



## Landrake & St Erney Parish Council

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### **PUBLIC MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**Present: Councillor Gingell (Chairman)**

**Councillors Barton, Cartledge-Clause, Mathers, Morris, Owen, Smeardon & Walker**

**Also in attendance:**

Christopher Cook - Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer.

Martin Worth – County Councillor

Members of the public: **0**

Members of the public were permitted to speak on each Agenda item for a period of 3 minutes. This meeting was advertised as a public meeting and as such could be filmed or recorded by broadcasters, the media and members of the public. The public were advised that whilst every effort is taken to ensure that members of the public would not be filmed, it could not be guaranteed.

**Minutes 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**120/2024 Chair's Welcome & Announcements**

Cllr Gingell (Chairman) welcomed residents to the Public Meeting of the Parish Council and delivered Health and Safety housekeeping rules.

Social distancing and Covid-19 measures were observed, such as ventilation.

No one intended recording the meeting.

**121 Public participation**

No public participation.

**122 To receive Apologies for Absence and approve the reasons given**

Cllr Savery.

**123 Resignation of Graeme Francis**



The Chairman confirmed receiving a resignation letter dated 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023, and paid tribute to the work which Graeme had done for the Parish Council in recent years, specifically with regards to representation on the Cornwall Area Partnership (CAPs) group and negotiations over the Solomon Browne Room (SBR) and Hall Committee management.

Councillors **Resolved** to note and paid thanks too.

#### **124 Appointment of Vice Chair**

The Chairman outlined the duties and the need for a Vice Chairman and proposed that Councillors consider the position at the Public Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024 when an appointment could be made.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

#### **125 Declarations of Interest**

Councillors **Resolved** that no Councillors declared pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests.

Councillors **Resolved** that no Councillors were liable for written Dispensations or Gifts.

#### **126 Minutes of the Public Meeting held on the 28<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

Minutes 28<sup>th</sup> November 2023 - Proposed Cllr Walker, seconded Cllr Morris.  
5 agreed, 3 abstentions.

Councillors **Resolved** to approve the draft Minutes.

#### **127 Matters arising from the draft Minutes for report purposes only.**

None.

#### **128 A Report from Cornwall Councillor Martin Worth**

Cllr Worth reiterated the Chairman's comments regarding Graeme Francis, adding that his Councillor qualities had been of the highest order.

Cllr Worth updated Councillors as follows.

- Cornwall Council Budget & Council Tax levels under review with central Government funding reducing.
- Finance reviews to include School transport, Housing and Adult Social Care. All services under pressure to deliver.
- Cornwall Council revenue generation to include increasing of Licensing fees and income from 2<sup>nd</sup> home owners. Implementation date late 2024.



- The Tourism report from 'Visit Cornwall' shows a lack of tourism in the Tamar Valley. Recommendations to be made to attract visitors during the 6 - 8week period when visitor numbers are down and highlight walking and outdoor pursuits not just 'bucket & spade' breaks. Concerns shown over the increase in the number of Air B&Bs and lack of Council Tax revenue from 2<sup>nd</sup> home owners.
- Cornwall Council financial pressures to repair and maintain a Housing stock of 10,000. Shortage of trade persons and long lead in period for repairs to be completed.
- Cornwall demographics to increase from ½ million to nearly ¾ million. Cornwall attracts new residents who able to work from home.

Councillors questioned whether the infrastructure could maintain the increase in the population. Councillors asked whether the local bus route to include Landrake and frequency of journeys had been agreed. Cllr Worth confirmed that buses, including school buses were still under review but likely to have a positive outcome.

Councillors **Resolved** to note this report.

### 130 Finance

#### A Accounts for Payment January 2024

Cllr Cartledge-Clause proposed, Cllr Owen seconded the approval of the Accounts for payment in the sum of **£3,802.65**. All agreed.

Councillors **Resolved** to approve the accounts for payment.

#### B Bank reconciliation and Earmarked Funds (EMF)

The Unity Trust bank balance was reported as **£16,715.43**  
The Nationwide Earmarked Funds as **£51,945.74 (excluding December interest)**  
EMF £26,945.74 & Sir Robert Geffery Hall (SGR) £25,000 total £51,945.74

Cllr Gingell (Chairman) reported that the 'Menhenick Christmas Lights Show' realised donations of **£486.00** and this receipt would be added to the ringfenced budget for donations / fundraising.

Refer to Finance report at [www.landrakeparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.landrakeparishcouncil.gov.uk)

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

### 131 Planning <http://planning.cornwall.gov.uk/online-applications>

**New Planning Applications – None received**

**Planning Application Decisions – None received**



### **Planning Application for Information – None received**

### **Planning Applications received after Agenda published – None received**

The Clerk outlined the new procedure to deal with considering Planning Applications from 2024 and time lines following instruction from Cornwall Council Planning.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

#### **132 Recreation Field**

Cllr Mathers advised that she was in contact with the Headteacher at the (SRG) School to engage with pupils regarding an Ecological group to discuss matters in connection with the Recreation Field. Cllr Williams agreed to support Cllr Mathers in establishing a link between the School and the Parish Council.

Penny Mathers confirmed that contact had been made with the IRONMONGERS, school governors from London, on updating the lease of the community football/recreation field at the top of Pound Hill, with the view to extending the length of the lease, and the possibility of changing the use of the field into a more recreational area, instead of just a football field. Penny confirmed that she had also been in discussion with the head teacher Mr O'Hara about engaging the school children in this field's potential development. It was agreed that Dawn Morris and Kathy Smeardon would help Penny with this project.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

### **County Cllr Martin Worth left the Meeting**

#### **133 Village Playground and village maintenance**

Cllr Gingell (Chairman) advised that there were no major issues to report, other than the central sleeping policeman at the parking bays which were being vandalised by children. Steps would be taken to strengthen the sleeping policeman post.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

#### **134 Environmental Sustainability working group**

Cllr Walker proposed renaming the Report to 'Environmental Sustainability'

Councillors **Resolved** to note and all agreed.

#### **135 Cornwall Area Partnerships (CAPs)**

Cllr Smeardon agreed to be the Parish Council representative for the (CAPs) Project.



**ACTION:** The Clerk to update Cllr Smeardon with details of Meetings and Minutes of Meetings when they arise. The last (CAPs) Agenda dated 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023 had previously been distributed to Councillors for information.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

### **136 Saltash Area Road Safety (SARS)**

In the absence of Cllr Savery, Cllr Smeardon advised that there had been no (SARS) Meeting for some time. A Meeting date for 2024 was awaited.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

### **137 A38 Trerulefoot to Carkeel Safety Project**

Cllr Owen agreed to be the Parish Council representative for the A38 Project.

**ACTION:** The Clerk to update Cllr Owen with details of Meetings and Minutes of Meetings when they arise.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

### **138 Councillor casual vacancy**

The Chairman advised that the Council have placed a Notice informing residents that a vacancy exists on the Council. The Notice period to call an election ends 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024. If no Election is called the Council may progress to filling the Councillor position by co-option during February / March 2024.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

### **139 Clerk's items**

The Clerk advised that the schedule of Meeting dates for 2024 had been distributed to Councillors and placed on the Parish Council website [www.landrakeparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.landrakeparishcouncil.gov.uk)

### **140 Correspondence**

The Chairman advised that a letter of thanks, not listed on the agenda, had been received from Landrake foodbank thanking the Council for the £50 donation given towards Christmas hampers for residents of Landrake. Councillors appreciated the note of thanks.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

### **141 Date of next meeting**

The next Meeting of the Council will be the **Public Meeting** on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 7:00pm at the Sir Robert Geffery Memorial Hall, (COVID safe) Landrake.



The Parish Council would continue to follow any instructions from CALC concerning the COVID -19 situation in connection with forthcoming Public Meetings. The choice to meet face to face was now an option with safety guidelines applying.

Please refer to [www.landrakeparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.landrakeparishcouncil.gov.uk) for further details.

## 142 End of meeting 20:17

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**Signed**  
**(Chairman)**

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**Date**

### Hall Committee briefing – Sir Robert Geffery Hall (sole Trustees)

The Hall Chairman Mervyn Gingell updated Councillors concerning the dialogue with Wellers Hedleys solicitors and the options proposed by Graeme Francis concerning the (SBR) project. Mervyn also confirmed that plans were awaited from the current Architect concerning the (SBR) room. Funding has already been secured to pay for Architect fees.

Implications of a Lease between the Hall Committee and the (SBR) are becoming confused and the solicitors had altered their stance and the possibility of a Lease being put in place. There was also the Charity Association status to consider.

The solution of the Council forming a management committee to manage the (SBR) and be in a position to apply for grant funding may be the best option moving forward.

Councillors wished to maintain Hall income from parties and receptions etc, and to work in partnership with the local Public House. Hall hire charges to be reviewed.

The Clerk provided a briefing note to Councillors.

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