



Landrake & St Erney Parish Council

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PUBLIC MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Tuesday 10th September 2024

Present: Councillor Gingell (Chairman)

Councillors: Barton, Cartledge-Claus, Hooper, Mathers, Morris, Owen & Savery,

Also in attendance:

Christopher Cook - Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer.

Martin Worth – County Councillor

Members of the public: **1**

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 10th September 2024

275/2024 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.

276 Public participation

A resident mentioned that there had been an increase in dog-fouling incidents at the Landrake Church yard since permitting dog walking if dogs are kept on a leash. A nasty incident had occurred during grass strimming. It was generally accepted that with the increase in dog ownership over the past few years, dog fouling had become more regular in the village generally.

An article will be placed in the Saltash Church Ministry Parish Newsletter to draw attention to this matter, along with a Facebook post.



Cllr Gingell (Chairman) pointed out that there are sufficient dog waste bins in the village which are emptied once a week by Biffa.

Cllr Worth mentioned that dog fouling incidents can be registered with Cornwall Council at enquiries@cornwallcouncil.gov.uk. Anyone reporting such a matter should have firm prove, as a Fixed Penalty Notice fine of £100 can be issued to the dog owner.

There are still active Public Space Protection Orders that relate to dog fouling, links as follows-

Dog fouling-Cornwall Council

Report a dog owner for allowing their dog to foul in a public area – Cornwall Council

We're Watching You! Anti-dog fouling campaign – Cornwall Council

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

277 To receive Apologies for Absence and approve the reasons given

Cllrs Walker (Vice Chair) – (holiday), Cllr Smeardon (resignation).

Cllr Gingell (Chairman) stated that a letter from Kathy Smeardon had been received, and he thanked her for the service that she had given to the Parish Council especially on the Cornwall Area Partnership group as the Council representative. The Chairman would be sending a letter of thanks to Kathy. Kathy also offered comments on the following subjects to assist the Parish Council moving forward-

- Policy areas
- Economy
- Transport
- Design
- Community
- Recreation area
- Landscape
- Heritage
- Wildlife

Councillors appreciated receiving this information.

Cllr Gingell (Chairman) pointed out that with effect from October 2024 the Council will be entering the pre-Election period for the 1st May 2025 Local Elections, therefore they would be unable to co-opt another Councillor and that the full complement would remain at 9.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

278 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.



279 To approve and sign as a correct record the draft Minutes of the Public Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 9th July 2024 (LGA 1972 sch.12.para 41(1))

Minutes (draft) 9th July 2024 - Proposed Cllr Hooper, seconded Cllr Owen.
6 agreed, 2 abstentions.

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

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

No matters arising.

281 A Report from Cornwall Councillor Martin Worth

Cllr Worth advised regarding the Cornwall White Paper v9, the Saltash Tunnel maintenance programme and the Saltash (HWRC) refuse tip arrangements-

Town & Parish Councillors

I would like to draw attention to the White Paper being publicly discussed today in the [Agenda for Corporate Finance and Performance Overview and Scrutiny Committee on Tuesday, 10th September, 2024, 10.00 am - Cornwall Council](#)

I would hope that councillors can read through the document [Proposed Cornwall White Paper - Appendix 1.pdf](#)

I wanted to draw attention to the specific mentions on Page 16 & 17 for SE Cornwall, A38, Saltash and Tamar Crossings which I have played a part in ensuring were included. **Cornwall's strategic transport network including the A30 and A38, is essential to driving exports and supporting a functioning economy. The Tamar crossings provide a vital connection for residents and businesses in South East Cornwall to essential health, employment, business and education services. Western Europe's largest naval base and dockyard could not function without the Torpoint Ferry providing an essential connection between the base on the east bank of the river and the fuel stores, training base and living quarters in Torpoint. The Torpoint ferry is the only ferry in the country which runs 24 hours per day. Saltash and Torpoint are the only towns in the country to be separated from their nearest hospital by a toll.**

An annual contribution from the Government towards the maintenance of the Tamar crossings and the trunk road network to ensure the sustainability of this critical public infrastructure.

Delivery of the A38 safety package to ensure a safe resilient network to protect the economy of South East Cornwall and the wider region.

This document is a live document as you can see we are already on V.9. It will continue to evolve with our council's discussions with the Dept Prime Minister, Government & MPs.

Please also see the joint cross-party letter that has already gone to the Dept Prime Minister on the proposed Devolution Deal. Signed by Cornwall Councillor Group Leaders and MPs. [Proposed Cornwall White Paper - Appendix 3.pdf](#)



Saltash Tunnel technology upgrade details can be found at-

www.nationalhighways.co.uk/saltashtunnel

X (formally Twitter) @HighwaysSWest

Facebook HighwaysSWest

Saltash HWRC.

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/council-news/transport-streets-and-waste/new-booking-system-to-reduce-queues-at-newquay-and-saltash-household-recycling-centres/>

Saltash HWRC will be soft launching the system on Monday 9 September. From this date all visitors will be asked to book but during the initial 3 weeks of the soft launch we will not turn anyone away from site

This will give the opportunity to advertise the new system and provide residents with a link to the online booking form <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/tipbooking> or telephone number 03001234141 for those unable to book online

Booking slots will be 30 minutes and can be made for the same day or up to a week in advance

Residents can cancel their bookings

Saltash HWRC refuse tip book to make an appointment 'book a slot' at-

www.cornwall.gov.uk/tipbooking

Telephone 0300 1234 141

Saltash (HWRC) waste tip queuing times are to be addressed along with improvements to the site. Currently being addressed by Saltash Town Council following complaints.

Gilston Road (exit from Lidl's) under review to improve traffic flow.

Councillors **Resolved** to note this report.

282 Finance

A Accounts for Payment September 2024

Cllr Gingell (Chairman) pointed out that an invoice had been received from Mr Bridgman for hedge trimming at the Recreation Field and requested that under delegatory powers that the sum of £174 be added to the Payments schedule for approval in the sum of £1,855.52 (Total sum £2,029.52). The additional amount would be amended by the RFO on the Finance report for the 21st October 2024.



The Accounts for payment were proposed Cllr Gingell (Chairman), seconded Cllr Barton. All agreed and Councillors **Resolved** to approve the additional payment.

Councillors **Resolved** to approve payments for September.

B Bank reconciliation and Earmarked Funds (EMF)

Unity Trust bank balance - £26,614 (includes £486 receipt for Christmas Lights & Open Gardens / Playpark Coffee Club receipts £734 + £100) In total £1,320 funds to be transferred to Nationwide (EMF) Reserves account. Transfers to action before 31/3/25.

Nationwide balance (EMF funds) = £28,399 including July/August 2024 interest. The Sir Robert Geffery Hall reserve account £25,000 was transferred to the Landrake Parish Council Unity Trust Bank account 27th August 2024.

The total Unity Bank Trust reconciliation account balance is £51,614 Total receipts 2024 / 2025 £47,842 (Unity Trust) & £941 (Nationwide)

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

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

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

New Planning Applications – One received

Application PA24/06262

Proposal Construction of single storey extension to create orangery style room

Location Hedgerow Cottage Pound Hill Landrake Saltash

Grid Ref 237305 / 60733

Cllr Hooper proposed, Cllr Barton seconded support for the planning application. All 8 agreed.

Councillors agreed to support Planning Application PA24/06262

Planning Application Decisions – Three received

Application PA24/03052

Proposal Single storey rear extension

Location 7 Geffery Close Landrake Saltash Cornwall PL12 5HA

Grid Ref 237480 / 60645

Decision – Approved 11th July 2024



Application PA24/03147

Proposal Complete refurbishment and renovation of existing abandoned dwelling house, without compliance of condition2 of decision PA22 / 01845 dated 12/07/2022

Location The Barn Cuttivett Landrake Saltash Cornwall PL12 5AW

Grid Ref 236053 / 62369

Decision – Approved 17th July 2024

Application PA24/04607

Proposal Application for lawful Development Certificate for an existing Use for siting of 14 mobile homes (with extensions) and continued occupation for residential purposes

Location Coombe Lynher Landrake Saltash Cornwall

Grid Ref 236670 / 62665

Decision – Approved 28th August 2024 (granted CAADS, PIPS & LUS only)

Planning Application for Information – None received

Planning Applications received after Agenda published – None received

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

284 Recreation Field

The report previously provided by Cllr Mathers identifying projects listed below would be further promoted in the Landrake (SRG) School Newsletter.

This included:

- Earth ramp for scooters and bikes
- Small Orchard – pear, apple and plum
- Eatable forest raised beds for herbs and soft fruit
- Area for dogs to run
- Wildflower areas
- Activity Trim trails
- Seating and picnic areas

A few Parishioners had contacted the Parish Clerk and it was hoped that a Project steering group could be set up. Cllr Mathers would be involved but would expect a Resident to lead the steering group. Councillors approved of the formation of a Steering Group.



Councillors **Resolved** to note.

285 Village Playground and village maintenance

Cllr Gingell (Chairman) stated that Mr Bridgman had carried out hedge trimming works to the Recreation Field, and that some residents in the Village were still using the picnic area.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

286 Cornwall Area Partnerships (CAPs)

Cllr Savery reported that she had been unable to attend the most recent (CAPs) meeting, but would be attending the 'Listening to Residents' presentation by the Leader for Cornwall Council, due to be held 8th October 2024 at 7.00pm in the Saltash Guildhall.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

287 A38 Trerulefoot to Carkeel Safety Project

Cllr Owen attended the July meeting reporting that the new Labour member for Parliament was aware of the initiatives of the A38 Project and wished to take forward the proposal of introducing Speed Cameras as previously agreed.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

288 Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)

No report.

289 Chairman's items

Cllr Gingell (Chairman) advised that the Project Manager for the National Highways Planning had contacted the Parish Council in connection with the A38 Landrake Weather Station. The previous planned site meeting with Mr Aldridge and Councillors did not take place and that National Planning have reassessed their views on the suitability of the siting of the weather station due to connectivity with BT cables etc. The Tideford Lane area is deemed the most suitable location for the weather station even though this is not the preferred choice for the Parish Council. A site meeting will be rearranged.

Agenda items for the Public Meeting 21st October 2024

- Christmas Lights arrangements
- Home Park – Cllr Savery

The Chairman addressed the resignation letter from Cllr Smeardon at Item 277 (apologies).

The following Councillors were appointed to review the draft Budget 2025 / 2026.

- Cllr Gingell (Chairman)
- Cllr Owen



- Cllr Hooper

Councillors **Resolved** to note and agreed the Finance review team.

290 Clerk's items

290 (a) Solomon Browne Room

Cllr Gingell (Chairman) proposed that the Deed granting a lease in legal title transferring the (SBR) owned by Landrake with St Erney PC to the Trustees of the Sir Robert Geffery Memorial Hall charity and the execution of the transfer of registered title document (TR1) be discussed under the Sole Trustees meeting after the Public Meeting.

Cllr Barton proposed, Cllr Morris seconded. All agreed.

Councillors **Resolved** to move the item as described.

290 (b) Unity Bank Charges

The RFO advised Councillors that the Unity Bank Trust would be moving their regular bank charges from a quarterly basis to a monthly basis from 22nd September 2024. Current quarterly charges are £18, but it is not known what the monthly charge will be. The monthly Finance Report will be updated accordingly to record Bank charges.

290 (c) Markwell Farm – see Item 291 and the response received in respect to the issues raised by Cllrs Mathers & Savery

The Clerk advised that instructions had been received from the Deputy County Officer in connection with the Local Elections 2025 and would issue a revised Schedule of Public Meetings for 2025 in November considering the date that new Councillors would take office and to provide for an Annual Meeting of the Parish Council window.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

291 Correspondence & Any other business

Good Evening Chris

Further to our telephone conversation today and in response to your letter dated 10th July 2024. We hope to assure the Parish Council that we too wish to work together with the residents of Landrake and St Erney. We work alongside contractors and therefore we are not in a position to dictate or control their drivers, although we can, and do, remind them of the importance to take care on parish lanes. With regards to speed, when hauling crops, grass and maize silage or transporting farmyard manures, it is impossible to travel at more than 20mph on any part of the stretch between the A38 and Markwell. We would like to invite yourself, or your Chairman, to travel the said route with one of our drivers. An opportunity to demonstrate the speed that the tractors are capable of reaching. We understand that modern farm machinery seems vast to someone who may be at the roadside and therefore gives the impression that it is travelling at considerable speed, yet this is not the case. Weather is a heavily contributing factor. We would not choose to be working during



unsociable hours, however, at times it is a case of doing what the weather allows, often in short windows of time, to avoid the spoiling of crops or grass and maize silages. In response to your suggested considerations; • Our staff are aware of the need to travel with care and attention throughout any of the villages in which we operate, including Landrake. We continue to reiterate to them that we have every intention of retaining a good working relationship with parishioners. • It would be great for 20mph signs to be erected where the PC deem necessary and drivers would need to adhere to such signage. As previously noted, our tractors and implements cannot exceed this speed, which we hope you will be forthcoming to see in person from inside the cab! • When we first commenced the tenancy at Markwell we posted an introductory message to Facebook explaining who we were, what we do and what the village were likely to expect from our activities, and from then on we regularly posted when we were due to have more activity in and out of the village, however, this was met with some extremely negative and ill-informed responses. From then we have posted offering for people to private message if they have queries, concerns or even genuine interests in our farming practices and have posted offering parishioners the opportunity to visit the farm, no one has yet taken us up on the offer! I would like to note that we have received some really lovely, positive feedback from many residents, however it is somewhat a case of 'spoilt for many by a few'. That being said, we are willing to recommence the posts to Facebook on a trial basis throughout the remainder of our 2024 harvest. We already have a list of understanding residents who have messaged privately asking for notifications in order for them to avoid dog walking/ horse riding etc. to which we now direct message before heavier traffic periods. • If the PC wishes to commence a Whatsapp Group or compile a list of telephone numbers for us to contact in a text group, we are very much in support of this. Could we please request that these groups strictly be used for the purpose of notifications. Should the PC have any other suggestions, or should the committee wish to visit our dairy unit, a Duchy of Cornwall farm situated near Landulph, to better understand what we do and how activities at Markwell play a valuable part in our farming enterprise, please let us know. We would welcome the opportunity.

Both Cllrs Mathers & Savery appreciated the response listed above, however, still wished the issues of prior notification of tractor movements and requested that a whats app group be set up by Rebecca Best so that interested parties could be kept aware of movements.

Cllr Mathers & Savery to provide the Parish Clerk with specific wording for a letter to be sent.

Councillors **Resolved** to note all matters and await the Action.

292 Date of next meeting

The next Meeting of the Council will be the **Finance Meeting** on **Monday 21st October 2024** at 7:00pm in the Sir Robert Geffery Memorial Hall (covid safe).

The Public Meeting planned for the 8th October 2024 has been cancelled and replaced with a Meeting on the 21st October 2024 of the Finance Committee to address the Parish Council's Budget 2025/2026.



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.

293 End of meeting 20:50

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Signed (Chairman)

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Date

Sir Robert Geffery Hall – Sole Trustees meeting.

Cllr Gingell (Chairman) advised Councillors that the Lease Assignment document between the Landlord (Landrake with St.Erney Parish Council) and the Tenant (Trustees of the (SRG Hall Committee), along with the HM Land Registry TR1 form had been received from Wellers Hedley Solicitors. Subject to a few minor amendments to both the Lease & TR1 form are ready to executed today 10th September 2024.

Cllr Gingell (Chairman) updated as follows-

- £10,000 grant for solar panels needs to be used imminently.
- The roof to the (SBR) is the best place to site the solar panels
- The (SBR) roof needs replacing and joists replaced
- The Hall Committee are seeking a local workforce and contractors to give of their time.
- The whole refurbishment project hinges on an oreganery being constructed to join up the annexe to the Hall.
- The (SBR) Committee meets 12th September to consider the toilet refurbishment at circa £9,000 to £10,000.
- The (SRG) £25,000 reserve now residing in the Parish Council Unity Trust Bank account needs to be ringfenced as a reserve to serve as match funding for grant applications.

The Parish Council are asked to assist with funding the following works and associated expenditure, with a request that the Parish Council use general reserves £2,000 and a sum of £3,000 to be transferred from the Nationwide (EMF) Fund.



A **Motion** to be brought to the Public Meeting 21st October 2024 to cover the financial transactions mentioned above and to assist with funding-

- Electrical installation and Boiler work
- Woodworm in the roof space to be treated
- (SBR) roof joists to be reinstated
- Fire alarm system upgrade
- Plumbing work in the toilet block

Cllr Mathers proposed, Cllr Cartledge-Claus seconded bringing a **MOTION** to the next Public Meeting. All agreed.

Councillors **Resolved** to approve.

Christopher Cook – Parish Clerk & RFO

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