

# St Stephens by Launceston Rural Parish Council

Minutes of Council meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019 in Langore Village Hall at 1930.

19/19 **Present:** Cllrs J Heaton, J Caudle, C Gunning, and G Curzon, (Council Clerk in attendance)

19/20 **Apologies:** Cllr R Schubert, Cllr A Paynter (Cornwall Council)

19/21 **Election of Chairman;** Cllr Heaton was unanimously elected

19/22 **Election of Vice Chairman;** Cllr Caudle was unanimously elected.

19/23 **Declarations of interest:** Cllr Caudle, aspects of the pond

19/24 **Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2019 were agreed.

19/25 **Cooption of a Councillor:** carry forward

19/26 **Bus Service;** Mr L Whaley updated the Council on his efforts to extend the Town Service to Dutson. It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk send a letter of support.

19/27 **Neighbourhood Plan;** Standing orders were suspended to enable the public to speak. Residents objected to the Neighbourhood Plan. Current state of play re reg 16 was explained. Objections were also raised re actions concerning the Village Green. The legal position was explained, Standing Orders were resumed.

19/28 **Launceston Hospital;** Medical Centre not yet started, but the surveyors are marking out the land.

19/29 **Boundary Commission;** A survey was conducted of all residents in the area Launceston Town Council are trying to acquire. 8 households wanted to stay with us, 1 property is occupied by a pensioner aged over 100 who we were asked not to disturb and 1 property is vacant giving an 80% response rate and 100% rejection rate.

19/30 **Neighbourhood Plan;** Still awaiting Inspector's response. Will check status of Skye View planning approval. We need to ensure a positive outcome when plan goes to referendum.

19/31 **Parish Pond,** The new pond has a healthy level of water, the older one only ¾ inch deep. Awaiting information from Oliver Jones following a recent meeting.  
Cllr Caudle declared an interest and left the room.  
Residents had complained about rubbish behind the fence. Clerk was instructed to write to planners regarding this and also obtain an update on the Shepherds Hut.  
Cllr Caudle returned

19/32 **Grass cutting, junctions etc;** The vision splays will soon require attention. Clerk instructed to contact Village Green national office to obtain advice on the way forward.

19/33 **Finance:**

- A) Cheques for payment approved;
- Chq 256 Play safety Ltd £82.2
- Chq 257 BHIB Insurance £507.71

Chq 258 J Conway clerk £321.86

Chq 259 HMRC PAYE £ 59.60

Chq 260 J Kelly £281.99

Chq 261 J Kelley £66.00

B) Annual Governance Statement was considered and approved

C) Accounting Statements for 2018/9 were approved

D) Cashbook and Receipts and Payments for 2018/9 were approved.

E) D Cook was approved as Internal Auditor

19/34 **Planning Applications;** None

19/14 **Correspondence;** Prior notification was given of a planning application relating to Treacle Cottage, Councillors were generally in favour of the sympathetic design. The only reservation related to proximity to next door and maintenance issues.

The NP website included a comment commending our Council in its stance opposing a takeover by Launceston Town Council.

19/15 **Reports;** Speedwatch: Cllr Curzon to attend Traffic Safety Meeting on our behalf. Thanks were expressed for the work Cllr Curzon undertakes relating to Highway Safety.

Council Website: All documents to February now on, Clerk to forward later documents to Mr Kelley

Recreation Ground: ROSPA report contains no items of note.

19/16 **Public comments;** None

19/17 **Date of next meeting:** 6<sup>th</sup> June

19/18 Meeting closed at 2157

