

St Stephens by Launceston Rural Parish Council

Minutes of Council meeting held on 12th November 2015 in Langore Village Hall at 193 0

15/73 **Present:** Cllrs. V Lindley, S Lindley, M Rimmer and J Heaton, Scott Mann MP Clerk in attendance

15/74 **Apologies:** Cllrs J Caudle, A Paynter (Cornwall Council)

15/75 The Chairman welcomed Scott Mann our Member of Parliament, suspended standing orders and invited Scott to speak;

Scott thanked the Council for inviting him and said he had had an enjoyable first 20 weeks as our Member of Parliament. The whips had been friendly for the first few weeks. He receives some 50 letters per week from constituents and has one staff member in Westminster and the rest of the team local. He has approx 900 casework files. His maiden speech immediately followed Boris Johnson and was well received. Scott explained he holds surgeries in each of the 6 major towns visiting each every 6 weeks. He believes in being honest and if he is unable to help he will say so. Scott will be proposing his first piece of legislation next week, a bill to give Parish and Town Councils the ability to set speed limits locally. He believes in devolution and giving power to the Parishes. Scott explained that he normally uses the train to get to London and travels 2nd class. He supports the need for improved rail links. Scott finished by saying North Cornwall is a great place to do business and was pushing it whenever he could making particular reference to Bude computer programming centre.

15/76 **Declarations of interest:** none

15/77 **Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting held on 10th September 2015 were agreed.

15/78 **Grass Cutting and Flower Beds;** No problems

15/79 **Cooption of a Councillor;** Roger and Eileen Davis were proposed and unanimously approved

15/80 **Telephone Truscott;** The erratic service has been taken up with BT. St Thomas Parish have experienced similar problems. Scott Mann was thanked for his assistance in this matter.

15/81 Scott Mann left the meeting

15/82 **Finance:**

a) Cheques for payment approved;

Langore Village Hall £20 chq 093

Martin Ashley grass cutting £199.2 chq 097

Cormac £507.44 chq 096 replaces chq 091

J Conway £300.78 chq 094

PAYE £59.60 CHQ 095

b) Cashbook to 15/10/15 was approved

c) The Clerk was instructed to prepare next years computations on similar expenditure to this year

15/83 **Planning:**

A) **Applications;** Willow Cottage, no objection

B) **Cornwall Council Decisions received:** none

15/84; Website; carry forward

15/85 Correspondence; none.

15/86 **Reports** Neighbourhood Plan; It was agreed to proceed to consultation. The working party are preparing a questionnaire and will hold a social/consultation event in the New Year

Parish Pond. Management of the Pond took place on 11th and 12th October with Alan and Chris Gunning of Truscott. Many thanks for their assistance. Having been released on Sunday 18th October 6 Koi and 3 Goldfish were removed by Dave Archard on 26th October and rehomed in his pond near Glastonbury. These fish were incompatible with the natural inhabitants of the pond.

15/87**Questions from Councillors;** none

15/88 **Public comments;** Speeding in Langore village remains a concern

15/89 **Date of next meeting:** Thursday 14th January in Langore Village Hall

Meeting closed at 2039

