

LANDRAKE with ST ERNEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Geffery Memorial Hall, Landrake on Tuesday 13th October 2015 at 7.00 pm.

Present – Mr G Knowles, Chairman

Mrs H Cartledge-Claus, Messrs M Gingell and N Owen,
Mrs R Savery and Dr S Walker.

Mr D Pugh, Cornwall Councillor

Four members of the public as recorded in the attendance register.

OPEN FORUM

A discussion ensued regarding the electric gates which open out on to the highway at the entrance to Delmanor Barns and are controlled by electric sensors either side of the entrance to the property. Concern had been expressed that the sensors prevented vehicles parking in this area but it was understood that they work on a pencil beam basis and it was therefore possible to park a vehicle either side of that beam thus not affecting the operation of the gates.

It was considered that there were some issues with the gates possibly opening beyond the boundary of the property, and the problem of availability of on street parking in the village.

Following some further discussion the Open Forum session was then concluded.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Miss P Barton, Mrs M Cornfield, Messrs M J Tamblyn and M Webster.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 8th September 2015 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

It was noted that the netting on the bank behind the goal post was still there but was lying on the ground. There was nothing else to report in respect of this matter.

3.2 Sir Robert Geffery Memorial Hall

The Chairman reported that a new pathway had been constructed by Paul Lamerton between the Hall car park and the Solomon Browne Room at a cost of £188.00.

The situation regarding the grant funding from the Howton Solar Farm Community Fund was still ongoing but when the Charity Commissioners are satisfied that matters have been brought up to date the grant will be released.

Following the holding of the old village school reunion at the end of September the amount of £237.00 had been donated to the Geffery Hall.

3.3 Village Playground

The Clerk reported that the official playground inspection had now been carried out and the report was considered as necessary. It was agreed that there was a need to get quotations from three firms for the repair and improvement work that was required and the Clerk was instructed to make some enquiries in respect of this matter.

3.4 Village Street cleaning

It was noted that all street cleaning is up to date, and it was reported that there was some graffiti on the steps from School Road up to Highertown which needed to be dealt with as necessary.

3.5 Home Park, Landrake

The Clerk reported that there had still been no progress on this matter and following discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would provide Councillor Pugh with any information that he had in order that this could be pursued with Cornwall Council.

3.6 Gates at Delmanor Barns

It was noted that this matter had already been dealt during the Open Forum session of the meeting.

3.7 Community Defibrillator

The Chairman reported that Downderry Parish had a defibrillator at Seaton and one outside the doctor's surgery in Downderry. The Clerk stated that he had been in contact with Quethiock Parish Council and whilst they had yet to make a final decision on this matter there was a proposal to install a defibrillator in the redundant telephone kiosks at Quethiock and Blunts.

Discussion took place on whether there was a need for a defibrillator at Landrake given the close proximity to the A38 and Plymouth but there was support to continue investigating this matter. Councillor D Pugh stated that he could consider contributing an amount in the region of £200.00 towards the cost from his community fund.

It was suggested that help and advice could be obtained from the British Heart Foundation and the Clerk agreed to investigate this possibility, and to place this on the agenda for further discussion at the meeting in January 2016.

3.8 Disused Well, Church Street

The Clerk reported that he had received a quotation in the sum of £730.00 to carry out the necessary repairs to the old well in Church Street and following consideration it was agreed to accept this quotation and for the work to be carried out as soon as possible.

It was agreed that there is a need to review the rules that were established in 2009 for ordering work and this matter will be placed on the agenda for consideration at the November meeting.

3.9 White Lines, School Road, Landrake

The Clerk reported that Cornwall Council had inspected the white lines at the end of School Road and there was a suggestion that the junction could be safer without the lines as drivers would be more aware of the possible dangers of traffic etc coming from the other direction. This was not considered a valid reason for not replacing these lines and it was agreed that the Clerk would pass the necessary information to Councillor Pugh who would take it up with Cornwall Council together with the need to re-do the virtual walkway in School Road.

3.10 Police Attendance at Meetings

The Clerk read to the meeting a report from Inspector J Morris explaining why it was not possible for the Police to attend Parish and Town Council meetings on a regular basis as had been the case in the past. This was due to reductions in police numbers and budget restraints.

It was noted that a local monthly report is received by the Clerk and contact can be made when necessary by 'phone, email etc.

3.11 Cornwall Council – Paperless Planning applications

The Clerk reported that Cornwall Council would shortly be making a one off grant of £700.00 to all Parish and Town Councils to assist them in moving over to receiving paperless planning applications.

This information was received and noted.

4. FINANCE

4.1 Income

Groundwork UK – Grant re Neighbourhood Development Plan	£7,300.00
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4.2 Expenditure

P Lamerton – Village Maintenance (2 Months)	£510.00
Cornwall Council – Village Weed Treatment	£452.16
Geffery Memorial Hall – Contribution to Hall Cleaners wages for the six months to September 2015	£112.50
Dr S Walker – Ink Cartridge (Neighbourhood Development Plan)	£27.92
Mrs S Newell - Ink Cartridge (Neighbourhood Development Plan)	£24.99

The above accounts were approved for payment.

Other Financial Business

None

5. PLANNING

5.1 Planning Applications

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

Observations – The Parish Council have noted the outline application proposal to build a new house on land south of the Lower Barn, Cuttivett, Landrake following the refusal of an application to construct an annexe to the main house.

Can such a property be justified when there are currently seven affordable houses for rent being built in West Lane, Landrake?

If this proposal were to be granted there must be a condition imposed that a new dwelling should not, in the future, be sold off as a separate unit of accommodation.

PA15/08740 – Mr & Mrs P Walshe – Certificate of Lawfulness for confirmation of material commencement to development approved under application E3/06/00394/FUL dated 7th July 2006. (Re-siting of three bedroom bungalow)

Observations – No Observations

PA15/08849 – Mrs Carly Moore – Continued siting of existing temporary accommodation (mobile home) in connection with stud farm at Taylors Park, Tideford, Saltash.

Observations – The Parish Council would support the siting of the mobile home for a further three years, but would then expect to see financial and personal justification if an application were to be made for a permanent residence.

The Clerk reported that he had received notification from Quethiock Parish Council that the following application had been re-submitted and that all previous comments would remain valid. It was noted that this Council had not submitted any observations with regard to the earlier application.

PA15/01043 – Planning application for the erection of a single small wind turbine on land at The Beacon, including access track and ancillary equipment at The Beacon, Dannett Farm, Quethiock.

5.2 Planning Decisions

None

5.3 Planning Correspondence and Reports

5.3.1 Update on Enforcement Cases

The Clerk stated that there was nothing to report on this matter at the present time.

5.3.2 Mera Park, Landrake

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

5.3.3 Neighbourhood Development Plan

Dr S Walker reported that the second draft of the Neighbourhood Development Plan had been submitted to Cornwall Council the previous week. It was considered that all the necessary evidence had been covered but if professional help was required then there is money available. Any unspent funding would have to be returned if not used by January 2016.

With the progress made to date the referendum stage could take place in early 2016.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Western Power, School Road

Mr M Gingell reported that Western Power had been carrying out emergency work recently in School Road to improve the electricity supply to the Highertown area of the village.

6.2 Bus Shelter – North side of A38

Mrs R Savery expressed her deep concern at the size and effectiveness of the bus shelter on the north side of the A38 and considered it to be not fit for purpose.

Following discussion on this matter Councillor D Pugh agreed to locate someone within Cornwall Council who would be prepared to listen and act on the concerns of the Council and parishioners.

6.3 Village Christmas Tree

Following discussion it was agreed that a village Christmas Tree would be erected as in previous years, and the Chairman confirmed that he would speak to Mr M Tamblyn on this matter to see if arrangements could be made for a suitable tree to be delivered to the village.

6.4 Clerk to the Parish Council

The Clerk announced that he would be retiring as Clerk to the Parish Council on the 31st March 2016 at which time he would have completed forty years in the position.

Following discussion it was agreed to place this matter on the agenda for consideration at the November meeting.

(Mrs H Cartledge-Claus and Mr N Owen took their leave of the meeting following this item of business).

7. NEW CORRESPONDENCE AND BUSINESS

The following items of business were deferred to the November meeting as the Council was inquorate.

- 7.1 Cornwall Council – Planning conferences for local Councils
- 7.2 Cornwall Council – Criminal Record Checks
- 7.3 Cornwall Council – Devolution Update September 2015
- 7.4 Cornwall Council – Waste Incentive Neighbourhood Scheme
- 7.5 Proposed Meeting Dates – 2016
- 7.6 Village Car Parking Issues

8. NEWSLETTERS AND REPORTS

- 8.1 'The Clerk' Magazine' September 2015 Vol 46, No.5
- 8.2 Saltash Policing Team – Newsletter October 2015
- 8.3 Saltash Area Road Safety Committee – Agenda for meeting 19th October 2015 and Minutes of Meeting held on 27th July 2015

9. DATES OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 17th November 2015 (Financial Review and Precept 2016/17)

Tuesday 15th December 2015 (If required)

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

G L Knowles
Chairman, Landrake with St Erney Parish Council

17th November 2015