

St Stephens by Launceston Rural Parish Council

Minutes of Council meeting held on 8th March 2018 in Langore Village Hall at 1930.

17/184 **Present:** Cllrs V Lindley, J Heaton, J Caudle, G Curzon, K Langdon. Clerk in attendance

17/185**Apologies:** Cllrs S Lindley, M Rimmer and Cllr Paynter (Cornwall Council)

17/186 **Declarations of interest:** Cllr Caudle, aspects of the pond

17/187 **Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting held on 1st February 2018 were agreed.

17/188 Launceston Hospital;

1st March 2018 - PPG sent out news that Launceston Hospital MIU had closed. There was some concern from residents who contacted me for details. The closure was due to snowy weather and the MIU opened next day. Rosemary Bromwich of the PPG is to bring the temporary closure to the Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust Board Meeting in her role as a Governor. Many MIUs stayed open during these conditions with staff sleeping over.

26th February 2018 - Co-production Workshop for the STP in Liskeard. This was the third wave of workshops in Cornwall. We were informed that KCCG had taken umbrage at the suggestion that it will close most MIUs and replace them with fewer Urgent Treatment Centres. This was said to be untrue despite evidence to the contrary. They are now evaluating all 14 MIUs as possible sites - Bodmin, Camborne/Redruth, Falmouth, Helston, Launceston, Liskeard, Newquay, St Austell, Stratton/Bude, Treリスケ, Penzance, St Ives (Stennack Surgery), Fowey (presently closed) and Saltash (presently closed). NHS England wants to implement 150 Urgent Care Centres in UK by December 2019. These would be GP led and open 12 hours per day. Cornwall and Devon have particular needs in their rural communities and need to retain their Community Hospitals and MIUs for the convenience of residents. NHS England is now being more flexible in their strategy. A study in travel times for residents to reach Urgent Treatment Centres has been commissioned. I considered that there was an emphasis on 'thinking in themes' rather than looking at local need and practicality. I also feel that there is a culture taking over of blaming the patient for the illness. This could be a way of reducing treatment for certain illnesses/patients.

6th March 2018 - Kernow Clinical Commissioning Board Meeting in Bude. This Board Meeting was crucial as a Shadow Accountable Care System is to be introduced by Cornwall Council from 1st April 2018 to commission health provision in Cornwall. This would be headed up by Ms Kate Kennally, Chief Executive of Cornwall Council. This is going ahead despite the judicial review on the legality of changes in the UK. The Board questioned the haste of this decision. While OPTION 6 (to strengthen the commissioning function by bringing democratic control and clinical leadership together in a single team under Ms Kennally) was favoured by Cornwall Council, the Board felt that OPTION 2 (to use existing statutory mechanisms to achieve greater integration of health and social care) was a more cautious option and would put the brakes on political ambition and Devolution. Some questioned why Ms Kennally should lead the team when most of the funding would come from the NHS. Some requested a clinical lead. Simon Bell, Senior Finance Officer, emphasised the lack of clarity and confused strategy around the Accountable Care System and called for caution. [Cornwall Council is briefing all 123 County Councillors on 21st March 2018 and will discuss this at Cabinet on 28th March 2018.](#) There is no clear Cornwall Council strategy on this and there are splits in the Cabinet. Mixed messages emanate from County Hall. Healthwatch Cornwall is critical of the whole process. Legal action has been threatened if OPTION 2 slides into OPTION 6.

17/189**Neighbourhood Plan;** Has been submitted for assessment. Awaiting responses from statutory consultees. It was unanimously resolved that Cllrs Heaton and Caudle plus our consultant seek a meeting to pursue Parish Green status.

17/190 Finance:

A) Cheques for payment approved;

Chq 195 HMRC PAYE £50.60

Chq 196 J Caudle £26.64

Chq 197 J Caudle £31.45

Chq 198 J Evans £3150

Chq 199 £300.78 J Conway Clerk salary etc

B) Cashbook agreed and signed, bank statement reconciliation also agreed and signed.

Cllr Caudle apologised and left the meeting

17/191 Parish Pond; A parishioner has raised concerns regarding works close to the pond. Environment Agency are aware of the current situation and are in discussions. No seeding has taken place due to the wet weather.

17/192 Grass cutting, Junctions etc; The salt bins have been replenished thanks to a local farmer. Clerk instructed to order a further grit bin, preferably in orange.

17/193 Planning Applications; Crumbletree Cottage; recommend approval

17/194 Defibrillator; Cllr Heaton appraised the Council of the problems extracting cash from Crowdfunding

17/195 Correspondence; None

17/196 Reports; none

17/197 Questions from Councillors

17/198 Public comments; Cllr Lindley declared an interest and left the room Derogatory comments remained on planning portal re newbuild. Clerk instructed to pursue.

17/199 Date of next meeting: 5th April

Meeting closed at 2045

