

GARFF PARISH DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS**Minutes of the Statutory Meeting**Wednesday 21st February 2018, 7.00 pm

Present: Mr N. Dobson (ND), Chairman, Mrs M. Fargher (MF), Mr T Kenyon (TK), Mr S. Clague, Mr P. Kinnish (PK), Mr L. Miller (LM), Mr. J. Quayle (JQ).

In Attendance: Officers: Mr P. Burgess (PB), Clerk, Mr M. Royle (MR), Deputy Clerk/RFO, Mrs Julie Peel (JPL) Housing Manager.

Apologies: Mrs M. Fargher (MF), Mrs J. Pinson (JPN).

The meeting was opened by the Chairman at 7.00 pm.

178/17	Planning Matters	
	Planning Applications	
a)	17/01020/C - Elgin Stables, Jack's Lane, Maughold, Amendments to extension approved under 09/00152/B. <i>This application had been circulated and considered. There were no objections.</i>	
b)	18/00100/B - Ballacallum, Ballaragh, Alterations and extension to replace existing conservatory. <i>This application had been circulated and considered. PK questioned whether there would be any visual impact from the extension. It was noted that the extension was modest and would not cause any visual intrusion. There were no objections to this application.</i>	
c)	18/00116/B – Dreemskerry Lodge, Dreemskerry, Ramsey, IM7 1BF. Erection of a retaining wall. <i>This application had been circulated and considered. JQ advised fellow Members that the works were necessary to ensure stability of land at the property and for highway safety. There were no objections.</i>	
d)	18/00126/B - Land Between Holly Bank And No 9 Ballagorry Drive Glen Mona, Maughold. Erection of five detached dwellings (amendment to PA 12/00366/B). <i>This application had been circulated and considered. It was noted that neighbours in the vicinity had expressed some concern with the styling of the proposed properties as, in their opinion, the new dwellings would be incongruous with the styling of the current houses on the estate. This was noted. It was agreed to re-consider this application at the meeting on the 7th of March once comments from the public had been submitted.</i>	Defer 7th March
e)	18/00136/B – Ravenscliffe, Telephone exchange Road, Laxey. Replacement of existing annex roof with tiled roof. <i>This application had been circulated and considered. There were no objections.</i>	
f)	18/00149/D - Goods Yard, Manx Electric Railway New Road Laxey Isle Of Man. Installation of signage in connection with exhibition site. <i>This application had been circulated and considered. The proposal was welcomed. There were no objections.</i>	
	Approval Notices	
	17/01324/B Maple Bank, Ramsey Road, Laxey, Alterations and erection of extension. <i>This approval was noted. No further action.</i>	
	Refusal Notices - ntr	
179/17	Approval of Minutes	
a)	Approval of minutes of the meeting of 7 th of February 2018. <i>These were agreed to be a correct record of the meeting and decisions made. Proposed JQ. Seconded TK. Resolved.</i>	
180/17	Matters Arising & Other Business	
a)	<i>PK asked for clarification in regard to the display of yellow notices which are required to be displayed by applicants/agents when a planning application is submitted. The clerks advised that</i>	

	<i>these have to be displayed at an appropriate point adjacent to a public highway for the designated period as advised on the notice. This was noted.</i>	
b)	PK advised that he had not attended the meeting of the L&L Sports Committee as indicated in the minutes at 172/17.c. It was agreed that this item should be amended.	
c)	LM referred to the minute at 171/17.a. He advised that under the terms of the operating licences issued, public service vehicles, including coaches, should be parked at the registered place of business when they are not in operation. Therefore, coaches should not be parked at Mines Road when not directly engaged with the conveyance of passengers or the direct operation of the business.	
d)	JPL advised that two letters had been received from Local Government electors requesting an election following the passing of Mr Robert Moughtin. The closing date for the submission of nomination papers is 5.00 pm on Tuesday the 27 th of February 2018.	
181/17	General correspondence	
a)	World Scout Jamboree 2019 – Letter to Chairman requesting support from Garff Commissioners for the attendance in attending Jamboree in West Virginia, United States. <i>This request for financial assistance with the trip was considered. It was noted that the Commissioners were not permitted to provide funding in such circumstances. ND proposed that a response be written advising that unfortunately the Commissioners were unable to provide direct financial assistance, but also advising that the correspondent contact Onchan Rotary Club.</i>	
b)	Laxey Dog Club Annual Dog Show – Will take place on SUNDAY 8th JULY starting at 12.30pm, at HBN recreation ground. The Football club have been notified and they have booked us in for that day. <i>This matter was noted. PK advised that the request should be forwarded to the Henry Bloom Noble Trust rather than the Football Club. This was also noted.</i>	
c)	Laxey and Lonan Allotments Association - Request from Laxey and Lonan Allotments Association to meet with the Commissioners at the meeting on the 7 th March. <i>This request was noted. It was agreed that representatives of the Association should be invited to attend the meeting.</i>	
182/17	Committee Reports	
183/17	Officer Reports	
a)	Finances - A financial statement had been circulated for January 2018. This was noted.	
b)	Health and Safety - MR and JPL advised that a quarterly H&S meeting had taken place with Pegasus Consulting. The ongoing progress of integration of the H&S records of Cooil Roi and New Road operations had been discussed and noted. 'Next steps' had been discussed and agreed. These included business continuity planning and further development of the H&S culture of the organisation. There were no accidents or near misses to report in the period. A first aid training day had been booked during April for all staff. The beach policy for Laxey would also be reviewed with Pegasus following this meeting. <i>It was noted that a member of the community was organising the installation of a further defibrillator at a location on Laxey Promenade.</i>	
c)	Works and Amenities PB advised that works to remove the gorse from land behind the Shore Hotel had begun and was on-going. Drainage works were also underway at the camp-site. ND sought clarification of whether the Wildlife Act applied to the trimming of public rights of way. He was advised that it did in that care had to be afforded to check for nesting birds, etc. JQ advised that hand held tools could be used for trimming hedges throughout the season.	
d)	Valley Gardens Public Toilet Proposal – Consideration of drawings and finish to the upper section, options stone cladding, cement render or steel cladding. <i>These were noted. It was agreed to have drawings prepared that demonstrated the impact of the upper section in the context of the area at the junction of Captain's Hill and the A2.</i>	
e)	Producic Play Equipment – Supply of play equipment, All Saints Park, quotation.	

	<i>ND advised that this item would involve discussion of contractual matters. It was agreed that the matters should be discussed in private. This was Resolved.</i>	
f)	<p>Cooli Roi Sheltered Housing Complex – Rent increase 1st April 2018 3.1%. Heating charge and rates, JPL.</p> <p><i>A proposal for the level of heating charge set for residents of Cooli Roi for YE 2019 was explained by JPL. This was discussed in detail. It was Resolved that the proposal be accepted and implemented. The rent increase is set centrally by the Department, however the reduction in heating charge would permit the overall payment made by residents to remain at the level set for YE 2018.</i></p> <p><i>TK asked a question about the heating settings at the complex. JPL explained how the heating timers operated. She advised that under the current system the use of electrical heaters by individuals had been greatly reduced.</i></p> <p><i>JPL proposed that the meeting of the Cooli Roi sub-committee on 23rd of February be postponed as both MF and JPN could not attend. She would advise a new date in due course.</i></p>	
184/17	Staffing Matters - no matters to report.	
185/17	Chairman's Report - ND asked Members to consider any matters for the forthcoming AGM in May 2018.	
186/17	Any Other Business	
	<i>TK advised that groups of 'youths' had been causing some disruption on Glen Road in Laxey. PK advised that he had heard a report that play equipment had been damaged at Laxey School. MR advised that similar activity had recently been reported at the Church Road bus stop on the A2 in Lonan; he would also report the above to the northern neighbourhood policing team.</i>	MR
	<i>TK asked when the replacement bus shelter would be erected on Pinfold Hill. PB reported that he had been advised that it was on order.</i>	
	<i>SC requested that on occasions when a Member declared an interest that the item be moved to the end of the meeting for discussion. ND suggested that this could be done on request if it were deemed practical to move the item.</i>	
187/17	Private Session	
a)	<p>Produdic Play Equipment – Supply of play equipment, All Saints Park, quotation. Contractual matters in regard to the proposed installer of the play equipment were discussed.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 8.09 pm.</p>	
	Date of next meeting:- Wednesday 7 th March 2018 at 7.00pm	
	<p>In Committee:</p> <p>Following the meeting there was a discussion of correspondence received from Mr S. Clague. There were no recommendations to take forward to the Board.</p>	