



Landrake & St Erney Parish Council

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PUBLIC MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Tuesday 13th February 2024

Present: Councillor Gingell (Chairman)

Councillors Barton, Cartledge-Clause, Mathers, Savery & Walker

Also in attendance:

Christopher Cook - Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer.

Martin Worth – County Councillor

Members of the public: **2**

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 13th February 2024

143/2024 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.

144 Public participation

No public participation.

145 To receive Apologies for Absence and approve the reasons given

Cllrs Morris, Owen & Smeardon.



146 Appointment of Vice Chair

The Chairman outlined the duties and the need for a Vice Chairman and explained that the position need not be onerous.

Cllr Walker was proposed by Cllr Barton, seconded by Cllr Cartledge-Claus. All agreed.

Councillors **Resolved** to appoint Cllr Sara Walker as Vice Chair until the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council 14th May 2024.

Cllr Walker signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office form.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

147 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.

148 Minutes of the Public Meeting held on the 9th January 2024

Minutes 9th January 2024 - Proposed Cllr Barton, seconded Cllr Mathers.
5 agreed, 1 abstention, subject to amendment at Item 132 below.

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

149 Matters arising from the draft Minutes for report purposes only.

Item 132 amended to read Cllr Walker and not Cllr Williams.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

150 A Report from Cornwall Councillor Martin Worth

Cllr Worth reported as follows-

Tamar Crossings

The details on the Item 7. Tamar Crossings Item 8 The Budget can be found via this link.

[Agenda for Cornwall Council on Tuesday, 20th February, 2024, 10.30 am - Cornwall Council](#)

Waste Contract

The presentation on the new Waste Contract

Live updates via this link and the details of the next local roadshows

[New food waste, recycling and rubbish service - Cornwall Council](#)

[Talk to us face-to-face at a community roadshow - Cornwall Council](#)

Cllr Mathers enquired how Tetra Pack recycling will work with the new scheme and Councillors asked whether all new refuse bins should be distributed if some residents have no need for them. Cllr Worth would ask the recycling Team these questions.



Budget

The Budget report I mentioned as of 22/1/24 showing the need for £20m to be drawn from reserves

The letter from Michael Gove MP today which gave us approx. a £5m improvement

The final vote on the budget will be at Full Council on 20st Feb 2024

Council tax will be expected to be at 4.99% increase.

Streetlights

A link to the decision for Cornwall Council to start turning off the lights in selected Parishes in Cornwall will be rolled out during January & February 2024 can be viewed here. Information has been posted to social media viz-

If you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact streetlighting@cornwall.gov.uk.

[Report a problem with a street light or illuminated sign - Cornwall Council](#)

Police

The new Police group was attended with the Neighbourhoods Team.

Tourism

Meeting chaired on 9th January 2024 [Agenda for Economic Growth and Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee on Tuesday, 9th January, 2024, 10.00 am - Cornwall Council](#)


You will note the report that I mentioned


EGSC/40 Member Inquiry - Cornwall Council's role in the development of a sustainable tourism sector

 PDF 963 KB

- [View the background to item EGSC/40](#)
- [View the decision for item EGSC/40](#)

Additional documents:

· [Sustainable Tourism Inquiry Appendix 1 , item EGSC/40](#)
 PDF 5 MB

· [Sustainable Tourism Inquiry Appendix 2 , item EGSC/40](#)
 PDF 590 KB

Minutes:

The Chairman of the Inquiry Panel introduced the report stating that between September and December 2023 several Councillors from the Committee were tasked with undertaking the



Sustainable Tourism Inquiry and producing a policy that would make a difference to Cornwall in the future. He reflected on the number of people directly or indirectly employed within the tourism sector and the impact tourism had on natural resources, the indigenous population and the importance of Cornwall Council taking a leadership role in this process. He outlined the principle of Cornwall's population and place being a welcoming host to its visitors and the relationship between the indigenous population and the visiting population being of absolute mutual benefit and not one sided but a symbiotic relationship. He highlighted the importance of Cornwall's uniqueness, space and culture and Cornwall Council's stewardship role.

The Economic Growth Manager gave a Powerpoint presentation outlining the following:

- Inquiry process.
- Visitor Economy – businesses.
- Visitor Economy – gross value added.
- Employees in the visitor economy.
- Accommodation and food services.
- Employees in accommodation and food 2.
- Visit Cornwall – modelled visitor data.
- Seasonality of the Tourism Economy
- Overview of the recommendations.

Questions and discussion points made by the Committee, included the following:

- (i) The importance of encouraging tourism into the lesser known and lesser visited places and the ability for towns to advertise to expand tourism in these lesser visited places.
- (ii) Clarification on how the TV and film industry were being supported.
- (iii) Clarification sought with regards to recommendation 5 and the importance that the LVEP should not, necessarily be business lead, nor any presumptions made on how revenue was generated. It was noted that sustainable, regenerative and inclusive tourism should be good for both business and all those who lived in Cornwall to ensure sustainable, regenerative and inclusivity.
- (iv) The importance that tourism is sustainable for all and not just for tourism and the importance of managing tourism to ensure a sustainable economy and the wellbeing of those who lived in Cornwall.
- (v) Concern at the current VAT thresholds which had a detrimental impact on tax payers.



- (vi) The importance of recognising the negative impacts of tourism including online booking platforms.
- (vii) Consideration to future revenue generating proposals e.g. a tourism tax.
- (viii) Concern at recommendation 8 and the importance that any changes to school timetabling were based on sound educational reasons and not economic growth.
- (ix) Clarification on the ability for hotels/holiday villages to modernise to provide accommodation more tailored to the needs of today's tourists to increase their attractiveness in order to reduce the need for people to rent out private houses to the detriment of the local population.
- (x) The importance of learning from the National Trust on how it operates.
- (xi) The importance of spreading tourism across the whole year and not just the peak season.
- (xii) Clarification on whether the basic wage for tourism included gratuities.
- (xiii) The benefits of the upgrading the A30 for towns such as Camborne and Redruth. ... [view the full minutes text for item EGSC/40](#)

Councillors **Resolved** to note this report.

151 Finance

A Accounts for Payment February 2024

Cllr Mathers proposed, Cllr Walker seconded the approval of the Accounts for payment in the sum of **£1,268.26**. 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 **£15,418.02**

The Nationwide Earmarked Funds as **£52,111.18 (excluding January interest)**

EMF £27,111.18 & Sir Robert Geffery Hall (SGR) £25,000 total £52,111.18

Cllr Gingell (Chairman) reported that the 'Menhenick Christmas Lights Show' realised donations of **£486.00** and this receipt is included in the sum of £15,418.02 but will be transferred to the Nationwide (EMF) accounts at year end.

Refer to Finance report at www.landrakeparishcouncil.gov.uk

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

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



New Planning Applications – Two received

Application PA24/00164

Proposal Store room with a veranda over the top, at rear of the property
From Kitchen

Location 14 Adams Beck Landrake Saltash Cornwall

Grid Ref 237622 / 60524

Councillors noted that no objections to the development had been made on the Planning portal, and that the proposed store veranda appeared identical to the neighbouring store veranda. The alignment and height of the veranda was noted as acceptable.

Cllr Gingell (Chairman) proposed, Cllr Walker (Vice Chair) seconded support for the application. All agreed.

Councillors Resolved to SUPPORT Planning application PA24/00164

Application PA24/00603

Proposal Change of use of holiday letting accommodation to form 3
residential dwellings & associated works

Location Markwell Farm Barns Landrake Saltash Cornwall

Grid Ref 236849 / 58505

Councillors noted the proposed change of use from holiday accommodation to residential accommodation. It was unclear from the application as to whether the development would consist of 3 or 2 residential dwellings or whether they would be for rental or private sale.

Councillors noted that traffic flow would increase and that Planning should consider the parking restrictions in the area.

Cllr Cartledge-Claus proposed, Cllr Walker (Vice Chair) seconded support for the application subject to inclusion of comments surrounding the number of intended dwellings and the parking restrictions comment . All agreed.

Councillors Resolved to SUPPORT Planning application PA24/00603 subject to conditions mentioned above

Planning Application Decisions – None received

Planning Application for Information – None received



Planning Applications received after Agenda published – None received

Councillors **Resolved** to note all Planning matters.

153 Recreation Field

Cllr Mathers advised that a meeting with Landrake school was planned for the 8th March 2024 to engage with pupils concerning the future use of the Recreation field at Pound Hill. Cllr Walker (Vice Chair) agreed to support Cllr Mathers along with another resident from the Parish.

The Parish Council would like to submit a plan for approval from the Worshipful Company of Ironmongers-

- Seating and picnic areas as an outdoor classroom.
- Earth ramp for scooters and bikes.
- Small orchard – Pear, plums & apples.
- Forest raised beds for herbs and soft fruit.
- Information boards to identify trees and plants for children’s education.
- Dog walking area. Circular walk area created via the Pillaton and Blunts Lane. Access gates would need to be made available.
- Activity areas – trim trails, outdoor gym equipment, scramble nets etc.
- Wild flower area.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

154 Village Playground and village maintenance

Cllr Gingell (Chairman) advised that the central sleeping policeman at the parking bays which were previously vandalised by children at the playground entrance had been attended to. The bollards are now left in the ‘up’ position permanently.

Tim Lamerton, contractor, had recently tidied up the lane from the A38 past Marquands leading into Landrake, as a quantity of rubbish had been left in the lane.

Cllr Walker (Vice Chair) advised that under the ‘open gardens’ project, proceedings would be split 50/50 between the St. Lukes Hospice and funding for the playground.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

155a Environmental Sustainability

See Item 153 above.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

155b EV Charger



Cllr Walker (Vice Chair) advised that she had investigated the Cornwall Council EV programme and felt that, with sufficient charging points available at the Carkeel roundabout and Saltash Co-op car park, no other points would be necessary in the vicinity at the moment.

Cllr Gingell (Chairman) advised that he had investigated suitable charging areas in Landrake that were either Parish owned land and other locations where ownership was not known or owned by the Highways. The (SRG) Hall Committee considered that it would not be suitable to instal a charging point immediately outside of the Memorial Hall due to parking restrictions. Cllr Mathers advised that the cost of the charging point may also be restrictive to residents.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

156 Cornwall Area Partnerships (CAPs)

The next planned (CAPS) Meeting is the 5th March 2024.

ACTION: The Clerk to update Cllr Smeardon with the (CAPS) Agenda when distributed.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

157 Saltash Area Road Safety (SARS)

No Meeting planned. Cllr Savery to contact Derek Holley (SARS) Chairman.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

158 A38 Trerulefoot to Carkeel Safety Project

No report.

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

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

159 Clerk's items

The Clerk advised the following-

Financial Regulations (NALC 2017) review (awaiting update from NALC)

S.137 briefing note (Councillors to note funding levels for the Parish)

Code of Conduct training – Zoom 27th February 2024 6:30pm

Local Plan Planning training – Teams 28th February 2024 4pm to 5:30pm

Councillors expressed an interest to attend the Code of Conduct training.

ACTION: The Clerk to provide registration details to Councillors interested in the training.

ACTION: The Clerk to review the Council's training programme.



160 Correspondence

None.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

161 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

To **Resolve** that pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the public and press leave the meeting because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

162 Casual Vacancy applications

Cllr Gingell (Chairman) advised that no applications to fill the Councillor vacancy had been received.

It was proposed by the Chairman that the Council readvertise between April and June 2024 after Annual Parish Meetings had taken place. Councillors agreed.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

163 Public Bodies

To **Resolve** that the public and press be re-admitted to the meeting.

164 Date of next meeting

The next Meeting of the Council will be the **Public Meeting** on Tuesday 12th March 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 for further details.

165 End of meeting 20:40

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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-

The appointed Architect provided a power-point display of the proposed design for the Solomon Brown Room (SBR) and other amendments including a storeroom. The Architect felt that the plans could be submitted as a Planning Application to Cornwall Council in a few weeks after a few points had been reviewed such as (SBR) internal dimensions and installation of solar panels. The bat survey in the Hall roof space had been completed and no implications affecting wildlife were apparent.

The existing grant from the Levelling Up fund would be used to settle Architect fees and Quantity Surveyor fees.

The Parish Council as trustees legally had the ownership of the (SBR) but clarification was required from Cornwall Council regarding suitability of the Parish Council applying for further grant funding.

Much would hinge on the implications of a Lease between the Hall Committee and the (SBR) and clarification from the Solicitors regarding a possible Lease being put in place was awaited. Alternatively, a Management Team would have to be formed to run the (SBR) There was also the Charity Association status to consider. Mention was made of the Insurance cover afforded by the Parish Council and the (SRG) Hall Committee and whether the two Policies could be combined. Insurance could not be addressed until the Legal aspect had been finalised and it was recommended that Insurance renewals progress as normal from April 2024 subject to review in due course.

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

Legal position

Cllr Gingell (Chairman) advised Councillors of the following Legal bullet points requiring clarification from Weller Hedley

- Grant of a Lease to the (SBR) by the Parish Council to the Village Hall Trustees enabling integration into the Village Hall Charity for the duration of the Lease. Village Hall Trustees would be responsible for maintenance and upkeep and would be able to apply for grants on the strength of the Lease.
- Not legally possible for the Parish Council (as Local Authority) to grant a Lease to the Parish Council as Custodian Trustee.
- A Lease should be granted to a Third Party who would act as Custodian or Holding Trustee.
- A Licence was not appropriate as Legally it did not give the Village Hall sufficient legal interest in the (SBR).

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