

# LANDRAKE with ST. ERNEY PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of Full Parish Council meeting

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021 @ 7pm

Venue: The main hall at Sir Robert Geffery Memorial Hall

**Councillors present:** Mr M Gingell (Chairman), Mr G Francis (Vice Chairman), Dr S Walker, Mrs R Savery, Miss P Barton, Mr N Owen, Mrs H Cartledge-Claus, Mrs P Mathers, Mrs K Smearden,

**In attendance:** Mrs K Heald, Parish Clerk, Cornwall Councillor Martin Worth (Saltash, Trematon & Landrake), two members of the public

### **Open forum and Cornwall Councillor report – For the full report see Appendix <sup>i</sup>**

Notification has been received from Mr Grigsby that he wishes to raise the following:

- Driver behaviour, driving without due care and attention, dangerous driving and speeding on Tidedford Road.
- Parking issues throughout the village.
- Lack of support from D&C Police regarding our speedwatch group.
- Apparent lack of progress with a 20mph limit across the village.
- Fading tributes on our war memorial.

Mr Grigsby talked about the above issues at length.

CC Martin Worth stressed in order proceed with a 20 mile an hour limit the community has to work together today enforce a limit. CC Martin Worth speaks to Inspector Rupert Engley on a weekly basis and is happy to arrange to meet him in the parish.

Cllr M Gingell said a funding bid has been put into the Cornwall Gateway Community Network Pane for flashing lights in School. The Parish Council is also striving for 20mph.

Cllr P Mathers informed Mr Grigsby that the Environment Group organised the purchase of '20's plenty' stickers for wheelie bins.

CC Martin Worth said:

- Cornwall Council are progressing with its 20's plenty policy and he would expect through the policy 20's plenty campaign the resource to '20's plenty done' adding to do all of 20's plenty for Cornwall would take two and half years.
- Through Safer Saltash he happy to escalate actions.
- On Monday he attended a Project EDWARD (Every Day Without A Road Death) meeting.

Cllr M Gingell said the school has gone back to the old drop off system so there will be a congestion in the village at certain times.. There has been a change in management within the school. Cllr M Gingell agreed to speak to the local primary school.

Mr Grigsby offered to help. It was suggested a working party group is formed, which would include CC Martin Worth, Mr Grigsby, other parishioners and members of the public.

Mr Grigsby informed the Council that the speed watch group was formed eighteen months ago. Two weeks ago, the group had confirmation that it was designated as a fully operational group which can operate autonomously within the rules governing the group.

The issues of parking in the village were discussed. CC Martin Worth described residents parking schemes allowing residents the 'right to park in an area' and the challenges such as enforcing such a scheme. The law needs to be changed to allow the Council to issue tickets.

A discussion took place on the placement of poppy wreaths on the war memorials and whether they should be moved after a certain period. Cllr M Gingell said the Council had previously reviewed this and it was decided it was difficult to put a time limit on the removal of the wreaths, as the memorial is often

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visited throughout the year by many people. It was agreed to put this on the agenda for the next meeting.

## Cornwall Councillor Martin Worth

In the current climate the biggest challenge is funding. There is a range of deficits in certain areas. The two that are most critical areas are adult social care and housing. These are two top priorities.

The Chairman opening the main Council meeting at 19:55hrs..

- 57. Apologies of absence (A.I.1)**  
Cllrs N Owen, Dr S Walker, R Price.
- 58. Declarations of interest on any agenda item (A.I.2)**  
Nothing declared.
- 59. To note Councillors who have attended Code of Conduct training. (A.I.2)**  
Those Councillors who have not attended Code of Conduct training can still watch the Cornwall Council youtube video.

### Items for Council approval / Council decision (A.I.5a)

- 60. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021**  
It was proposed by Cllr H Cartledge-Claus, seconded by Cllr R Savery,, agreed by all Councillors that the minutes the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021 are approved. **Resolved.**

Due to the length of time taken in the public forum, and the Clerk's laptop running low on charge, the Clerk asked if the Chair could reorder the items on the agenda, so that the plans for the planning application can be shown on the OHP Screen.

- 61. Planning (A.I.6)**
- a) Landrake with St Erney Parish Council consultee planning response**  
Address School House, School Road, Landrake, Saltash  
Proposal To remove the existing stone built toilet / outhouse, which is in disrepair, to extend the existing shed / outbuilding in line with the plans submitted, to increase the height of the overall structure.  
Planning application PA21/07331  
Grid Reference 23752/60609  
Applicant Mr Sean Manning  
It was proposed by Cllr K Smeardon seconded by Cllr P Mathers and agreed by all Councillors that the Council supports this application. **Resolved.**
- b) Update on recent Cornwall Council Planning decisions**  
The planning application for Mendennick Close, discussed at last months meeting, has now been withdraw.
- 62. Finance (A.I.5)**
- a) To note the Council's bank balance.**  
Cllr M Gingell reported the Council's bank balance, which included a deposit from the Carnival Committee, to be allocated to the play park funds, was £46,662.08.
- b) To review the Clerk's finance report.**  
The Council noted the Clerk's finance report. No queries were received. Cllr Gingell advised the Clerk and the Finance Working Group will be meeting to discuss the 2021-22 budget.
- c) Update on Nationwide Building Society set up.**  
It was noted the Nationwide savings account is now set up. It was proposed by Cllr P Mathers, seconded by Cllr H Cartledge-Claus and agreed by all Councillors to transfer reserve funds of £25,000 will be transferred from Unity Trust Bank.to Nationwide Building Society.
- d) Approval of payments as detailed below (where applicable amounts include reclaimable V.A.T.)**

Recipient	Details	Amount
K Heald	Clerk's pay & home office allowance for July, August &	

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	September 2021 plus back pay for April, May & June	1213.19
K Heald	Mileage: 11 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> July, 15 <sup>th</sup> August, 8 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	43.75
K Heald	Printing, Zoom / office expenses	16.69
HMRC	PAYE	285.20
Print Options	Printing of questionnaire	140.00
Print Options	Printing of survey	144.00
Paul Lamerton	Village maintenance	446.35
Brewer & Son	Mole Valley Farmers – gates	59.82

It was proposed by Cllr H Cartledge-Claus, seconded by Cllr K Smeardon and agreed by all Councillors to approve the payments. **Resolved.**

In addition to the payments listed above Cllr Gingell advised payments are due to:

Anthony Farm Estate for Daffodil Bulbs - £96.00

Sam Maddever for seating £125.00

It was proposed by Cllr K Smeardon, seconded Cllr H Cartledge-Claus to approve the additional payments for Anthony Farm Estates and Sam Maddever. **Resolved.**

## 63. Provision of Landrake Parish Public Footpaths (A.I.7)

A member of public has complained about the gateway in Tartendown. Action is being taken.

It was agreed Cllr Smeardon would produce a report regarding the walkers' side of Tideford tip and this would be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

Cllr M Gingell has asked the Councils contractor, Reeford Manning, to install signs for the gates and install posts in the Talvans. The anticipated cost for the posts would be approximately £50.00.

## 64. To discuss and consider options for the maintenance of Ducky Lane. (A.I.8)

Cllr R Price, who was not in the meeting, raised the issue of the road conditions in Ducky Lane. It has been confirmed by Cormac that the road is unregistered.

## 65. To discuss terms for renewal of BT broadband contract for Memorial Hall and agree maximum threshold limit of £51 per month for the next 2 years. (A.I.9)

Cllr M Gingell read a report from Cllr G Francis.

*"The BT contract for the broadband to support the defibrillator at the Hall expires in December.*

*I have tried (as you asked) to get BT to set up a new contract in the name of the Parish Council but BT cannot easily do this.*

*So, the contract needs to remain in the name of the Hall (registered charity) for the time being.*

*If we do not renew the contract in December the contract will go onto a rolling tariff at £57 per month.*

*Having spoken to BT at length, the best option for our needs – to support the defibrillator – seems to be as summarised below.*

Contract type : BT HALO for Business 1 and Value Line

Customer : Sir Robert Geffery Memorial Hall ( to be refunded by the Parish Council on a quarterly basis)

Term : 2 years (to December 2023)

*A new Hub will be provided with 4G backup to support the defibrillator if there is a power outage.*

Monthly cost : at current prices this would be £33.95+VAT per month. This compares favourably with the £51 per month inc VAT (£42.50 + VAT) current tariff.

### **Recommendation**

*I recommend that we change the tariff to the one summarised above in December.*

*The exact pricing of the contract will not be available until nearer the time, but I would like to ask the Parish Council to approve the change to the above contract at the next meeting.*

### **Next steps**

*If the PC approves this then we need to let Graham Knowles know the details of the new contract, arrange for delivery of the Hub (presumably to Graham) and swap over the hubs in December."*

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It was proposed by Cllr H Cartledge-Claus, seconded by Cllr P Mathers and agreed by all Councillors to proceed with this recommendation. **Resolved.**

## Standing items for update / reporting.

To minimise the timing of the meeting Councillors are asked to read submitted reports and submit comments / queries prior to the meeting.

66. **Recreation Field:** no updates (A.I.10)
67. **Sir Robert Geoffrey Memorial Hall;** A.I.11)  
The windows have been replaced. The seed swap box has been installed outside the hall.
68. **Village playground and village maintenance:** (A.I.12)  
New playground equipment has been installed. The playground will be closed whilst spraying is completed.
69. **Environmental Sustainability Working Group:** (A.I.13)  
Notes have been circulated. Two trees have been planted. Daffodil bulbs will be planted. See appendix ii.
70. **Community Network Panel:** (A.I.14)  
Update received from Cllr Francis by email. – See appendix iii
71. **Saltash Area Road Safety (SARS)** (A.I.15).  
Cllr Martin Worth attended the recent meeting. SARs meetings are now being incorporated within the Community Network Panel meetings.
72. **A38 Trerulefoot to Carkeel Safety Project: Update received from Cllr Francis by email.**  
See appendix iii. (A.I.16)
73. **Usage of designated Council email addresses:** (A.I.17)  
Some Councillors still need to set up official email addresses.

## Actions / Items to note.

74. **Correspondence** (A.I.19)
  - Tamar Bridge Resurfacing Project update.
  - Cornwall Council Precept remittance
  - Campaign to ban the sale of environmentally-damaging body boards
  - Local Government Bulletins
  - Weed spraying
  - Draft Cornwall AONB Management Plan 2022-2027
  - Further education query
  - Plymouth Railway bridge recovery plan
  - GWR Community Funding bids
  - Gate on footpath from Tartendown Cross, GR 360615
  - Tamar Community Trust seeking new Trustees
  - Enhanced response area communications - for CC members and town and parish councils
  - Cornwall Community Network Panel: National Highway consultation:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/national-highways-wants-your-views-on-future-road-investment>
  - Cormac winter maintenance – Grit bin delivery 2021
  - Full Fibre Broadband for residents:

The Clerk added an email had been received regarding Community Broadband and asked CC Martin Worth's advice on the communication regarding full fibre broadband. CC Martin Worth described the process which Landulph Parish Council went through adding the Parish Council needs to get the community behind this. The project needs to have a legal entity behind it but it does not need to be a Parish Council. If not enough funds are raised then the Parish Council needs to decide if it is prepared to pick up the bill and budget for this accordingly. It was agreed the Clerk would include this on the agenda for the next Council meeting.

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## 75. To go through the actions from the previous meeting. (A.I.20)

Minute	Action	Assigned to	Status
36	Submit statutory planning consultee response	Clerk	Actioned
39a	Circulate the bank balance to all Councillors (The balance as at 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2021 = £41,10741)	Cllr Gingell	Actioned
39b	Communication with Cornwall Rural Community Charity for the completion of the online survey	Cllr Francis	Actioned
39c	Complete Nationwide savings account To be signed by the Council's bank signatories – Cllrs: Gingell, Francis, Owen, Walker and Barton.	Clerk	Actioned
39d	Order part from HAGS	Clerk	Actioned
41 41	Working group to meet and form an action plan. Contact the farmer of Pound Farm to arrange reimbursement for the purchase of a gate.	Cllrs Mathers, Smearden & Walker.  Cllr Gingell	Actioned
43	Councillors to read the questions from Cllr Barry Jordan and feedback responses. Cllr Walker agreed to collate the responses. Timeframe for responses: 6 months	All Councillors Cllr Walker	Outstanding
44	Get a key cut for the Football field gate and arrange for them to have a spare key. Review asset register and add container	Cllr Gingell Clerk / Chairman / Vice Chairman	In progress
47	Obtain permission from the Sir Robert Geffery Hall Committee's Chairman, Mr Graham Knowles to locate the seed box outside the hall.	Cllr Gingell to speak to Mr Knowles on Saturday 17/05/2021	Actioned
47	Write to Nat West to enquire where the safety deposit box is.	Clerk	Actioned
50	Send a reminder email to Highways England stating please could you confirm you are taking onboard the following actions (as listed in the notes submitted) following the meeting held on 27 <sup>th</sup> April 2021 and Landrake with St Erney Parish Council look forward to our next meeting..	Clerk / Cllr Francis	Actioned
51	Designated email addresses to be set up. If Councillors need assistance to contact Westernweb.	Cllrs: Cartledge-Claus, Savery, Barton, Price.	Outstanding
52	Saltash Footbridge – send further email chasing the painting of the bridge	Clerk	Actioned
54	Contact the Council's contractors regarding the repair of the road sign in St Erney and strimming around the sign to improve visibility.  Updated action: take a photograph of the area and contact Cormac Highways asking for permission to move the sign.	Cllr Gingell  Cllr Gingell / Clerk	Actioned  New action

CC Martin Worth said he had an impromptu meeting with Mr & Mrs Miller at Dolbeare. They are for The residents in Dolbeare to be part of the community. Cllr M Gingell said he had hand delivered newsletter to the site.

## 76. Date of next meeting, future items to be included on the next agenda and discuss outstanding actions. (A.I.20)

Cllr Cartledge-Claus requested the repair of the noticeboards is included on the agenda for the next meeting.  
Contact Cornwall Housing again regarding land at Home Park, with bench in need of repair.

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## i. Report raised in the Public Forum from Mr Robin Grigsby

### **Speeding**

Driver behaviour on Tideford Road (and all of the village) has become unacceptable. Most of the village, but particularly Tideford Road, is a single track road with no footpath or protection from vehicles.

Somebody will be seriously injured or more likely killed in the near future unless something is done to modify the speed of vehicles on Tideford Road and the rest of the village.

However, most vehicles are not technically speeding, ie  $30\text{mph} + 10\% + 2\text{mph} = 35\text{mph}$ .

Taking into consideration road conditions, lack of pavements, children, senior citizens and pets, most drivers are driving without due care and attention. On the west end of Tideford Road, drivers see a clear run from the brow of the hill to the A38 junction and just floor it!

Just for clarity, I have to admit that most drivers are not exceeding the speed, we believe the average speed for 85% of vehicles is about 25 – 28MPH. 10% are between 30 – 35MPH and the maximum speed we have observed was a Porche and a Ferrari, probably racing, exceeding 50MPH.

For info, the Ferrari registration was LO03 FUN.

It is further noted that most of the vehicles are our friends and neighbours.

What is the Parish Council going to do about it and when?

### **Parking**

The parking in Landrake is a free for all and is now beyond a joke. Up to maybe 2 years ago it was tolerable but recently something has changed.

It is carmageddon!

Vehicles are parked all over the square day and night, recently a car parked across the pub entrance preventing a wheelchair from exiting. Residents living in or near the Square are often having to park on Tideford Road close to the A38.

Tractors, feed lorries, delivery vans and emergency vehicles do not have access on our village roads because of lack of clarity as to where residents and visitors can and can't park.

The Parish Council needs to recognise their responsibilities to residents with no choice but to park on the street. Some form of a Residents Parking Scheme is needed.

What is the Parish Council going to do about it and when?

### **Speed watch**

Our speed watch group was formed just over 18months ago and I am pleased to inform you that 2 weeks ago we were gracefully designated as fully trained and so can operate autonomously and mount campaigns within the rules governing the group.

It has been a nightmare and the bureaucracy on Indian National Railway could learn a thing or two from the Devon and Cornwall Police. The speed watch administrator was vetting sites in our village from Google Earth, even though the administrator is only in Crownhill.

We have had good support from our local policing team but they seemed unable to untangle the autocratic speed watch rules and regulations!

For your information, speed watch, road policing, monitoring of persistent vehicle offenders, noisy vehicles and speeding is no longer the responsibility of the Devon and Cornwall Police. All of this has now been made the responsibility of Dorset Police. Mr Brian Austin, Operations Manager for Dorset Police was asked by D&C PCC to assist with road safety process which includes CSW. So hopefully we will be operating in the village shortly.

For your information, when we were operating with the Police on Tideford Road on a school afternoon, there were only 14 cars in one hour with a maximum speed of 12MPH. Why? One of the school run mums posted the speed watch on Landrake School FB page. All the mums which normally speed along Tideford Road exited the village on the main exit!

### **20MPH in Village**

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I appreciate that the parish council is attempting to expedite 20MPH, but the apparent lack of progress is unacceptable.

Why are we the only village in our area that does not have 20MPH limits and traffic calming measures? What is the Parish Council going to do about it and when?

## War memorial

Our war memorial is a magnificent memorial which must have cost a small fortune when it was erected. In my opinion, the plastic flowers, which are now faded and the small wooden crosses, which are rotting in the ground, should be removed within 7 – 30 days following Remembrance Day.

The RBL does not have any guidance on the longevity of such tributes, but in my opinion, faded and scruffy tributes do not honour our fallen.

I propose that these tributes be removed and recycle 4 weeks after Remembrance Day.

## ii. Notes from the Landrake with St Erney Environmental Sustainability Work group meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

Attendees : Penny Mathers, Mervyn Gingell, Hazel Cartledge-Claus, Hayley Hill, Coralie Barrow  
This was the seventh meeting of the working group established at the Parish Council meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021

1. **Apologies for absence** – Mandy Kellagher, Sara Walker, Helen Ezell. To note Graeme Francis will no longer be part of the group due to other Parish Council demands on his time. Kathy Smeardon will be re-joining the group over the next few months.
2. **Approval of notes of meeting of 15th July**—attendees approved notes of the meeting.
3. **Matters arising that were not agenda items** – None
4. **Seed swap box** - Has now been put in place attached to the village hall. It is being used and several people have been watering the plants and checking it is ok. Some concerns about too many pots that might blow about in the wind and plants that are used being left for too long.  
**Action Mervyn agreed to ask Paul Lamerton about the possibility of a wooden crate to keep pots in. Hayley volunteered to check out plants and compost where or if it seems appropriate.**
5. **Tree Planting Poldrissick**, A plum tree and medlar tree have been purchased from Tartendown.  
**Action:- Paul Hill will be planting the trees week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> September . Penny Maddever's son has made a bench for the triangle is ready for securing on the triangle. Mervyn to look into costs of cement base and erection.**
6. Greenspace for Landrake – discussion took place about funding and it was felt it may be useful for us to consider what fund figure we should aim for to help us in discussions with landowners. Coralie had useful information about funding sources via ANOB. **Action:- Mervyn to arrange a walking group to have a look at land possibilities. Ongoing discussions with landowners to continue.**
7. **Volunteer database for green works planting daffodils in September** – Mervyn has negotiated for bulk supply of daffodils (to be planted between 6-9 inches apart. Suggested places for planting so far – School, play area, play fields, bottom entrance to village by Prospect, triangle by seat. **ACTION – Mervyn to collect bulbs. Everyone to think of possible locations and email Penny. Database of volunteers to be set up and Penny and Helen to coordinate planting. Penny to arrange for the school to be contacted to see if they can be involved too.**
8. **Applying for a Landmark Tree via Cornwall Council** - The tree location would need to be identified, as well as the reason for the community to celebrate. **ACTION – Helen to ask the School if they would be willing to host the Landmark Tree. Penny to find out if the school can apply for a tree in their own right. Mervyn to check the viability of planting the two sweet chestnut trees down by Prospect at the entrance to the village.**
9. **Parish Questionnaire / Survey and distribution** – the survey is being distributed and we await the results with interest.

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10. **Off road walking paths update** – Kathy, Sara and Rachel are coordinating to identify further footpaths. The Parish council has already agreed to bear the cost of reopening the Tallmans footpath. It was felt the footpaths that are open should be advertised. **Action Penny** to ask group to put something together for the next newsletter. Coralie to identify land up by Notter Bridge that could give access to another walking path.
11. **Newsletter update** –The newsletter has been physically distributed in paper form to the entire village and also posted on the community FB page – **Action Hayley offered to do a hints and tips article for the newsletter.**
12. **Next meeting - Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 7:30pm on Zoom**

Penny Mathers 10<sup>th</sup> September

### iii. Report from Cllr G Francis

#### Notes on Cornwall Gateway CNP Meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021

1. **Police** – Rupert Engley gave a presentation of the latest statistics. Highlights are :
  - Crime in the SE Cornwall area 1s up 15% vs 2020 for the period Jun-Aug 2021
  - Saltash waterfront crimes down significantly
  - Over the last 12 months the Torpoint/Saltash area had 270,963 emergency services calls – the system is struggling to cope even with new officers being hired (who take 2-3 yrs to become fully trained)
  - Police are doing the job of the ambulance services. Many officers are delayed for hours when attending incidents involving someone needing hospital treatment. They either have to wait for the ambulance or ferry the suspect/victim to hospital taking on average 4 hours per incident. This is a consequence of covid and understaffing.
  - The presence of Travellers in the area (Saltash, Torpoint and Hatt) has caused up to 48 hour delays in dealing with calls over the summer due to the volume of complaints.
  - Harassment incidents have doubled – almost entirely due to social media.
    - Speed watch – reinstatement is being delayed due to Covid – volunteers have been unwilling to attend in the pandemic. Adrian Foss (Saltash speed watch organiser) sadly passed away and Ian Chambers now is taking this on.
2. **SAFE38 / A38** - James Millidge of Safe38 gave a presentation and update on latest progress :
  - Menheniot junction is being prioritised by NH - National Highways (formerly Highways England) in the next round of projects for delivery 2025-30
  - Safe38 have been lobbying for a dual carriageway but the focus from NH is on safety related improvements in the next wave of upgrades.
  - A dual carriageway would only be built if the economic case for it was made – not on safety grounds alone.
  - There will be some resurfacing works west of Landrake in the coming months.
  - There will be some form of pedestrian crossing in Tideford. Also more cameras are being installed there.
  - Air monitoring project in Tideford is going ahead (inside and outside homes) to gather data from affected residents and to provide certain homes with air filtration equipment.

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3. **Working groups** - to make the gateway meetings more manageable working groups in the following areas are being suggested:

- Health and Social Care
- Housing
- Community Broadband
- Saltash Area Road Safety Group

If anyone wants to represent Landrake with St Erney PC on these groups please let me know and I will pass details on.

4. **Highways scheme** – Cornwall Council has not yet confirmed the funding for the next tranche of the Highways scheme. (first phase was £200k for 4 years). There is around a £12k underspend on projects completed within the first 4 years. A decision is unlikely to be made until spring 2022. Cormac are focusing on delivering the projects on the list and our School road project has been completed.

### 5. **Other issues raised**

- There was discussion about the alternative to Glyphosate weedkiller as a means to keep pavements etc free of weeds in the area. Millbrook have hosted a demonstration of this, and St Germans have been using it for some months and are happy with the results.

**Graeme Francis – 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021**