



## Landrake & St Erney Parish Council

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### ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

**Present: Councillor Mervyn Gingell (Chairman)**

**: Christopher Cook – Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer**

**Also in attendance:**

Martin Worth County Councillor

Members of the public: **18 residents**

Residents were invited to speak, without a time restriction, on matters relating to the Parish.

This meeting was advertised as the Annual Parish 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.

The Annual Parish Meeting was advertised from the 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2025 on the Parish Noticeboards and the Parish Council website.

**Minutes 8<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

**374/2025                      Chair's Welcome & Announcements**

Cllr Gingell (Chairman) welcomed residents to the Annual Parish Meeting and delivered Health and Safety housekeeping rules. No members of the public intended recording the Public Meeting. The Chairman explained that Covid safety measures would be adhered to for this Meeting.

**375                      Apologies for absence**

Nigel Owen

**Resolved** to note.



**376 To note the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024.**

**The Minutes were noted as approved at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.  
There were no matters arising.**

The Meeting **Resolved** to note the Minutes.

**377 To receive the Chairman's Annual Report**

Cllr. Mervyn Gingell (Chairman) delivered the Annual report.

- Parish Council constitution full complement of 10 Councillors, and the Parish Clerk (also Responsible Financial Officer)
- 12 new Planning Applications have been considered by Councillors
- The Council manage the Budget and set the Precept requirement and other financial issues affecting the Parish
- Maintenance carried out in the village including grass verge cutting, Recreation Field hedge cutting, salt bins replenishing and salt spreading when required
- Playground equipment maintenance and safety checks including an annual ROSPA inspection
- Issues dealt with CORMAC Highways, speed restriction measures in Pound Hill introduced. West Lane unsuccessful. Potholes reporting
- Dolbeare development and interaction with residents
- Weather station improvements due and location of the station
- School signs / flashing road signs and speed restriction measures under consideration
- Councillors involved with the Recreation Field (refurbishment group and Environmental issues and improvements. Extension of the Field Lease under consideration
- Cornwall Area Panel (CAPS), and Safe A38. Councillors represent Landrake Parish Council on these Groups who meet regularly
- The Parish Council offer 3 Parish Councillors who act as Trustees of the Sir Robert Geffery (SRG) Memorial Hall Committee. These Councillors report (SRG) issues to the Parish Council
- Lease of the Solomon Browne Room (SBR) and plan to integrate the (SBR) into the Memorial Hall by joining up annexes and developing an Orangery
- Funding activities underway to realise grant funding of circa £120k. The levelling-up Cornwall grant has been unsuccessful but a second bite of the cherry may prove successful. Other small grant funding projects are underway



- The (SRG) is a registered Charity providing hiring facilities to the Community. Hall bookings are steadily increasing. The (SRG) are carrying out a number of repairs works to the Hall.
- The Chairman paid specific thanks to Cornwall Cllr Martin Worth and all the support that he had provided to the Parish Council and in keeping Councillors updated with events surrounding Cornwall Council over the past four years. Cllr Worth would not be seeking re-election
- Thanking all Parish Councillors for their endeavours over the past year, the Chairman made special mention of Cllr Sara Walker (Vice Chair) & Cllr Penny Mathers both of whom were standing down as Parish Councillors 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025 and had offered significant support to the Council over the past 10 years or so. Cllr Walker had worked tirelessly with introducing the Parish Plan. Part of the Neighbourhood Development Plan, and Cllr Mathers had worked in promoting the Environmental Group and seeking volunteers to the Recreation Field working group.
- The Chairman thanked the Parish Clerk, and for financial guidance in his role as Finance Officer to the Council.
- The Chairman made specific mention of the recent site meeting at Dolbeare between residents, Councillors, and the CORMAC Highways manager in addressing safety issues and speed restriction suggestions along the junction from Pound Hill to Dolbeare. The CORMAC manager has made some suggestions to add road signage and warning signs for motorists but was not able to agree to speed restriction notices along a road managed by Highways England.
- Drainage issues and excess mud on the road at St Erney has been addressed with CORMAC and drainage improvements are being made with drains being cleared. Potholes in the area are being addressed with sites marked out for refurbishment repairs.
- Dolbeare residents had raised issues regarding the current development works and the removal of Cornish hedgerows. The matter will be forwarded to the Cornwall Council Planning Enforcement section to address, as they have the powers to decide what hedges and vegetation should be replaced.

The annual report by the Parish Council Chairman was well received and appreciated by residents of Landrake with St. Erney. **Resolved** to note.

### **378 To invite members of the public to raise any matters of interest**

A resident from Dolbeare mentioned the road safety issues in the area and development works and loss of hedgerows from the area. These matters were addressed at item 377. The Cornwall Councillor eloquently laid out the process in dealing with Enforcement matters.

**Resolved** to note.



**379 To receive a Statement on the Parish Council accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 from the Responsible Financial Officer**

The Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) delivered the end of year Accounts statement. Annual receipts General Account Unity Trust Bank £52,178.42 and payments £49,867.80. Annual receipts Earmarked Funds Nationwide £3,031.77 and payments £0.00 (see virements) **Total Annual receipts £55,210.19 and payments £49,867.80**

The Year end General Account balance £14,600.66, Earmarked Funds £27,490.46. **Total Funds £42,091.12 (unaudited)**

The full report can be viewed on the Parish Council website under 'Reports' at [www.landrakeparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.landrakeparishcouncil.gov.uk)

**Resolved** to note.

**380 Close of Meeting at 18:55**

Cllr. Mervyn Gingell (Chairman) stated that the Public Meeting for the 8<sup>th</sup> April 2025 would follow on immediately after the Annual Parish Meeting.

**Signed..... Date.....**  
**(Chairman)**

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