

LANDRAKE with ST ERNEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Geffery Memorial Hall, Landrake on Tuesday 17th February 2015 at 7.00 pm.

Present – Mr G Knowles, Chairman
Mrs M Cornfield, Mr N Owen, Mrs R Savery,
Messrs M J Tamblyn and Mr M Webster.
Mrs S Mortimore, Member of the Public

OPEN FORUM

Mrs S Mortimore raised her concerns in respect of the new bus shelters and in particular the Plymouth bound shelter on the north side of the A38 which she considered to be not large enough and not fit for purpose. It was noted that the shelter had to remain on the footprint of the old shelter but it was considered that it could have been larger and to have offered more protection from the weather.

Following discussion it was agreed that this matter would be raised with Cormac Ltd and would also be discussed in more detail later in the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Miss P Barton, 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 6th January 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 proposed offer of help from the Highways Agency to assist with the tidying up of the recreation field had not as yet been forthcoming and it was agreed that this matter should be pursued. It was noted that Mrs C Totman was picking up the rubbish in the Recreation field which was appreciated by the meeting.

Mr M Webster confirmed that he would include an item in ‘Crosstalk’ regarding the need for volunteers to come forward as potential new members of the Recreation Field Committee.

3.2 Sir Robert Geffery Memorial Hall

The Chairman reported that the Valentine's Dinner and Dance had been a successful event and it was hoped that similar events could be arranged in the future.

Forthcoming events in the Hall include a table top craft fair on the 21st February, a Race Night on the 28th February, organised by the Friends of the School, a World War One evening of Stories, Poems, Songs etc on the 7th March, and a show by the Larrick Lads featuring old war songs etc on the 21st March.

Discussion took place on the wish of the Hall Committee to erect a flag pole to the front of the Hall and whether planning permission would be required. It was agreed that the Hall Committee would look into this matter before making any decisions were made.

The Chairman reported that a recent water leak at the Hall had resulted in a water bill of £3,000.00 together with a cost of £600.00 to repair the damaged pipework etc. A 50% reduction in the water bill had been offered by South West Water but attempts were being made to get this reduced further.

The Chairman reminded the meeting that the Hall still needed to return the loan of £2,000.00 made by the Parish Council in August 2014 and it was suggested that this should be transferred straight from the Geffery Hall Trustee Reserve Fund to the Parish Council's account.

Following consideration and on a proposal by Mr M J Tamblyn, seconded by Mrs R Savery and carried by the meeting it was –

RESOLVED – That the loan of £2,000.00 from the Parish Council be repaid direct from the Geffery Hall Trustee Account.

Discussion also took place regarding the Solomon Browne Room and the Clerk read to the meeting an extract from the November 2007 constitution in which it clearly stated that the Parish Council had authorised the formation of a Parish Council Sub-Committee to be known as the Solomon Browne Room Sub Committee to organise and run, on the Council's behalf, the Room for the object of providing a Youth Club for the village.

Following consideration it was agreed that the Hall Committee should take over the use of the Solomon Browne Room with effect from 1st April 2015.

3.3 Village Playground and Bus Shelters

It was noted that Paul Lamerton would be attending the two day playground training course which commences on the 10th March 2015.

The Chairman reported that an inspection of the playground had been carried out with a view to improving the facilities and the surface area. It was suggested that the top area should be tarmaced and the existing slope should be dug out and a stone wall built with a fence or railings on the top to improve the safety aspect in this area. A tarmac pathway could be created down each side of the playground and to add to the playground facilities

with a 'Trim Trail' down one side. A new fence would also be required between the playground and the driveway to the Vicarage.

The Clerk confirmed that he had arranged for a visit to be made in connection with the inspection of the playground safety surfaces, and the Chairman stated that he would contact Viridor to ascertain the possibility of obtaining grant funding for this proposed work.

Mrs M Cornfield suggested that there is a need for some form of lighting in the playground.

Discussion took place on the new bus shelters and it was agreed that the Plymouth bound shelter on the north side of the A38 was not large enough and it was agreed that contact be made with Cormac Ltd with a view to remedying this matter.

Concern was also expressed that it appeared the old shelters had been scrapped whereby it had been agreed that if the Plymouth bound shelter could be satisfactorily dismantled then it would be returned to the Parish Council as one suggested use for it would be as a shelter in the Recreation Field. It was noted that the roof was not salvageable but the walls of the shelter were still in good condition. It was agreed that a claim be made against Cornwall Council for compensation of the loss of the shelter unless it is found to be retrievable from the council depot at Newquay that it was taken to.

3.4 Village Street cleaning

It was noted that the extra visibility lines had been painted onto the steps at the top of Highertown. Mrs M Cornfield considered that it was not providing much improvement, and it was suggested that some form of lighting was required. The Clerk agreed to get ideas from an electrician on how to provide lighting at this location and it was thought that advice should be sought from Cornwall Council if any electrical works were proposed.

4. FINANCE

4.1 Income

None

4.2 Expenditure

M Ford – Cutting, shaping and painting finger posts signs	£80.00
E.on – Electricity for Solomon Browne Room	£45.47
Dr S Walker – Re: Neighbourhood Development Plan	£116.62
Mrs P Maddever – Re: Neighbourhood Development Plan	£50.00

Mrs S Newell – Re: Neighbourhood Development Plan £43.15

P Lamerton – Village Maintenance £197.76

The above accounts were approved for payment.

4.3 Other Financial Business

None

5. PLANNING

5.1 Planning Applications

None

5.2 Planning Decisions

PA14/12212 – Mr D Beer – Application for Certificate of Lawful Development for an existing use namely continued use as dwelling house, Notter Stable, Notter, Saltash.

Certificate Granted

Concern was expressed that this application had been granted and it was agreed to ascertain from Cornwall Council how this situation had arisen as it had previously been indicated by the Council that they were confident of achieving a successful enforcement action against Mr Beer.

5.3 Planning Correspondence and Reports

5.3.1 Update on Enforcement Cases

A brief report was given in respect of the current situation regarding enforcement action at Meldon Park when it was noted that the defendants were required to attend a court hearing on the 26th February 2015.

A report is still awaited concerning the number of caravans at Coombe Lynher which is being investigated by Cornwall Council Enforcement Office and it was agreed to ascertain the current situation regarding this matter.

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

The Clerk reported, on behalf of Dr S Walker, that the steering group are engaged in gathering further data and the next meeting of the group is due to be held on the 3rd March 2015. The Community Development Foundation have confirmed that they have paid the final 10% of the grant and there are some items of expenditure which have already been dealt with under finance at this meeting.

Mrs R Savery reported that an approach has been made to Councillor Daniel Pugh for the amount of £500.00 from his community fund as any further funding from the Community Development Foundation would not be available until after 1st April 2015.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 'Crosstalk' Magazine

Mr M Webster reported to the meeting that the previous entry in 'Crosstalk' relating to the late Mr M Gibson was muddled as part of the report had been omitted when it went to print.

Mr Webster also asked for suggestions to be included in the next report from the Parish Council.

6.2 A38 Trunk Road

Mr N Owen commented on the traffic delays this evening due to an accident at Carkeel and the diversion of traffic going in the Callington direction which had been re-directed to Stoketon Cross leading to a tail back of traffic in both directions. It was thought that similar problems could occur in the future when Broadmoor Farm is developed unless there are suitable improvements made to this junction.

6.3 Saltash Area Road Safety Committee

Mrs R Savery stated that she is willing to continue on this Committee but she would like to step down from it in due course, and hoped that someone else would like to take on the role.

It was noted that the Chairman of the Committee, Mr D Holley, is keen to push for the need of a bypass for Landrake and Tideford and to achieve this would need a good local campaign.

6.4 Village maintenance

Following an enquiry from Mrs M Cornfield it was noted that Paul Lamerton works a total of four hours per week for the Parish Council and every effort is made to keep the streets clean and tidy although the work has to be carried out on a rota basis.

6.5 General Village matters

Mrs M Cornfield raised the following matters of concern –

- The continuing problem of dog faeces on the footbridge, although it was noted that there are appropriate signs on the bridge.
- Concern regarding large lorries using Church Street although it was noted that there is no other way for lorries wishing to get to Markwell Farm, Boating World etc.
- Whether signs would be put up when Cornwall Council are weed spraying around the village. The answer to this was not known but it was noted that the herbicide spray that would be used would quickly dry on the weeds that are sprayed.

6.6 Annual Public Meeting

Discussion took place on ideas for a guest speaker for the Annual Public Meeting which would now be held on the revised date of Tuesday 28th April 2015 commencing at 7.30 pm. It was agreed that a request be made for a speaker to attend from the Police and Crime Commissioners office and to give an update on the work of the Commissioner and other relevant matters.

7. NEW CORRESPONDENCE AND BUSINESS

7.1 Cornwall Council – Draft Renewable Energy Consultation

The Clerk reported that Cornwall Council were carrying out a consultation on the above matter which will be open until Friday 27th March 2015 with details being available at Cornwall Council One Stop Shops and Cornwall Libraries.

7.2 Devon and Cornwall Police – Police Surgeries

The Clerk reported that the Police Community Support officers will be visiting the Library in Saltash once a month on the first Thursday starting on February 5th from 10.30am until 12.00pm when there will be an opportunity to listen to community issues and concerns.

Efforts are also being made to set up police surgeries in the rural areas although it was noted that the police do call in on the village coffee morning on a fairly regular basis.

7.3 St Germans and Landulph Ward Cluster meeting

The Chairman reported on his attendance at the Cluster meeting held on 2nd February 2015 when there was a lengthy discussion on the question of a park and ride scheme at either Broadmoor or Trerulefoot. Discussion also took place on the need for a bypass from Saltash to link with the Liskeard bypass.

Discussion also took place on planning applications received by the Parish Councils and the concerns that not enough information is being made available, and the drawings scaled down to fit an A4 sheet are not large enough to see the detail of an application.

The Clerk considered that all the appropriate information was available on the Cornwall Council website although it did need to be downloaded and printed which on a larger application was time consuming.

It was noted that the next Cluster Meeting would be held at St Germans on the 11th May 2015.

8. NEWSLETTERS AND REPORTS

- 8.1 Caradon Neighbourhood Watch Forum – Minutes of AGM held on 17th February 2014, and the meeting held on 19th January 2015
- 8.2 Saltash Police Team Monthly Bulletins – January and February 2015
- 8.3 ‘The Clerk’ Magazine – January 2015, Vol. 46 No. 1
- 8.4 ‘Clerks and Councils Direct’ – January 2015, Issue 97

9. DATES OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 17th March 2015

Tuesday 28th April 2015 (Annual Public Meeting, and please note change of date)

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

G L Knowles
Chairman, Landrake with St Erney Parish Council

17th March 2015