

LANDRAKE with ST ERNEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Geffery Memorial Hall, Landrake on Tuesday 16th February 2016 at 7.00 pm

Present – Mr G Knowles, Chairman
Mrs R Savery, Messrs M J Tamblyn and Mr M Webster.
Councillor D Pugh
Mr G Trubody, Newly appointed Clerk to the Parish Council

OPEN FORUM

There were no items raised for discussion under this heading.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Miss P Barton, Mrs M Cornfield, Mrs H Cartledge-Claus, Mr M Gingell and Dr S Walker.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 5th January 2016 having been circulated were taken as read, approved as a correct record and authorised to be signed by the Chairman.

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.1 Recreation Field

The Clerk reported that Mrs S Pearce had been in contact with him to confirm that the sum of £1,810.00 had been transferred from the disbanded Football Field committee to the Parish Council account which would now be ring fenced and would be utilised for any necessary works to the field.

Mrs R Savery expressed her concern at the limited use of the Recreation Field by the youngsters of the village and it was noted that the Salt Mill site in Saltash now has an Astroturf all weather surface. Mrs Savery suggested that consideration should be given to turning this field into a skate ramp and bike track which would probably prove more popular.

The Clerk reported that he had been in contact with Wicks of Buckfastleigh who would look at the need for a replacement net behind the goal post on the Blunts road side of the pitch, and to submit a price for the replacement of this safety netting.

3.2 Sir Robert Geffery Memorial Hall

The Chairman reported that the Hall is fully booked every evening and is also well booked during the day and at weekends.

3.3 Village Playground

The Clerk reported that a visit had been made by a representative of Sovereign Play on the 26th January and despite a reminder to the firm a quotation was still awaited for repairs and improvements to the safety surfaces and the creation of path areas.

A visit had also been arranged with Creative Play which was due to take place on the following day (17th February), and it was expected that there would be quotations available from both companies in time for the March meeting.

3.4 Village Street cleaning

It was noted that all street cleaning is up to date.

The Clerk reported that the hedge growing out over the footpath from School Road to Highertown had been cut back by Reeford Manning as following discussion with the Chairman it was agreed that this was the quickest and best way of getting this matter dealt with.

The Chairman reported that there is a blocked drain on Pound Hill opposite the entrance to Pound Farm and it was agreed that the Chairman would ask Paul Lamerton to clear this drain.

It was also agreed that the Chairman would deal with the problem of the hedge on the corner of Home Park which needs cutting back to the boundary of the adjoining property as it is blocking the view of motorists exiting Home Park.

3.5 Home Park, Landrake

Councillor D Pugh reported that he had arranged for a representative of Cornwall Council to attend a site meeting in approximately two weeks time to see if the suggestion of a parking area in Home Park could be investigated further.

3.6 Bus Shelter, North side of A38

Councillor Pugh also reported that the problem with the size of the bus shelter would be considered at the same meeting as above.

3.7 Village White Lining

The Clerk reported that Cornwall Council had re-painted all the white lining on the road junctions within the village.

The Clerk confirmed that he had expressed thanks to the Highways Department of Cornwall Council.

3.8 Clerk to the Parish Council

The Chairman reported that following the interview of Mr G Trubody by the interview panel the position of Clerk to the Council had been offered to Mr Trubody to take effect from 1st April 2016, and which had been accepted.

Mr Trubody was in attendance at the meeting and was introduced to those present. Mr Trubody stated that he had just started a level 4 study course through the Society of Local Council Clerks at a cost of approximately £4,000.00 per annum. A brief discussion took place on whether any financial help could be provided by the Parish Council and it was agreed that this matter should be considered at the March meeting.

3.9 Community Defibrillator

In view of the low attendance at this meeting it was agreed to defer discussion on this matter to the March 2016 meeting and the Chairman stated that this matter must be decided on at that meeting as it could not continue to be deferred.

4. FINANCE

4.1 Income

None

4.2 Expenditure

P Lamerton – Village Maintenance	£510.00
Cornwall Rural Community Charity – Neighbourhood Plan Support	£600.00
Groundwork UK – Refund of Grant re Neighbourhood Dev. Plan	£1,169.22
R A Ruby – Football Field Hedge Trimming	£100.80
Geffery Memorial Hall – Room Hire re H/Hood Dev. Plan	£9.00
Dr S Walker – Drinks, Snacks etc re H/Hood Dev. Plan	£57.14
P Maddever – Pasties & Stationery re N/Hood Dev. Plan	£65.46

The above accounts were approved for payment.

4.3. Other Financial Business

None.

5. PLANNING

5.1 Planning Applications

None.

5.2 Planning Decisions

PA15/03724/PREAPP – Mr D Harte – Pre application advice for the erection of a dwelling at ‘The Cottage’, School Road, Landrake.

Decision – Closed – advice given/application submitted.

PA15/08201 – Mr & Mrs G Bennellick – Construction of dwelling and provision of garden to serve residential use on land south of the Lower Barn, Lower Cattivett Farm, Landrake.

Decision – Approved with conditions

5.3 Planning Correspondence and Reports

5.3.1 Update on Enforcement Cases

It was noted that there is nothing to report on this matter at the present time.

5.3.2 Mera Park, Landrake

It was noted that there is nothing to report on this matter at the present time.

5.3.3 Neighbourhood Development Plan

In the absence of Dr S Walker it was reported by Mrs R Savery that there are still some issues to be resolved particularly relating to housing as the Neighbourhood Development Plan should not state how many additional dwellings are deemed to be acceptable.

Whilst the number of members on the Committee has now reduced the plan is close to completion and it was hoped to hold a social evening in March to present the final proposals to the village. It is then expected that the referendum can be held on a date to be arranged.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Mr P J Russell, deceased

Mr M Webster suggested that the opportunity should be taken to celebrate the life of the late Mr P J Russell, and of the work and involvement that he had with the village over many years.

It was suggested that this could take the format of a separate publication or an entry in 'Crosstalk'. Following consideration it was agreed that Mr M Webster and the Clerk would collaborate on this matter.

6.2 Landrake 'Yellow Page'

Discussion took place on the updating and re-printing of the Landrake 'Yellow Page' and it was proposed by Mr M Webster that there should either be a charge, of say, £5.00 to commercial businesses who do not have a direct involvement with the village, or the Parish Council should cover the expenses of those involved in updating this publication.

Following consideration it was agreed that there should be no charge for advertising and the Parish Council would meet the reasonable expenses of those involved in dealing with this matter. It was also agreed to place this matter on the agenda of the March Parish Council meeting.

6.3 'The Cottage', School Road, Landrake

The Chairman made mention, at the request of Miss P Barton, that the above property is within the conservation area of the village.

7 NEW CORRESPONDENCE AND BUSINESS

7.1 Cornwall Council – Consultation on Further Significant Changes to the Cornwall Draft Local Plan

The Clerk reported that Cornwall Council is publishing a Schedule of Further Significant Changes to the Cornwall Local Plan Strategic Policies Proposed Submission Document (March 2014) and Schedule of Focused Changes (September 2014) for a six week period from 25th January 2016 to 7th March 2016.

This information was received and noted.

7.2 Cornwall Council – Communities and Devolution Planning, January 2016

The Clerk reported receipt of the above bulletin in which it was noted that Councillor E Hannaford, the Cornwall Council Cabinet Member for Planning, will be seeking the views of Parish and Town Councils and 'professionals' of what is expected in new developments regarding design quality. This will enable Cornwall Council to be clearer about what they are asking for and what they expect to see in planning applications.

7.3 Cornwall for Change (C4C) – Statement of Current Position

Information was received and noted of the statement of the current position in respect of the above organisation.

7.4 South East Cornwall Councillors – A38 in South East Cornwall: Road Investment Strategy

The Clerk reported that the Councillors of South East Cornwall had submitted a letter to Mr A Biscoe, Chairman, Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Local Transport Board seeking support for the A38 to be included as a priority for investment in the Government's Road Investment Strategy.

Three priority schemes had been noted which were considered should be included as major projects in the 2020 – 25 funding period –

- Lean Quarry Junction and Bodmin Parkway. The third scheme at Stoketon Cross will be delivered by the developer of Broadmoor Farm

7.5 Devon and Cornwall Police – Attendance at Parish Council Meetings

The Clerk reported that the attendance of the Police at Parish Council meetings would, in future, be as follows –

- A member of the neighbourhood policing team will attend an AGM or a similar meeting each year
- The Council may ask for a member of the neighbourhood policing team to attend an additional meeting/s outside the parameters if there is a particular issue in the council's area.
- Each sector will create a police liaison group and hold regular meetings. Officers can attend on invite, especially if issues to be discussed affect the whole force area. Each sector will determine the frequency and location of meetings, but suggest it is every six weeks or similar. These meetings will be used to communicate and consult on organisational change or officer/staff movements which directly impact the councils.
- Each council will be provided with an information sheet detailing where they can find information about their local area including crime statistics. This information will also be available on the Devon and Cornwall Police website. The local policing team will not provide a report prior to each and every council meeting but information may be provided for a meeting if there is a specific need or issue, but this will be decided between the Sector Inspector and the Council.
- Councils will receive a bi-annual newsletter from the LPA Commander which can be received either by email or in printed format.

This information was received and noted.

7.6 Housing Development at West Lane, Landrake

The Clerk stated that he had contact details for the affordable homes to rent in West Lane. Following discussion it was agreed to ascertain when the likely completion date would be for the properties, and whether an Open day would be held.

7.7 Annual Public Meeting 26th April 2016 – Suggestions for Guest Speaker

Following discussion, and a suggestion by Mrs R Savery that she could get someone to attend to talk on the work of the Justice Courts, it was agreed to place this matter on the agenda for discussion at the March meeting.

7.8 St Germans and Landulph Division Cluster Meeting 7th March 2016

It was noted that the next Cluster Meeting would be held on the above date at St Germans.

8. NEWSLETTERS AND REPORTS

- 8.1 Saltash Policing Team – Newsletter January and February 2016
- 8.2 Caradon Neighbourhood Watch Forum – Minutes of AGM 16th February 2015 and Meeting 5th October 2015
- 8.3 ‘The Clerk Magazine’ – January 2016 Vol. 47 No. 1
- 8.4 Saltash Area Road Safety Committee – Minutes of Meeting 11th January 2016
- 8.5 Campaign to Protect Rural England – Cornwall Newsletter January 2016

9. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Tuesday 15th March 2016

Tuesday 26th April 2016 (Annual Public Meeting)

Tuesday 10th May 2016 (Annual Parish Council Meeting)

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

G L Knowles
Chairman, Landrake with St Erney Parish Council

15th March 2016