

# **LANDRAKE with ST ERNEY PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Geffery Memorial Hall, Landrake on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2008 at 7.00pm

Present - Mr. M. Webster, Chairman  
Messrs M Gibson, G Knowles, P. Russell,  
Mrs R Savery and Mr M J Tamblyn  
Mrs K Garner, District Councillor

## **OPEN FORUM**

There were no items raised for discussion under this heading.

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Miss P Barton, Messrs T Arroll, R Cowdery, M Gingell, Mrs B McTaggart, County Councillor and Mrs O Eggleston, District Councillor

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

It was noted that paragraph 4 of item 3.1 of the Minutes of the previous meeting should refer to the Pillaton Road and not the Blunts Road. Minute 3.9 should refer to Mr **R** not **J** Willis. Following these corrections the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2007 having been circulated were now approved as a correct record and authorised to be signed by the Chairman.

### **3. MATTERS ARISING**

#### **3.1 Football/Recreation field**

Mr P Russell presented a report to the meeting relating to progress on the proposed Football/Recreation field.

A meeting had been held on the 18<sup>th</sup> December 2007 with Andy Mitchell of the Cornwall Football Foundation when it was noted that the proposed pitch would be on a NE/SW orientation which would be acceptable, and that the field was reasonably level.

If finance were to be given to this project there would have to be plans in place for the upkeep of the pitch, changing facilities, toilets, water and electricity, and these were all matters which Mr Russell stated were receiving consideration.

Details had been made available to Mr Mitchell of the proposed visibility splay at the entrance on the Blunts Road and of the protective netting required alongside the road and the adjoining field belonging to Peter Brewer.

It was understood that if the Football Foundation were able to support this project then funding of 50 – 90% of the cost might be available. The Lottery Fund would not be able to offer further funding as they already allocate monies to the Football Foundation.

Mr Russell also presented details of the draft planning application for the proposed change of use of the field together with drawings that he had prepared. It was noted that the planning fee when the application is submitted to Caradon District Council is likely to be £135.00.

Following discussion on this matter it was agreed that the planning application should be submitted as soon as possible and the Chairman expressed the thanks of the Council to Mr Russell for the time and effort that he was putting to this project.

### 3.2 Caradon District Council – Affordable Housing

Consideration was given to the revised plans received from Rebecca Jacob of Caradon District Council, and following consideration it was agreed that there were no comments to make in respect of the layout and design of the proposed houses at New Road Terrace and West Lane. This information would be relayed to Rebecca Jacob with the hope that this matter will continue to proceed without delay.

### 3.3 Village Playground

The Clerk reported that a quotation had been received from Messrs W H Bond & Sons Ltd for patching work to the surface of the new Playground in the sum of £285.00 plus VAT for the work noted at last years Playground inspection, and a further quote in the sum of £1,127.00 plus VAT for additional work which Messrs Bond considered was necessary in the area of the gateways by the bench seat and between the apparatus.

Following discussion on this matter it was agreed to carry out the minor works only in the sum of £285.00 plus VAT, and to also confirm to Mogford Associates that instructions have been given for this work to be carried out.

### 3.4 “One Cornwall” – Unitary Authority

Mrs K Garner confirmed that the County bid for a Unitary Authority had now been confirmed and that the new Authority would come into force on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009.

Mrs Garner also made mention of the meetings to be held this month at Saltash and Liskeard which would be an attempt by Caradon District Council to find out what the

Parishes want from the new Unitary Authority and how Caradon should react to such a change in Local Government.

It was agreed that the survey form sent to all town and Parish Councils would be completed by the Clerk and would incorporate the responses received to date.

### 3.5 Footpath – School Road to Highertown

The Clerk reported that Caradon District Council had agreed to undertake the cleaning of the above footpath, and that this work would be carried out on a regular basis in the future.

### 3.6 Road Closure at Tartendown, Landrake

The Clerk reported that a recent road closure at Tartendown for essential water works had been incorrectly advertised and had stated that the affected road would be between Coombe Cottage and Pound Hill via Wotton Cross with the alternative route being between Coombe Cottage and Pound Hill but via Tartendown. Despite representations from both the Chairman and the Clerk to the Highways Department they had not been prepared to accept that the information they had circulated was wrong.

### 3.7 Home Park, Landrake

It was noted that the work on replacing the kerbs and resurfacing the pavements was being carried out at the present time, and it was understood that the road surface in Home Park would be dealt with in the 2008/09 financial year.

It was also noted that the fencing to the front of the Home Park bungalows had still not been dealt with by Caradon District Council and it was agreed to bring this matter to their attention once again.

### 3.8 Proposed Incinerator at Ernesettle, Plymouth

The Clerk gave details to the meeting of the letter of objection sent by Mrs O Eggleston on behalf of the local Town and Parish Councils against the proposal to site an incinerator at Ernesettle, Plymouth on the banks of the River Tamar. It was agreed that the letter set out in very clear terms the reasons why such a scheme should not be permitted in that location.

### 3.9 Village Christmas Tree

The Chairman expressed thanks on behalf of the Council to those members who had helped to erect and decorate the village Christmas tree, and in particular to Mr M J Tamblyn for arranging to collect the tree and deliver it to the village.

Discussion took place on whether the Council should continue to put up a Christmas tree particularly as the village pub erected a large tree outside their entrance this year. It was agreed to continue the practice as it had started in the late 1970's and was a welcome feature at the entrance to the village over the Christmas period.

#### 4 FINANCE

##### 4.1 Income

None

##### 4.2 Expenditure

W A Searle – Village cleaning - 2007	£50.00
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Audit Commission – Audit fee 2006/07	£141.00
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The above accounts were approved for payment.

#### 5 PLANNING

##### 5.1 Planning Applications

**07/01490/FUL** Mr A Shergold – Construction of carport with balcony over at Chade Lodge, Landrake, Saltash

**Observations** – No Objections. The caravan will have to be removed to provide space for the carport.

**07/01545/FUL** Sir Robert Geffery's School – Construction of single storey extension with storage area in roof space on east elevation at Sir Robert Geffery's School, School Road, Landrake

**Observations** – The Parish Council supports these improvements which the School and the Governors are keen to implement.

**07/01594/FUL** Dr R Kneen – Replacement of existing upvc windows with hardwood oak windows and restoration of original barn openings at St Erney Barn, St Erney, Landrake

**Observations** – Landrake with St Erney Parish Council supports this application. It will improve the appearance of this barn conversion. The Design and Access statement says that St Erney is a Conservation Area but this is incorrect, it is an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

## 5.2 Planning Decisions

None

## 5.3 Planning Correspondence and Reports

### 5.3.1. Crylla Valley Cottages

Mr P Russell reported that he had investigated a complaint from a member of the public that there had possibly been unauthorised tree felling at the above property but from enquires made there did not seem to have been any felling carried out at either site at Notter Bridge, other than to remove some dead and diseased wood.

Following consideration of this matter it was agreed that it would be placed on the Agenda for the February meeting which would give the opportunity for Councillors to look at the situation for themselves. The Clerk was instructed to inform the complainant accordingly.

### 5.3.2 Caradon District Council – Aerial photography

The Clerk reported that Caradon District Council would be, for a trial period of two months, making aerial photographs available on request which may assist when dealing with specific planning applications. This information was received and noted.

## **6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### 6.1 Village Playground

Mrs R Savery reported that there is still some materials left in the playground from the work that Alec Dymond did on the boundary wall, and it was agreed that this would be removed as soon as possible. The Chairman also reported that there is a quantity of ivy to be removed from the garden of 5 The Crescent which again had come from the boundary wall and had been placed there with the approval of the occupant, but it was now time that it was removed.

### 6.2 Parish Council Website

Mr M Gibson reported generally on the website and of the need for local organisations to make as much use as possible of it to publicise their events etc.

Following discussion on this matter it was agreed that Mr Gibson would draft a letter to go to all the village organisations to encourage their use of the website.

### 6.3 Drains – The Square, Landrake

The Clerk reported the concerns of Mr R Sealy regarding the problem of overflowing drains in the Square during periods of heavy rain, and of Mr Sealy's opinion that this had become worse since the work was carried out on the pavements and roads. It was agreed that this matter should be brought to the attention of Mr B Craven of the Highways Department with a request that the drains in the village square be cleaned as soon as possible.

### 6.4 Clerks Contract of Employment

Following discussion it was agreed that this matter should be placed on the agenda for consideration at the February Council meeting.

### 6.5 Unoccupied premises

The Chairman reported that the Police are no longer able to hold details at a local Police Station of unoccupied properties whilst the owners/occupiers are e.g. away on holiday. Following discussion on this matter it was agreed that no further action should be taken.

### 6.6 Pedestrian bridge over the A38

It was reported that the steps on the above bridge are in need of cleaning and the white lining on the edge of the steps requires repainting and the clerk was instructed to try and arrange for this work to be done as soon as possible.

## **7 NEW CORRESPONDENCE AND BUSINESS**

### 7.1 Cornwall & Isles of Scilly Community Safety Partnership – 2007 Crime, Drugs and Disorder Audit consultation

The Clerk gave details of the contents of the above consultation document which were received and noted.

## 7.2 Cornwall County Council – Main Community Places and Emergency Contacts Database

The Clerk reported that the County Council were preparing an update of the above information and it was agreed that this should include details of the Geffery Hall, the School and the new Methodist Church building.

## 7.3 Caradon District Council-

### a) – The Cornwall (Structural Change) Order 2008

The Clerk gave details of the draft implementation Order, the main points being:

- Elections to the new Council will be in 2009
- Election for Town and Parish Councils will take place in 2013
- The Implementation Executive will consist of 12 members from the County Council and 2 from each District Council
- The Joint Implementation team shall consist of all 7 District Chief Executives
- Joint scrutiny arrangements will be set up to scrutinise the decisions of the Implementation Executive.

This information was received and noted, in particular that the present Parish Council will remain in place for a further 5 years.

### b) – New Unitary Council for Cornwall

Details were received and noted of meetings to be held at Liskeard and Saltash of the Town and Parish Councils with the Chairman and Leader of Caradon District Council and the three South East Cornwall members on the One Cornwall Joint Implementation Executive (JIE)

Following consideration it was agreed that the Chairman, Clerk and Mr M J Tamblyn would attend the meeting to be held at Saltash on the 21<sup>st</sup> January 2008.

## 7.4 Cornwall County Fire Brigade – Service Plan 2008/09 Consultation

Details were received and noted of the above consultation and following discussion it was agreed that the Council was broadly in favour of the contents of the document, although concern was expressed at the proposed idea of nine regional centres throughout the country.

## 7.5 Caradon District Council – Changes to Licensing Laws for Private Hire Vehicles and drivers

Following consideration it was agreed that the changes in the above Laws would be placed on the village notice board.

## **8. NEWSLETTERS AND REPORTS**

- 8.1 "The Clerk" – November 2007 Vol.38, No.6
- 8.2 "Outstanding" – Magazine for Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty  
Autumn/Winter 2007
- 8.3 Tamar Valley AONB – News Bulletin November/December 2007
- 8.4 Tamar Valley AONB – "The Valley" Newsletter Winter 2007
- 8.5 East Cornwall CVS – "The Signpost" Edition 37, December 2007
- 8.6 Local Councils *UpDate* – November 2007, Issue 97
- 8.7 Saltash Area Road Safety Committee – Agenda for meeting 14<sup>th</sup> January  
2008 and Minutes of Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> October 2007

## **9 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2008

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2008

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 9.35 pm.

M A Webster  
Chairman,  
Landrake with St Erney Parish Council

19<sup>th</sup> February 2008