

St Stephen by Launceston Rural Parish Council

Chair's Report 21 May 2026

St Stephens by Launceston Recreation Grounds Charity (1040352) requested that St Stephen by Launceston Rural Parish Council pay the public liability insurance and RoSPA Report costs required by the charity Governing Document for Langore Village Green and play equipment. The Parish Council holds the Title Deeds for Langore Village Green on behalf of the parishioners, and St Stephens by Launceston Recreation Grounds Charity is responsible for maintaining and managing Langore Village Green and play equipment. The Parish Council agreed to give the Charity a grant to cover their costs of £476.78 as they did not have sufficient funds. The Parish Council pays for grass cutting every season to ensure the village green is accessible to the public as a safe area off road for recreation.

Emails were received by the Parish Clerk from parishioners who thought that the Parish Council was responsible for the management and maintenance of Langore Village Green. All responsibility for public safety on Langore Village Green lies with St Stephens by Launceston Recreation Grounds Charity Trustees. Langore Village Green has charitable status as 'Allotments for Recreation' comprised in an Inclosure Award dated 20 November 1849.

St Stephen by Launceston Rural Parish Council agreed that it did not accept that there is a right to drive over the Public Footpath on Langore Village Green to Virginia Cottage. It agreed to take no action against persons driving over the Public Footpath to the lower access. The Parish Council has no obligation to maintain the Public Footpath and any person who does so has liability.

St Stephen by Launceston Rural Parish Council agreed to support moves to reduce pollution in the River Tamar. They supported West Country Rivers Trust in their grant applications.

St Stephen by Launceston Rural Parish approved a donation to Langore Cemetery for maintenance.

St Stephen by Launceston Rural Parish Council sent their commiserations to the Dutson community for the fire which destroyed properties there.

The CIL application for a pedestrian footpath along the A388 at Dutson was not successful.

A Statement of Facts was approved for Truscott Village Green and Ponds.

Truscott conservation volunteers were assisted by Mr Sanders and his son in preparing the ponds for winter.

A plaque was purchased to commemorate the Landmark Tree on Truscott Village Green.

The hedge on the lane to properties off to the left of Menheniot Crescent does not belong to the Parish Council, as referenced in the 1990s.

The Clerk sent a letter to Coodes Solicitors with regards to Langore Village Hall and the Recreation Grounds, requesting clarification.

St Stephen by Launceston Rural Parish Council welcomed two new councillors to the council and thanked them for their commitment to the parish.

The Parish Council website was updated to include all councillors and their contact details. White Source Design set up and configured the Parish Council email accounts.

A new battery was purchased for the Langore defibrillator, and it is working well and connected to a national network accessible to the ambulance service.

A number of planning applications were received:

- Outline planning application at Cargentle
- Change of use from an equestrian centre to a zoo for rhinos at St Leonard's
- Planning application for a summer house in Truscott
- Prior notification of a planning application to rebuild properties destroyed by fire in Dutson
- Listed building consent for flood warning sensors on Newmills Bridge
- Change of use from agricultural to manufacture for a barn in Langore

There was interest in regenerating the Neighbourhood Watch scheme in Langore but no local interest in Community Speedwatch.

The proliferation of potholes throughout the parish was a great concern to parishioners, as well as flooding on the Egloskerry Road. The Clerk has notified Cornwall Council.

St Stephen by Launceston Rural Parish Council approved the increase in the Clerk's remuneration to £18.07 per hour, salary point 15.

Cllr Joan Heaton

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