

LANDRAKE with ST ERNEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Geffery Memorial Hall, Landrake on Tuesday 10th June 2008 at 7.00pm

Present - Mr. M. Webster, Chairman
Messrs T Arroll, R Cowdery, M Gibson,
G Knowles, P Russell and Mrs R Savery
Mrs K Garner, District Councillor
Mrs O Eggleston, 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 A Barton, Messrs M Gingell and M Tamblyn. Mrs B McTaggart, County Councillor. Mrs K Garner and Mrs O Eggleston, District Councillors. P.C. R Short, Devon and Cornwall Constabulary

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The following corrections were noted to the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20th May 2008.

Minute 3.1 (Paragraph 1) – should read ‘than’ not ‘that’

Minute 6.8 – this suggestion was put forward by Mrs A Bell, not Mrs R Savery

Following these corrections the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 20th May 2008 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 reported that the percolation test would be carried out later this week, the results of which would be reported to the next Council meeting.

The Clerk reported that Cornwall County Council were willing to attend a site meeting with regard to the procedures to be put in place whilst the visibility splay is being constructed, and this would be arranged in due course.

Mr P Russell also reported that May Gurney will provide a quotation for the installation of the water supply although South West Water will have to connect the supply to the mains and install a water meter.

3.2 Caradon District Council – Affordable Housing

The Clerk reported that he had been advised by Rebecca Jacob that the planning application for the two Affordable Housing schemes would be brought before the Planning Committee at either their July or August meeting.

Some discussion took place on the concerns now raised by the Highways Department relating to the access on to the A38. It was agreed to wait and see what further information is forthcoming and to maintain contact with Rebecca Jacob.

3.3 “One Cornwall” – Unitary Authority

Discussion took place on the proposals for the next Parish Council elections and it was noted that there are four options to consider -

Option 1 – May 2009 Town and Parish Council elections in line with Unitary elections if there were to be no European elections.

Option 2 – May 2009 Stand alone elections for Town and Parish Councils in May but Unitary and possible European elections in June 2009.

Option 3 – June 2009 Town and Parish Council elections in line with possible European elections and Unitary elections (3 elections in one day).

Option 4 – May 2013 Town and Parish Council elections as outlined in the Cornwall (Structural Change) Order.

Following discussion on this matter it was agreed that the preferred option was to hold the three elections in one day in June 2009, it being the view of the meeting that to leave Parish Council elections until 2013 was too far ahead.

The Clerk drew attention to the fact that there would be training provided to both Councillors and Clerks in the lead up to the new Unitary Authority and a training needs survey form would be sent out to all Councils in June.

3.4 Home Park, Landrake - Fencing

The Chairman reported that he had recently met, together with Miss P Barton, one of the wardens of the Old Peoples Bungalows in Home Park when they had considered the state of the fence alongside the footpath leading down from the bungalows to the pavement in Home Park. It was noted that whilst the fence appeared to have been tightened it was considered that this was still not satisfactory and following discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would contact Miss Stevens of the Housing Department at Caradon District Council regarding this matter.

3.5 Proposed Parish Seats

The Clerk reported that he had now received information from Mr B Craven regarding the use of an accredited Streets Works contractor to construct the bases for the proposed seats around the Parish, and also of the possibility of obtaining a Community Engagement Grant from the Cornwall Rural Community Council towards the costs of the seats. It is unlikely that this could be obtained as the scheme is not clearly stated as being part of the Parish Plan and does not meet the criteria specified for the grant available.

Following discussion on this matter it was agreed to await the result of the grant fund application before deciding how to progress this matter.

3.6 Footbridge over A38

The Clerk reported that he is still maintaining contact with Howard Jones of the Highways Agency regarding the cleaning of the steps on the footbridge and also the repainting of the white lines on the steps. It was also noted that a copy of the letter sent to Howard Jones regarding this matter had been copied to Miss N Franklin as agreed at the last Council Meeting.

3.7 Sir Robert Geffery School – Cross Country

The Clerk reported that he had written to the Head Teacher of the School regarding the provision of car parking facilities on the day of the cross country run, and whilst a reply had been received stating that all the schools involved had been advised of the parking facilities, the letter also implied that the Parish Council did not appear to be supportive of the School.

Following discussion on this matter it was agreed that the Chairman would visit the School and speak to the Head Teacher and assure her of the Councils full support.

3.8 School Road, Landrake

The Clerk also reported a similar response regarding the concerns expressed to the school in respect of the traffic congestion at the start and end of the school day in School Road. The Chairman again agreed to speak to the Head Teacher with regard to this matter.

3.9 Recycling containers for bottles

The Clerk reported that he had contacted SITA (UK) Ltd regarding the provision of plastic containers for glass bottles etc for recycling but had not received a response. It was agreed to make contact with Caradon District Council regarding this matter to see if they could offer any advice.

3.10 Barton Close – Caravan

The Chairman reported that he had written to the owner of the caravan at No 8 Barton Close asking if it could be removed but it was apparent that the person concerned was not prepared to move it at the present time. The Chairman confirmed that he had written to the complainant explaining what he had done, but that he had been unable to persuade the owner to remove the caravan.

3.11 Bus Shelter – North side of A38

The Clerk reported that Mr D Wadland had promised that he would carry out the repairs to the bus shelter roof within the next few weeks.

3.12 Barton Close – Fly Tipping

The Chairman reported that he had removed the old wheelbarrow and some other rubbish from Barton Close and suggested that in due course a further letter should be sent to all the residents of the Close pointing out how easy it is to take garden rubbish to the recycling depot in Saltash.

3.13 Geffery Memorial Hall and Solomon Browne Room

Mr P Russell reported that the matter of the registration of the Geffery Hall and the Solomon Browne Room is still ongoing with Mr N Skinnard, and it was expected that it would be dealt with by the date of the next Council meeting.

3.14 Village Playground

The Clerk reported that he had asked the Police to keep an eye on the village playground in view of the nuisance that had been caused recently by some of the youngsters. It was also noted that a request had been made to Mr B Craven of the Highways Department to repaint the 'No Parking' sign on the ground at the entrance to the Playground but a response was still awaited in respect of this matter.

3.15 A38 Footbridge

It was noted that Miss P Barton had dealt with the cutting back of the Berberis bush alongside the ramp to the footbridge on the north side of the A38.

3.16 Vulnerable Persons leaflets

The Chairman confirmed that the above leaflets had been distributed as required by Miss P Barton.

3.17 Saltash Area Road Safety Committee

The Clerk confirmed that the above Committee were quite willing for both Miss P Barton and Mrs R Savery to serve in the capacity of this Council's representatives and for Mrs Savery to attend meetings when Miss P Barton is out of the Country.

4 FINANCE

4.1 Income

Solomon Browne Room – Contribution to Insurance premium £100.00

4.2 Expenditure

Society of Local Council Clerks – Membership renewal 2008 £70.00

The above accounts were approved for payment

4.3 Other Financial Business

None

5 PLANNING

5.1 Planning Applications

07/01564/FUL Mr B Hurst – Erection of foaling and stallion boxes and laboratory with residential accommodation over at Lower Penquite Farm, Landrake. (Revised plans)

Observations – With reference to the Parish Councils observations of the 20th February 2008, the Council have now seen the further comments of the Chief Land Agent dated 5th June 2008. The Parish Council accepts this further advice and agrees that temporary accommodation is the only option justified.

5.2 Planning Decisions

07/00982/FUL Mr & Mrs P Little – Removal of condition 2 (use of Barn B as holiday purposes only) to allow use as residential (00/00618/FUL dated 14th August 2000 refers) on land situate at Delmanor Barns, Mera Park Farm, Tidford Road, Landrake

APPROVED

5.3 Planning Correspondence and Reports

None

6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Parish Council website

Mr M Gibson reported that there had been a few problems with the website in recent weeks with some information not being put on the site at the appropriate time, but this had now been resolved with Barry Isaacs.

It was agreed that there is a need to get more information onto the website and discussion took place on how this could be achieved. It was noted that all the village organisations had been given details of the website and requested to provide Mr Gibson with details of any relevant events taking place.

6.2 Village Playground

Mr M Gibson reported that the grass in the playground was very overgrown and in need of cutting as a matter of urgency. The Clerk agreed to deal with this matter as necessary.

6.3 Home Park, Landrake

Mrs R Savery expressed her concern regarding a vehicle which is being parked in Home Park with its nearside wheels on the pavement. It was agreed that the Police should be advised of this matter and asked to take action as necessary.

Mrs Savery also reported on the poor condition of the footpath at the end of Home Park leading to the A38 which is in need of resurfacing. The Clerk was instructed to deal with this matter as necessary.

6.4 Mr R Allen, 1 Barton Close

The Chairman reported that the above named person had encountered problems with children playing football in Barton Mews with the result that their ball was landing in his garden damaging plants etc. It was noted that Mr Allen had written to one boy's father regarding this matter with a copy being sent to the Chairman of the Parish Council for information. It was agreed that there was no further action to be taken in respect of this matter.

6.5 Clerk's Annual Appraisal

The Clerk took his leave of the meeting whilst the Chairman reported to the meeting on the appraisal that he had conducted with the Clerk.

7. NEW CORRESPONDENCE AND BUSINESS

7.1 National Playing Fields Association – Fields in Trust protection

The Clerk reported that the above organisation offers a scheme to protect recreational land for the future by using a Deed of Dedication at no cost or legal charges. Following consideration it was agreed that Mr P Russell would look into this matter and report back to the next meeting of the Council.

7.2 White Paper on Pharmacy Services

Following discussion on this matter regarding the future of Pharmacy Services in rural areas the Chairman agreed to speak to Dr James Moore at the St Germans Surgery to ascertain whether the support of the Parish Council in endeavouring to continue this facility would be of help.

8. NEWSLETTERS AND REPORTS

8.1 East Cornwall CVS – Newsletter Edition 40, June 2008

8.2 Tamar Valley AONB – eNews Bulletin – May 2008

9 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Tuesday 22nd July 2008

Tuesday 9th September 2008

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 9.10 pm

M A Webster
Chairman,
Landrake with St Erney Parish Council

22nd July 2008