of the report and insurance documents.

25/27: **Planning:** no applications to consider.

25/28: **Highways and Village Green:** Report given at Parish Meeting

25/29: **Finance.**

a) Cheques for payment approved:

Chq 063 Clear Insurance £888.22

Chq 064 J Conway £337.36

Chq 065 HMRC £59.60

Chq 066 J Kelly £115.59

Chq 067 J Heaton £50 (reimbursement of cleaner invoice for bus shelter)

Chq 068 STS Rec ground £476.78

b) It was agreed to increase Clerk's remuneration to £18.07 per hour, salary point 15

25/30: It was agreed to co-opt up to 2 councillors at the next meeting.

25/31: **Reports:** It was agreed to support moves to reduce pollution in the River Tamar as appropriate, with particular attention to Launceston Sewage Works.

Sorrow was expressed at the recent fire at Dutson. This Council will assist if possible.

25/32: Date of next meeting 3/7/25

25/33: Meeting closed at 2125