

# **LANDRAKE with ST ERNEY PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Geffery Memorial Hall, Landrake on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at 7.00 pm.

Present – Mr G Knowles, Chairman  
Miss P Barton, Mrs M Cornfield, Mr M Gingell, Mrs R Savery,  
Mr M J Tamblyn, Dr S Walker and Mr M Webster.  
Members of the Public - Messrs G Bennellick, J Cummins,  
I Tomlin and Mrs S Newell

## **OPEN FORUM**

Messrs G Bennellick and I Tomlin attended the meeting in respect of the recent refusal by Cornwall Council for the proposed annex accommodation at The Lower Barn, Cuttivet, Landrake and stated that a post refusal meeting would be held with a planning officer. It was understood that a revised application would site the annex closer to the main dwelling and would be a smaller unit with no kitchen facilities, and which was likely to find approval with the planning officer.

Mr Bennellick explained the current issues that there were with accommodation in the main dwelling, and that the neighbours in the immediate vicinity were supportive of his proposals.

The Chairman explained the reasoning behind the Parish Council's observations on the original application and stated that members of the Council would be prepared to attend a site meeting on receipt of a revised application.

Messrs G Bennellick and I Tomlin then took their leave of the meeting.

Mr J Cummins asked what the recent works related to that had been carried out alongside the A38. The Chairman stated that the work was now completed, but had been the repair and replacement to a collapsed culvert.

Mrs S Newell reported that the paperwork from the now disbanded Landrake Neighbourhood Association had been given to the Clerk and the balance of monies, in the region of £397.00, would be passed over to the Clerk as soon as possible and should be ring fenced for future work on the refurbishment of the Playground in School Road.

## **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs H Cartledge-Claus, Mr N Owen and Councillor D Pugh.

## **2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> May 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**

The Clerk reported that Mr R Manning had weed killed where necessary in the field today and had also stood up the panels to the old bus shelter and secured them to the side of the metal container.

It was noted that the gate had now been secured on both the hinge and latching end and the padlock replaced.

An inspection of the storage container had indicated that it would be necessary to cut off the existing padlock and have it replaced, and the Clerk confirmed that he would be able to arrange for this to be done.

### **3.2 Sir Robert Geffery Memorial Hall**

The Chairman reported that quotations for the proposed works on the Solomon Browne Room are being received although there had been some builders who had looked at the job and declined to quote. The quotations received to date were in excess of the expected cost. Some further builders names were suggested and these would be considered by the Chairman

It was noted that the bookings for the Hall continue to go well.

Following discussion, and in view of the involvement of Viridor with grant funding for the Hall and Recreation Field, it was agreed that a letter be sent to Viridor expressing the Council's condolences following the recent death of one of their drivers in a vehicular accident whilst working at Derriford Hospital.

### **3.3 Village Playground**

It was reported that that the weekly maintenance and inspection of the playground is up to date and note was made of the recent accident involving a child in the playground at Harrowbarrow.

It was suggested by Miss P Barton that an article be included in the next 'Crosstalk' magazine stating that the village playground has a weekly inspection carried out by an accredited person.

### 3.4 Village Street cleaning

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

### 3.5 Frenchman's Lane, Landrake

The Clerk reported that the pothole had been repaired and it was agreed that this matter should be placed on the agenda of the September meeting as it is not known whether any steps were taken by Cornwall Council to deal with the problem of flooding in this lane during times of heavy rainfall.

### 3.6 Home Park, Landrake

The Clerk reported that he had made a request to Cornwall Council to consider the parking issues in Home Park with the suggestion that the triangular area at the entrance to the estate could be utilised for parking, but to date there had been no response.

It was suggested that access to this area could be achieved off Pound Hill which might make the proposal more feasible.

### 3.7 Gates at Mera Park Barns

The Clerk reported that he had obtained some information on the installation and use of electric gates which generally indicated that they open inwards to a property but the question was raised that by opening outwards do these particular gates impinge onto the highway. It was suggested that the sensors could be nearer to the gates and possibly set higher up as the current location prevents any other vehicles parking in this area.

Following further discussion it was agreed that the Chairman would speak to the owners of the three properties within that complex of barn conversions to see if the situation could be improved with regard to vehicular parking on the roadside.

### 3.8 Open Garden Event at 'Flagstaff'

Dr S Walker reported a successful event with a total of £460.00 being raised with half of that amount going to the playground refurbishment fund and the other half to a children's charity.

The Chairman expressed the thanks of the Council to Dr Walker and her team of helpers for organising and running such a successful event.

## **4. FINANCE**

### 4.1 Income

None

#### 4.2 Expenditure

P Lamerton – Village Maintenance	£264.99
AON Ltd – Insurance premium	£501.93
Society of Local Council Clerks – Annual subscription	£103.00
I Biffen – Clerks salary for 3 months to 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2015	£1,087.50

The above accounts were approved for payment.

#### 4.3 Other Financial Business

None

### 5. PLANNING

#### 5.1 Planning Applications

**PA15/03933** – Mr S Heavens – Construction of first floor over existing bungalow to contain three bedrooms, bathroom and ensuite, replacement of flat roof to side extension with pitched roof at ‘Waverley, New Road, Landrake

**Observations** – No observations, but presume the adjoining neighbours have been consulted on this proposal.

**PA15/04249** – Sir Robert Geffery Academy – Alterations to provide new kitchen layout and construction of bin store at Sir Robert Geffery Academy, School Road, Landrake

**Observations** – The Parish Council support this application.

**PA15/04603** – CTIL and Vodafone Ltd – Installation of a replacement 15 metre high monopole supporting 6 no. antennas and 3 no. dish antennas together with a series of replacement ground based equipment cabinets at Pencavo Farm, Landrake.

**Observations** – No Observations

## 5.2 Planning Decisions

**PA15/02348** – Mr D Harte – Proposed garage and workshop, The Cottage,  
School Road, Landrake

**Decision** – Approved

**PA15/01556** – Sir Robert Geffery School – Construction of new ‘Qube’  
prefabricated classroom

**Decision** – Approved

## 5.3 Planning Correspondence and Reports

### 5.3.1 Update on Enforcement Cases

The Clerk stated that there was no up to date report regarding the enforcement action being taken in respect of Meldon Park, but it was agreed that information on this matter should be obtained for the July meeting.

### 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

Dr S Walker stated that there was not a lot to report at the present time but it was noted that there needed to be a major re-write of the first draft of the Plan and this would be discussed at a meeting of the committee to be held on the 17<sup>th</sup> June.

It was noted that professional help would be needed to deal with this matter and whilst there are still funds of £400 - £500 held by the committee, locality grant funding opened in April 2015 and it should be possible to obtain further funding from this source if required.

## **6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### 6.1 ‘Crosstalk’ Magazine

Mr Webster asked for suggestions for items to be included in the next report from the Parish Council and Miss P Barton suggested that mention could be made of the successful Open Farm Sunday held at Markwell on the 7<sup>th</sup> June 2015.

## 6.2 Home Park, Landrake

Mrs R Savery reported that there was not a lot of work left to do on removing the ivy etc from the wall leading from Home Park to the A38 which she was continuing to deal with, with help from others.

## 6.3 Landrake and St Erney Churches

Miss P Barton expressed thanks on behalf of the Parochial Church Council for the contribution of £750.00 from the Parish Council towards the upkeep of the churchyards at Landrake and St Erney.

Miss P Barton also reported that the Church clock had been looked at recently and it was expected that the only work required would be the cleaning and oiling as necessary with the cost being in the region of a few hundreds of pounds.

The bells at both Churches are also going to be looked at to see if any maintenance or repair work is necessary.

## 6.4 Parish Defibrillator

It was reported that Dr S Walker has contact with someone who is able to come to talk to the Council on the possible installation of a defibrillator in the village, and it was agreed that the necessary arrangements would be made.

## 6.5 School Road, Landrake

The Chairman reported that the white lines at the junction of School Road with Fore Street are almost worn away and it was agreed to ask Cornwall Council to arrange for these to be re-painted as it was considered to be a road safety issue.

# **7. NEW CORRESPONDENCE AND BUSINESS**

## 7.1 Cornwall Community Land Trust – West Lane Development

The Clerk reported commencement of work on the Affordable Housing development off West Lane and also a letter from the above Trust seeking suggestions from the Parish Council for the naming of this development.

Following consideration and in view of the long association of the Congdon family with the village and the years of service that Mr Francis Congdon gave to the Parish as both Clerk and Councillor, and who also served on both St Germans Rural District Council and Caradon District Council, it was suggested that the Congdon name should be included in the name of the development. Various suggestions were put forward including 'Congdon's Mews', 'Congdon's Meadow', 'Congdon's Orchard' and it was agreed that the Clerk would discuss this matter with Mr P Congdon to seek the family's approval with both the idea and with their preference for the naming of the development.

## 7.2 Community Energy Switch

The Clerk gave details to the meeting of the above scheme which is an initiative to help Cornish householders harness group buying power as an aid to reduce their energy bills.

This information was received and noted.

## 7.3 Cornwall Council – Consultation on new Local Validation List

The Clerk reported on the above matter whereby Cornwall Council were required to produce a list of information to accompany an application for planning permission. If this was not carried out the Council would not be able to request surveys, assessments and other matters that help inform the decision process. These requirements are then specified in an ‘adopted list’.

Following some discussion this information was received and noted.

## 7.4 Devon and Cornwall Police – Engagement Activity with Parish and Town Councils

A questionnaire was received regarding existing and interacting contact with the local policing team and following consideration it was agreed that the Clerk should deal with this matter.

## **8. NEWSLETTERS AND REPORTS**

8.1 Saltash Police Team Monthly Bulletin – June 2015

## **9. DATES OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2015

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2015

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

G L Knowles  
Chairman, Landrake with St Erney Parish Council

21<sup>st</sup> July 2015