

# **LANDRAKE with ST ERNEY PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Geffery Memorial Hall, Landrake on Tuesday 17th July 2007 at 7.00pm

Present - Mr. M. Webster, Chairman  
Messrs T Arroll, R Cowdery, M Gibson,  
P. Russell and M J Tamblyn  
Mrs O Eggleston, District Councillor  
Members of the Public – Mr and Mrs R Kneebone and Mrs D Morris

## **OPEN FORUM**

Mr R Kneebone expressed his thanks to the Council for arranging to remove the grit bin from outside his property to a more suitable location at the entrance to Lowertown Lane.

Mr R Kneebone also gave a brief resume of the forthcoming Carnival weekend in the village and asked if the Parish Council would be prepared to release the funds totalling £700.00 from the former Carnival Committee to aid the cash flow of this years Carnival. This would be on the understanding that it would be returned in full once the Carnival was over and all Income and Expenditure had been accounted for.

It was understood that any profits from the Carnival would be going to the Ironmongers Company, but although this has not as yet been discussed with them it was understood that the Clerk to the Ironmongers is aware of this proposal.

The Chairman thanked Mr Kneebone for attending the meeting and for making his request and confirmed that it would be considered further under Any Other Business later in the meeting.

## **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Miss P Barton, Messrs M Gingell, G Knowles, Mrs R Savery, Mrs B Mc Taggart and WPC R Ellis Devon and Cornwall Constabulary.

## **2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

It was noted that the following corrections were required to the Minutes of the previous meeting.

Minute 3.1 ... Pound farm to Wotton **Farm** footpath...

Minute 6.1 **New Road** not Fore Street

Following these corrections the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2007 having been circulated were now approved as a correct record and authorised to be signed by the Chairman.

### **3. MATTERS ARISING**

#### **3.1 Parish Plan.**

The Chairman reported that the proposed 'Footpath Awareness Day' would be held on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2007 and the Countryside Officer of Cornwall County Council would give whatever assistance she could to ensure that the Notter Bridge footpath is serviceable before the above date. 'Gold' path markers would also be provided on the Pound Farm to Wotton Farm footpath.

The Chairman anticipated that the day would be concluded in the Geffery Memorial Hall for light refreshments and the opportunity to see details of the Parish network of footpaths.

Village entrance – In the absence of Mrs R Savery there was no report on the progress of improvements to the village entrance.

#### **3.2 Football/Recreation field**

Mr P Russell reported that he had been in contact with Cornwall County Council seeking guidance on the need, if any, for visibility splays at the entrance to the proposed site on both the Blunts Road and possibly on the Pillaton Road, together with dimensions and siting of the gateways etc. Details had also been sought on the need for advance warning signs and the possible height of protective netting on the Blunts road.

The response from the County Council was that visibility splays would be required, and to extend approximately 70 metres on each side of the access with no obstruction to visibility greater than 600mm above the adjoining road level.

Access should be a minimum of 5 metres wide and entrance gates should be set back a minimum of 6 metres with the entrance splayed at 45 degrees on either side of any gates. The access should be surfaced and drained in an appropriate manner.

Mr P Russell reported that it was hoped to discuss with Mr P Brewer the possibility of creating a footpath access inside the field at the top of Pound Hill down to the proposed football field. This would be dealt with by the Chairman in conjunction with Mr P Russell.

The Clerk confirmed that the Councils Public Liability Insurance was for £5,000,000 and would cover the use of the Football/Recreation field.

Following further discussion on this matter, the Clerk undertook to obtain some costings on the construction of stone hedging along the length of the visibility splays.

The Chairman then suspended the meeting to enable Mrs D Morris to speak to the Council on the detailed planning application to build a residential property at Tartendown Nursery following the grant of Outline permission in January 2007.

Mrs Morris explained in detail the design and type of materials that were proposed, and thanked the Council for the opportunity of speaking on this application to the meeting.

### 3.3 Parish Council Website

Mr M Gibson reported that this matter is still being worked on by Western Web Ltd and following discussion it was agreed to await further information although it was hoped that the site would be up and running in the not to distant future.

### 3.4 Cornwall County Council – Local Government Review in Cornwall

The Clerk reported on the further information received from Cornwall County Council in respect of their bid for unitary status for Cornwall. It was understood that a further series of meetings with Town and Parish Councils are planned in the autumn should the County Councils bid be successful.

Mrs O Eggleston stated that the County Council vote on this matter was only narrowly in favour of the unitary bid.

This information was received and noted.

### 3.5 Home Park – Pavements

The Clerk reported that the Highways Department had agreed that the pavements in Home Park were in need of resurfacing but had stated that there was only a 10% chance that the work could be carried out in the current financial year. It was therefore expected that it was more likely to be dealt with in 2008/09

### 3.6 Highertown, Landrake – Grit bin

The Clerk reported that the grit bin at the entrance to Highertown had now been moved to a new location at the entrance to Lowertown Lane in accordance with the request made by Mr R Kneebone at a previous Parish Council meeting.

### 3.7 Improvements to Village Square

The Clerk reported that he had been advised by the Highways Department that the resurfacing and brick paving in the centre of the village had stopped at the point where the road surface is in a better condition. It was noted that when the stretch of road past the shop is resurfaced then it is likely that the brick paving would be continued as well.

This information was received and noted.

### 3.8 Caradon District Council – Revised Model Code of Conduct

The Clerk reported that Caradon District Council had offered to organise a combined public notice for Parish and Town Councils in respect of the adoption of the Revised Code of Conduct.

Following discussion it was considered that it was not the correct time to agree to this suggestion as the Council had yet to adopt the revised code which comes into effect on the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2007.

On a proposal by Mr M J Tamblyn, seconded by Mr P Russell and carried by the meeting it was

**RESOLVED** That consideration of adopting the revised code of conduct be dealt with at the September Parish Council meeting and that the Council makes its own arrangements for publishing a public notice.

### 3.9 A38 Notter Bridge – Drainage works

The Clerk reported that he had been advised by the Highways Agency that improvements would be carried out to the drainage at Notter Bridge and the work would be completed before the start of the school holidays in order to minimize disruption to traffic.

This information was received and noted.

### 3.10 Pound Hill – Rumble strips

The Clerk reported that the Highways Department had agreed to add the request for rumble strips in Pound Hill to the list to be considered at the next Locally Determined Highway Improvement Scheme review.

Following discussion it was agreed that a letter be sent to those people in Pound Hill who had expressed their concern to the Council in November 2005 when the idea of “sleeping policeman” on Pound Hill had been put forward.

### 3.11 Lucy’s Meadow, Landrake

The Clerk reported that he had located some old maps of the village which were produced prior to the construction of the present A38 which indicated that the site of “Lucy’s Meadow” and the adjoining land were originally part of two fields and it was therefore likely that the small area of land in question may still belong to the County Council. It was agreed to continue to pursue this matter and the Clerk was instructed accordingly.

### 3.12 Police report

The Clerk reported that PC R Ellis had provided a report giving details of the offences that had taken place in the Parish since the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2007. It was agreed that this information should be displayed on the village notice board.

## 4 FINANCE

### 4.1 Income

None

### 4.2 Expenditure

Caradon District Council	
– Uncontested Election charges	£197.59
B S Enterprise – Village maintenance	£236.86
Society of Local Council Clerks – Annual Subscription	£65.00

On a proposal by MR T Arroll, seconded by Mr R Cowdery and carried by the meeting it was

**RESOLVED** That the above accounts be approved for payment

### 4.3 Other Financial Business

#### 4.3.1 Solomon Browne Room

Mr P Russell raised the question of whether the Insurance for the Solomon Browne Room could be included on the Parish Councils policy with Allianz Insurance. Following discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would make the necessary enquires in respect of this matter which would then be discussed at the next meeting.

## 5 PLANNING

### 5.1 Planning Applications

**07/00365/FUL** Mr & Mrs C Hart – Construction of single storey rear extension, replacement of existing single storey extension on south elevation with two storey extension and erection of garage to north elevation at St Erney Cottage, St Erney, Landrake.

**Observations** – Landrake with St Erney Parish Council accepts this third set of plans. They maintain the features of the main house and the Applicant accepts the loss of the proposed fourth bedroom originally applied for.

Question 8 of the Planning Application has not been answered.

The Design and Access Statement states the house to the South was built in the last five years. In fact it was built about 35 years ago.

Discussion took place on the manner in which Caradon District Council had handled this application over the last few months and the fact that the applicants had now been required a third set of plans in order to meet the requirements of the Planning Officer in respect of the size and design of the property.

**07/00932/REM** Mr and Mrs S Morris – Reserved matters application for the construction of detached dwelling (details following outline application 06/01083/OUT dated 9<sup>th</sup> January 2007) at Tartendown, Landrake

Following discussion it was agreed that this application should be circulated and the observations agreed in the usual manner

(Mr M J Tamblyn declared an interest in this matter)

## 5.2 Planning Decisions

**06/01477/FUL** P N & M P Hamilton Ltd – Change of use from holiday unit to dwelling house at Jubilee Cottage, Cutlinwith, Tideford Cross, Saltash

**APPROVED**

**07/00325/FUL** Mr & Mrs P H Harding – Construction of two storey extension to rear of dwelling at 5 Menhenick Close, Landrake

**APPROVED**

### 5.3 Planning Correspondence and Reports

#### 5.3.1. 5 Stoneylands, Landrake

Mr P Russell reported he had been advised that the above property had been subdivided into three flats and following discussion it was agreed to bring this information to the attention of Caradon District Council.

## **6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### 6.1 Landrake Carnival Committee

Discussion took place on the request made by Mr R Kneebone for the amount of £700.00 being the old Carnival Committee reserves held by the Parish Council to be made available to this years Committee in order to aid their cash flow, and for the money to be repaid in full when all financial matters relating to the event have been resolved.

Following full consideration it was agreed to make the money available on the above basis.

### 6.2 Poldrissick Lane, Landrake

Mr M Gibson expressed his concern at the increase in heavy traffic using Poldrissick Lane which is causing damage to the sides of the road, and suggested that a sign is required stating 'Not suitable for heavy goods vehicles'.

Following consideration of this matter it was agreed to make a request to the Highways Department for a suitable sign to be installed at the village end of Poldrissick Lane.

### 6.3 Personal Accident Insurance

The Clerk drew attention to the fact that the Councils Personal Accident insurance only extends to Councillors up to the age of 75, and that any Councillors above that age would have to provide their date of birth to the Insurance Company, and confirmation of their fitness to serve as a Councillor, signed by their Doctor, in order for their Insurance cover to continue.

## **7 NEW CORRESPONDENCE AND BUSINESS**

### 7.1 Cornwall County Council – Rural Bus Services and Community Transport

The Clerk reported that the County Council are running a Single Issue Panel looking into Rural Bus Services and Community Transport and in doing so are seeking the views of the Parish Councils.

Following consideration of this matter it was agreed that there was a need for more frequent bus services in the late afternoon and there is a lack of an evening service . It was however agreed to point out that the Greyhound bus service that stops at Landrake generally provides a satisfactory service.

#### 7.2 Caradon District Council – Licensing of Hackney Carriages and Private Hire cars

A letter was received from Caradon District Council stating that a resolution will be put to a full meeting of the District Council confirming the powers under which the District Council controls hackney carriages and private hire vehicles.

This information was received and noted.

#### 7.3 Saltash Gateway CIC – Viability Assessment for Broadmoor Farm, Saltash

A detailed report was received from Saltash Gateway CIC in respect of their vision for Broadmoor Farm and following consideration it was agreed that this should be circulated to all Councillors for their information and comments.

#### 7.4 Caradon District Council – Standards Committee

The clerk reported receipt of a letter from Caradon District Council in relation to the appointment of a Sub-Committee to deal with cases referred to it by the Standards Board relating to both District and Parish Council complaints.

It was noted that the appointments had been made to this Sub-Committee to deal with cases concerning District Councillors, and now the views of the Parish Councils were being sought on whether the same Sub-Committee could deal with cases relating to Parish Councillors.

Following consideration it was agreed that there was no objection to this proposal.

### **8 NEWSLETTERS AND REPORTS**

- 8.1 Tamar Valley AONB – News Bulletin June 2007
- 8.2 “The Clerk” – Vol.37 No.4 July 2007
- 8.3 “Clerks and Councils Direct” - Issue 52 July 2007

### **9 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2007

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2007 (Half year financial review)

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 9.50 pm.

M A Webster  
Chairman,  
Landrake with St Erney Parish Council

11<sup>th</sup> September 2007