

# St Stephens by Launceston Rural Parish Council

Minutes of Council meeting held on 11th December 2025 at Langore Village Hall at 1930.

25/103: **Present:** Cllrs. J Heaton, C Frost, S Goodenough, B Soanes D Green and J Ranson, A Paynter (Cornwall Cpouncil) Clerk in attendance

25/104: **Apologies :** Cllr Gunning

25/105: **Declarations of interest:** None

25/106: **Minutes:** Minutes of meeting 6/11/25 were agreed.

25/107: **Public Representation:** Thanks were expressed for the prompt repair by Cormac to a large pothole on the main Egloskerry Road. Flooding by the Golf course appears to be getting worse.

25/108: **Correspondence:** It was agreed to press for a footpath on A388 from Lr Dutson to Homeleigh.

25/109: **Report Cllr.Paynter:** Children's Service are overspending and therefore require additional input. £50m of savings overall are necessary next year. Central govt figures are still awaited. Cil funding applications are now open.

25/110: **Planning:** No applications to consider

25/111: **Highways and Village Green:** It was agreed to support the application by West country Rivers Trust for grant funding

Proposed statement of facts re Truscott Green. It was agreed that the underlying documentation should be circulated to all councillors before agreeing this document.

The Langore health and safety check log was presented by Mrs Coppen, inspected and returned to her. It showed weekly inspections to 8/11/25. She confirmed that subsequent log sheets were held by the Chairman of the Trust and would be included in the main log when she returned the document. The play equipment was pressure washed on 15-16 November and properly recorded.

25/112: **Finance.**

a) Cheques for payment approved:

Chq 092. J Conway (defibrillator pads Langore) £79.44

Chq 093 Martin Ashley and son £211.20

Chq 094 More creative solutions Ltd £125.46

Chq 095 J Conway £324.43

Chq 096 HMRC £66.85

b) It was unanimously agreed to set a precept for 2026/7 at £7600, the same as this year.

25/113: **Reports:** The website will be updated, Climate Change will be a part of school curriculum from January 2026. Concerns were raised over the shortage of some medicines, Truscott Green H and S log will be presented at our next meeting.

25/114: Date of next meeting 8/1/26

25/115: Meeting closed at 2128

# Truscott Village Green and Ponds VG 703

## Statement of Facts February 2025

- Truscott Village Green and Ponds VG703 is protected by law under village green legislation against damage and disruption of better enjoyment - town and village greens (TVGs) are protected by ancient legislation under section 29 of the Commons Act 1876 and section 12 of the Inclosure Act 1857
- The law prohibits any vehicle driving on a village green except to access agricultural gateways - as shown on the village green registration map
- St Stephen by Launceston Rural Parish Council has invested considerable funds on planting and maintenance of this area since the 1960s - currently under licence
- The following organisations have all supported and improved the biodiversity of this area: Cornwall Council, The Woodland Trust, Cornwall Wildlife Trust, Forest for Cornwall, English China Clays, Launceston Scouts, Trust for Conservation  
Volunteers, Cornwall Mammal Group, Cornwall Environmental Consultants, West Country Rivers Trust, local area Parish Wildlife Group and the local community
- The ancient pond area is registered on the Cornwall Historic Environment Register (HER: MCO61634) together with hedgerows (HER: MCO64288) that extend south as part of the village green
- All the hedgerows adjoining village greens are protected by legislation - Hedgerows Regulations 1997, Management of Hedgerows (England) Regulations 2024, Commons Acts
- Linda Packer BA (Hons.) Local Policy, whose family were the proprietors of Glebe Farm and sold it to the present owners, made it clear in a signed statement dated 20th June 2013, that her family never claimed or maintained the hedge or adjoining land - the only maintenance conducted was by Cornwall Council and residents
- The Public Records Office in London shows that the village green land, hedgerows and pond are open parish land, and that there is no record of other ownership
- Photographic evidence from 2009 and 2013 confirms that there was no hedge cutting or driving on the village green at that time - the village green registration application was supported by the majority of parishioners in Higher Truscott

