

Landrake with St Erney Parish Council

Minutes of Full Parish Council meeting

Tuesday 14th February 2023 at 7pm:

Venue: Sir Robert Geffery Memorial Hall (main room)

Present: Cllrs Mervyn Gingell (Chairman), Graeme Francis (Vice Chairman), Patricia Barton, Penny Mathers, Rosemary Savery, Kathy Smeardon, Dawn Morris and Nigel Owen

In attendance: Mrs K J Heald, Parish Clerk, Cornwall Councillor Martin Worth, Cornwall Fire Brigade – Saltash Station Manager, Ian Waterfall and 16 members of the public.

41. Welcome and introductions from the Chairman (A.I.1)

Cllr Gingell opened the meeting thanking everyone for attending. All Parish Councillors introduced themselves, giving details of how long they have been on the Parish Council, how long they have lived in the parish and the Parish work they have been involved in.

A presentation was displayed showing photographs of Church Street and Tideford Road, which were taken by the Chairman and others, and show the parking issues. Cllr Gingell thanked Cllr G Francis who had gone back through the minutes collating all details of when the issues around Church Street were discussed and actions taken (which included polite notices requesting no parking in areas along Church Street). The evidence report was displayed on the overhead projector.

Cllr Gingell introduced Cornwall Cllr Martin Worth.

CC Martin Worth gave a background on his connection to Landrake and an overview of his involvement with the Church Street / Tideford Road Traffic Restriction proposals (EDG2106):

- CC Martin Worth said he is a local lad, he grew up in the area and was a member of the young farmers in the 1970s.
- In his position of Chairman of Landulph Parish Council he utilised the services of the Fire Brigade who were able to highlight issues at pinch points in Cargreen.
- When CC Martin Worth became a Cornwall Councillor, in was made aware of the safety issues along Church Street and Tideford Road so arranged a visit from Saltash Fire Brigade. During the visit there was a 999 shout (it so happened the shout was due to a seagull caught in a roof but the officer was not to know that).
- The Cornwall Community Gateway Panel Highways budget enables Town and Parish Councils to apply for funding to improve highway issues. An application was submitted in 2022. Part of the process involves a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO). To save costs three parishes have been linked under the TRO (Landulph, Botus Blemining and Landrake). Questions have been raised regarding the Landrake scheme and as a result of this other projects have had to be put on hold until Landrake with St Erney Parish Council makes its decision on whether to proceed with the proposed scheme.

CC Martin Worth introduced Mr Ian Waterfall (IW), Response driving instructor at Cornwall Council Fire and Rescue Service and Station Manager at Saltash Fire Station.

IW detailed the issues the Fire Brigade had when visiting Landrake trying to get to St Erney / Polldrissick / Markwell from Church Street due to car parked along Church Street.

Various questions were asked from members of the public including how parishes such as Polperro were managed. IW explained in this area the fire engines are smaller vehicles, but these small vehicles are not available in Saltash.

IW explained when they get a call they have ten minutes to get from Saltash to where the fire is and in an emergency there would not be sufficient time to go knocking on doors to find out who's car is blocking the road.

Mr Waterfall left the meeting and was thanked for this time.

19:17 – The Chairman opened the meeting. There was a change to the format of the previous meetings.

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42. To receive declarations of interests on any agenda item and if relevant to approve any requests for dispensations. (A.I.2)

Agenda Item 9b, Planning Application PA23 / 00371. Declaration of interest from CC Martin Worth. The applicant is the daughter, of the daughter, of the deceased sister of CC Martin Worth's wife.

Agenda item 9a, Planning Application PA23/00259. Having made an objection on the Cornwall Council Planning website, prior to the Parish Council having submitted a formal response Cllr P Mathers declared an interest on this item.

Agenda item 9c, Planning Application PA22/11117. Due to being a neighbour of the property Cllr G Francis declared an interest on this item.

43. Reports for information (A.I.3)

Church Street / Tideford Road – Proposed 'No waiting at any time' (Double yellow lines)

- a. **To review the Evidence Report.** A document detailing the Parish Council's discussions, extract from previous minutes (as far back as 2014), information distributed on the Council's newsletters and parish surveys, images of fire engine visits to the parish and copies of comments from social media and the Parish Council's rationale for putting the scheme forward to the Community Network Panel's Highway Improvement Scheme was distributed to all Councillors, displayed during the meeting on the overhead projector and available on the Parish Council website.
- b. **To note the correspondence received since the last meeting regarding the Church Street / Tideford Road** (see report from the Parish Clerk with collated correspondence received)

44. Open forum and Cornwall Councillor report (15 – 30 minutes) (A.I.4)

Church Street / Tideford Road parking restrictions (yellow lines)

Prior to opening the meeting from members of the public the Chairman and Vice Chairman raised the following:

Cllr Francis gave an overview on the Cornwall Gateway Highway Improvement Scheme:

- £57,000 pa for 3 years funding has been made available for Highway Improvement scheme for town and parishes in the Cornwall Gateway Network Panel.
- All parishes and Saltash / Torpoint towns can apply for funding. In the last funding of round there are projects seeking funding approx. £18,000 more than the available funding- .this is why some councils are offering to co-fund projects so that more projects get completed.
- Previously Landrake with St Erney Parish Council have secured £14,000 for the flashing lights along School Road and just under £1000 for signage in St Erney and Blunts Road.
- The proposal for traffic restrictions along Tideford Road / Church Street costs £10,000, with the Parish Council contributing 1/3rd of the cost
- The Parish Council has submitted an application to address traffic measures on West Lane. The scheme would cost approx.. £7,500 with the Parish Council contributing 1/3rd of the cost.

Cllr Gingell stated:

- The 'polite no parking' notices on the walls by the church have generally worked well but there are still safety issues.
- As the Highway Code recommends that there should be no parking on junctions the proposals, for Church Street, would only mean loss of three car parking spaces..
- If yellow lines are installed there are other areas nearby where residents could park, one example being Barton Close.
- At the last meeting the Parish Council was questioned over actions taken to address parking issues. The Parish Council has written to every landowner in the parish and is currently in consultation with one landowner..
- There are 55 dwellings (down St Erney / Markwell / Boating World etc) that would be affected by lack of access along Church Street.
- Cllr Gingell felt at the last meeting there was an impression that the proposals include yellow lines all along Church Street, but this was not the case.
- The options available (i) Do nothing / not to proceed with the proposals but this would affect the other business and would not address the highway safety issues / problems with emergency services getting through (ii) proceed as the proposals (iii) partial proposals.

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Various questions and comments were raised from members of the public including a request for a more holistic view of the issues and if the proposals are implemented there could be risk of speeding in the area. The importance of valuing the village shop was raised. CC Martin Worth advised, if yellow lines were installed along Tideford Road, parking enforcement officers would not issue tickets for 10 minutes. The Chairman stressed the shop is important to the village.

The Council was asked, if the scheme was to go ahead, how long would it be before the scheme is implemented CC Martin Worth responded because two other projects are being delayed whilst a decision is being made, it is likely to be between 6 and 12 months.

5G Radio Mast.

A member of public, who had presented the Parish Council with a petition, with over 200 signatures, against the proposed location for the 5g Radio Mast (Planning Application PA23/00259), outlined the reasons for leading the petition. Whilst not against improved technology, he objects to the size of the structure, which amounts to a massive pole on top of the equivalent size of a garden shed, close to the bus shelter on the main A38 and highway safety issues.

A question was raised about the coverage of the mast. The Clerk confirmed an email had just been received from Clarke Telecom confirming the proposed location would cover all of the village. A comment was also raised about the lack of information received about the proposals, much of which was only received on social media.

CC Martin Worth added to the discussion that in his previous career, he was Managing Consultant for Vodafone UK and Chairman of their UK Data Forum during the rollout for 3G to 4G and therefore understands the requirements of successful network planning; the importance in providing both coverage and capacity to the residents of Landrake and the significant number of mobile travellers along the A38. It is not always about coverage as you could have several children coming out of the school using mobile phones so there would be issues with capacity. CC Martin Worth recommends the Parish Council objects to the location and that Frenchmans Lane is a perfectly adequate location.

Cornwall Councillor Martin Worth Update

CC Martin Worth urged the Parish Councillors to fill in the Cornwall Devolution Deal Survey.

The process of an elected leader by Cornwall Councillors or a leader / mayor for Cornwall Council which would be elected by voters was discussed.

Cornwall Council are currently going through the budgetary process and future financing of the Tamar Bridge. A meeting has taken place with the Director of National Highways. A discussion was held on the Tamar bridge toll fees. The challenges of removing the fees was highlighted (as has happened for the Severn Bridge), such as coping with increased demand from increased usage and potential changes in house prices. The annual maintenance costs for Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry are between £13 to £15 million pounds.

Cllr Gingell said at the meeting will now be closed to members of the public but they are welcome to attend and observe the proceedings, otherwise please keep an eye open for the minutes on the website and updates on social media.

45. Apologies for absence (A.I.5)

Apologies received from Cllr H Cartledge-Claus and Cllr S Walker.

46. Matters arising from the previous meeting – Update on gritting in the parish. (A.I.6)

Cllr Gingell advised he had been waiting for the public liability insurance certificate from Roy Davey. Now that this had been received the Council would go ahead with Mr Davey as the gritting contractor.

47. Minutes of last meeting (A.I.7)

It was proposed by Cllr Owen, seconded by Cllr Francis and unanimously agreed by all Councillors that the minutes of the meeting held on 8th January 2023 are approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting. **Resolved.**

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- 48. Church Street / Tideford Road – Proposed ‘No waiting at any time’ (Double yellow lines) (A.I.8)**
Church Street sections between No. 1 Tideford Road and Germain House; Tideford Road opposite its junction with Church Street.
- a. **Update on Cormac Consultancy’s consultation regarding comments received on proposal EDG2106 Cornwall Gateway TRO 2022, Landrake – Restrictions on Waiting.**
2 comments submitted in support of the proposals
19 comments submitted objecting of the proposals.
A petition with 179 signatures against the proposals with signatures from PL11, PL12, PL13 and PL14, with the majority of signatories being from PL12.
- b. **To consider a motion to proceed with the proposals for replacement yellow lines where the current white line markings are on Tideford Road and Church Street (Cormac Consultancy EDG2106),** as agreed during the Parish Council meeting held on 8th February 2022.
There was no proposal to carry this motion forward.
- c. **If the vote for agenda item 4b is not carried, subject to agreement from Cormac Highways, does the Council agree to proceed with partial replacement lining in Tideford Road / Church Street?** (Proposals to be put forward in the meeting).

It was proposed by Cllr Mathers to install yellow lines in one section of Tideford Road, the size of one motor vehicle and the yellow lines along Church Street as proposed. This motion was not supported.

A counter proposal was put forward by Cllr Smeardon to leave Tideford Road as it is and partial yellow lining from just below the lower gate by the Church. The motion was seconded by Cllr Savery and passed with Cllr Mathers abstaining. The proposals would be subject to agreement from Cormac (Cornwall Highways). **Resolved.**

It was proposed by Cllr Francis that a statement is prepared detailing the Councils rationale for its decision, having taken into account the loss of parking but also the impact on emergency services. The motion was seconded by Cllr Gingell and unanimously agreed by all Councillors. **Resolved.** See appendix 1.

- 49. Planning consultee decisions and planning updates (A.I.9)**
- a. **To consider Landrake with St Erney Parish Council’s consultee response for Planning application PA23/00259**
Proposal: Prior notification of proposed development by telecommunications code system operators for telecommunication equipment and cabinets.
Location: Telecommunications cabinet – Grass verge of School Road, Landrake, PL12 5DZ.
Google maps – <https://goo.gl/maps/LXYH1JL6X4GJr3BQ7>
Goole Streetview – <https://goo.gl/maps/AFnaGWuyqS6PQ7Re9>
Applicant: CK Hutchinson Networks (UK) Ltd
Grid ref : 237469 / 60677c
It was proposed by Cllr Gingell, seconded by Cllr Owen and unanimously agreed by all Councillors that in light of the 74 objections and the petition presented to the Parish Council, that the Parish Council objects to the proposed location recommending an alternative location of Frenchmans Lane.
Resolved.

Cllr Mathers returned to the meeting room.
21:10hrs Cornwall Councillor Martin Worth vacated the meeting

- b. **To consider Landrake with St Erney Parish Council’s consultee response for the Certificate of Lawful Development application PA23 / 00371.**
Proposal: Existing use of a chalet as a single, separate, and independent dwelling house (Use Class 3).
Location : Lower Penquite Farm Stables, Landrake
Applicant: Miss Charlotte Eccleston
Grid ref: 236600 / 61989

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It was proposed by Cllr Mathers, seconded by Gingell and unanimously agreed by all Councillors that the Council has no comments but requests further information to prove people have been living at the location for a period of over 10 years .

21:16hrs Cornwall Councillor Martin Worth returned to the meeting.

Cllr G Francis vacated the meeting room.

c. **To consider Landrake with St Erney Parish Council's consultee response for planning application PA22 / 11117.**

Proposal: Erection of a farm building to create an agro-ecological market garden, creation of a small wildlife pond

Location : Twewint Farm, St Erney, Landrake

Applicant: Miss Elinor Willcocks Select

Grid ref: 237175 / 59470

It was proposed by Cllr Mathers that the Parish Council submits a comment raising questions over the tree planting, concerns of access and the visual impact of the landscape. The motion was seconded by Cllr Smeardon and unanimously agreed by all Councillors.

21:22hrs Cllr Francis returned to the meeting.

d. **Update on Cornwall Council planning decisions**

An application was submitted for 'Use of building and land as 'second home' for family overnight stays, amenity and family events and Penmallow Stables, Cuttivet. The Planning Officer requested that the applicant withdraws the application and submits further details.

It was noted the following application had been received.

Proposal: Listed building consent for proposed replacement of first floor landing window on north elevation.

Location : St Erney House, St Erney

Applicant: Neil and Francine Read

Grid ref: 236194 / 59088

It was agreed there were no issues for listed building consent and the Clerk would be delegated to support this application.

50. **Finance (A.I.10)**

a. **To note the Council's bank balance.**

Cllr Gingell reported the balance in the Council's Unity Trust Bank account was £18,785.99

b. **To review the Clerk's finance report.**

The Clerk's Finance report was noted. £200 received from Reeford Manning towards the defibrillator.

c. **Council payments**

Approval of payments as detailed (where applicable amounts include reclaimable V.A.T.)

Recipient	Details	Amount
Karenza Heald	Meeting February 2023 and half journey to drop off paperwork to Cllr Morris	18.00
Karenza Heald	Printing / admin costs including reduced Zoom fee.	4.35
Reeford Manning	Variance maintenance work in the parish: March, April & May 2022: 43 hours June & July 2022: 30 hours September & October 2022: 39 hours	774.00 550.00 702.00
Tim Lamerton	Village maintenance – January 2023	367.50
Value Products Ltd	Road / safety signage	65.40

and to approve any payments received after circulation of the agenda and presented during the Council meeting.

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It was proposed by Cllr Mathers, seconded by Cllr Morris and unanimously agreed by all Councillors to approve the payments as presented. **Resolved.**

- d. **Update on funds received and the earmarked Play Park account.** Noted.
- e. **Update on funds allocated for Climate and Environment Group and approval of expenditure.**
Update received from Cllr Mathers. The Clerk advised £211 is available for environment projects. Tartendown Nurseries have donated a Cherry Tree.
- f. **Grant funding requests and donations:** (to be considered subject to timescales of the meeting)
 - (i) **Review and consider the grant application from the Parochial Church Council**
It was proposed by Cllr Mathers, seconded by Cllr Savery and unanimously agreed by all Councillors to award £700.00 to the Parochial Church Council towards maintenance of the churchyard. **Resolved.**
 - (ii) **Review and consider the grant application from Sir Robert Geffery Hall.**
It was proposed by Cllr Smeardon, seconded by Cllr Mathers and unanimously agreed by all Councillors to award £500 toward the maintenance / increased energy costs of the village hall. **Resolved.**
 - (iii) **Consider other donations.**
Due to time constraints consideration deferred to the next meeting.

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.

- 51. **Recreation Field (A.I.11)**
Update received from Cllr Smeardon.
Cllr Smeardon and Cllr Cartledge-Claus have had a meeting with Landrake youth club members, requests made by the young people regarding what they would like the recreation field to have include:
A Shelter
Bike hills
Skate park (would accept raised ramps of earth)
Picnic area, tables and benches
Out door gym
Edible forest Trees
Nature friendly hedgehog boxes
Eco friendly durable things Dog place,
Fenced area Pet Zoo Swimming pool
Cllr Smeardon requested that members of the PC consider what would be an appropriate budget to enable some of the requests and which ones could be prioritised.
Cllr Gingell asked for Cllrs Smeardon and Cartledge Claus to come back with a proposal and budget for a project which could be implemented quickly, to keep engagement with the youth club and make an immediate improvement.
Cllr Mathers stated that she had tried on several occasions to re-engage with the Ironmongers Company re what the Parish Council could use the Recreation Field for, but had not been able to speak again to her contact there. She will continue to try, as this is impeding progress on the above potential projects and the alternative uses that the Recreation Field could have, considering that use for football is very limited.
- 52. **Village playground and village maintenance (A.I.12)**
Update Cllr Gingell. Mr Tim Lamerton, the Parish Council's approved contractor has successful completed PA1 and PA6 training at Kernow Training. Assessment certificates have been received.
- 53. **Environmental Sustainability Working Group (A.I.13)**
Update from Cllr Mathers. Notes circulated. See appendix 2.
- 54. **Community Network Panel (A.I.14) – next meeting March 15th – it was agreed that Cllr Francis would continue to pursue the £7000 project for 30MPH signage in West Lane.**

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55. **Saltash Area Road Safety (SARS) – Last meeting cancelled** (A.I.15)

56. **A38 Trerulefoot to Carkeel Safety Project:** (A.I.16)

Cllr Francis recommended the Council investigates leasing a piece of land from National Highways at the entrance to the village – it was agreed that Cllr Francis be asked to explore this

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57. **Community Broadband** – surveys of the area have been completed. (A.I.17)

58 **Bullers Arms** (A.I.18)

Actions / Items to note.

59. **Correspondence**

- **Local Government Bulletins**
- **Cornwall Streetworks:** Road closure for Sir Robert Geffery School Cross Country Run on 10th March 2023.
- **National Association of Local Councils:** Chief Executive Bulletin
- **Cornwall Association of Local Councils:** Growing Food Growing Spaces Audit
- **Cornwall Association of Local Councils:** Annual General meeting – 21st February 2023.
- **Cornwall Councillor Martin Worth:** Cornwall Devolution Deal Update. Consultation deadline 9th February 2023 at 18:30.
- **Cornwall Council:** Youth Provision Review
- **Cornwall Council:** Local maintenance Partnership
- **Rural Services Network:** Funding Digest and bulletins.
- **Members of the public**
 - Emails in support of the proposals for yellow lines in Church Street / Tideford Road
 - Emails objecting to the proposals for yellow lines in Church Street / Tideford Road
 - Queries relating to the content minutes of last meeting, in particular the public forum.
 - Queries and objections to the application for the Radio Mast application, particularly the proposed location.
 - Gritting of the roads in the parish.

60. **To go through outstanding actions from the previous meetings. (See supporting document)**
Deferred

61. **Date of next meeting (14th March 2023) and to put forward future items for consideration at the next meeting.**

The meeting closed at 21:45hrs

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Appendix 1: Minute 48: Church Street / Tideford Road Traffic Restrictions

The Council agreed to proceed with yellow lines but to a more limited scope than in the original proposal. A "partial" scheme was discussed taking into consideration the information from Ian Waterfall of Saltash Fire Station, plus all of the documentary and photographic evidence of traffic issues experienced in Church St and Tideford Road, representations from the public including the petition highlighting concerns regarding the impact of the proposed yellow lines on the future viability of the shop / post office.

The Parish Council agreed the following:

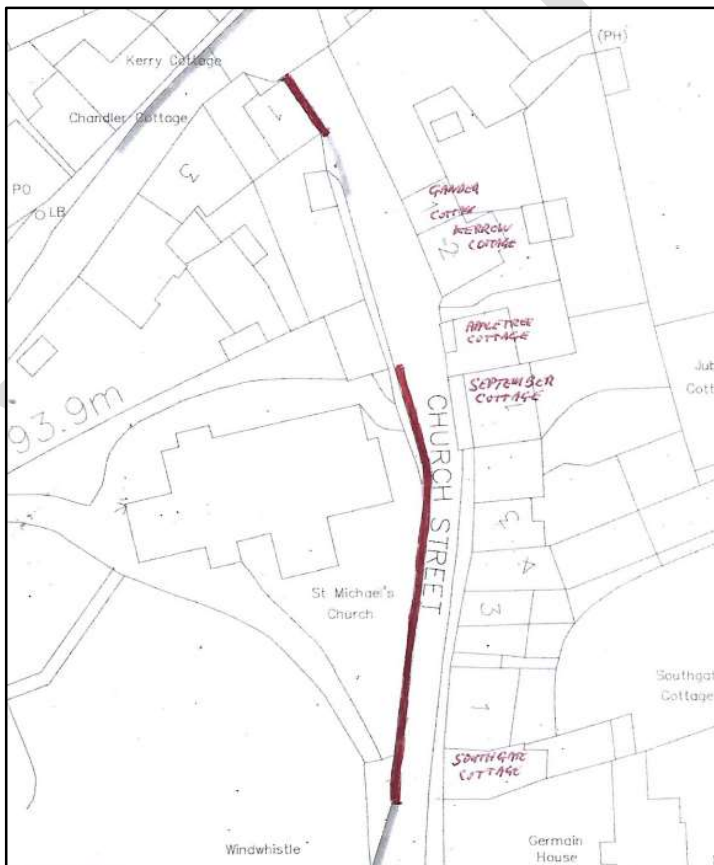
Tideford Road - the Parish Council agreed not to put double yellow lines in Tideford Road.

RATIONALE - Reflecting the strength of community opposition to the proposal regarding the potential effect on the shop and post office which everyone agrees is an essential part of our community.

Church Street – the Parish Council agreed to put double yellow lines in Church Street but with a reduced scope. The yellow lines are proposed in two locations :

- a) By junction with the Square / Tideford Road. – a length of 9 metres to be installed here, which would prevent parking immediately adjacent to the junction;
- b) At the narrowest part of Church Street – yellow lines to run from at the top – the ramp to allow access to the church - to at the bottom – one car's length below the dropped kerb at the lower church gate.

For further clarification please refer to the map below.



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RATIONALE – the main driver for the decision is for emergency vehicle access to be available through Church St at all times. There is no viable alternative access for emergency vehicles and commercial traffic to St Erney / Markwell / Treluggan / Poldrissick if Church St were to be blocked. The revised proposal will result in a reduction of 3 car parking spaces on Church St, and should (if yellow lines are respected) allow access for emergency vehicles and all other traffic at all times. It will also ensure disabled access to the church.

This proposal will make it clear to ALL road users that parking is strictly prohibited in these areas. The Parish Council believes this is the best compromise available, having explored all of the following for a period of over 10 years

- “polite notices” suggesting where not to park (signs have been moved on occasion but have failed to stop the problem)
- White lines – as these are advisory only, frequently ignored
- Traffic cones
- County councillor writing to all residents of Church St encouraging considerate parking

The parish council reluctantly concluded in 2022 (after seeing the video footage of the fire engine struggling to get up Church St), that it was now time to explore double yellow lines.

Appendix 2: LANDRAKE WITH ST ERNEY ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY WORKING GROUP

DRAFT Meeting Notes – of meeting 7th February 2023@ 7:30pm via Zoom

Attendees : Penny Mathers , Mervyn Gingell, Sara Walker, David Landers, Ali

This was a meeting of the working group established at the Parish Council meeting on 9th February 2021.

1. Apologies for absence – Kris Field
2. Approval of notes of meeting–attendees approved the notes of the previous meeting.
3. Trees and plants at Home Park - Ali is planning on doing planting at Homepark on Saturday 11th of February – help would be welcome. Action Penny to put a notice on the community Facebook Page and approach Parish Council for funding. Ali to give Penny a breakdown of costs asap.
4. Offroad walking paths update - no further news from Kathy Smeardon. Reeford to help put up signs at Talvans.
5. Plants to welcome into St Erney below signage. A trough has been donated but needs a wooden support. Action Penny to approach Tim Lamerton for help with this.
6. Iron Mongers Charity – more messages have been left for Col Knaggs and the email has been resent - continuing to hope for a response.
7. Development of entrance to Landrake. Kris had suggested planting in a half boat or something similar to reclaim the entrance, especially in light of the telecom mast planning application. It was felt this was a good idea. Rosemary Savage had offered this sometime ago. Action Penny to chase up.
8. Church Grounds working parties. All are very welcome to come and help for an hour or two – St Erney 4th March, 13th May, 1st July, 2nd of September and the 4th of November. St Michaels – 11th February, 1st April, 3rd June, and 7th October Café and coffee will be provided!
9. Forest for Cornwall – volunteers are requested for 8th of March 10am. Please e-mail Jonathan.warren@cornwall.gov.uk to advise of intention to help.
10. Discussion took place regarding the need to identify some land to help with the parking situation in Landrake. Action Mervyn and Penny
11. Next meeting - 23rd of March 7:30pm on Zoom