

LANDRAKE with ST ERNEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Geffery Memorial Hall, Landrake on Tuesday 18th November 2014 at 7.00 pm.

Present – Mr G Knowles, Chairman

Mrs H Cartledge-Claus, Mrs M Cornfield, Mr N Owen,
Mrs R Savery, Mr M J Tamblyn, Dr S Walker and Mr M Webster
Mrs S Newell, Member of the public.

OPEN FORUM

Mrs S Newell stated that there was nothing to report on the Landrake Neighbourhood Association although they would look to hold meetings when necessary. Nothing further had been heard from Trand Ltd regarding the proposed development at Mera Park although it was understood that they would be in contact in due course when they were ready to put forward their proposals to the Parish.

A report from the Police gave details of the crimes that had occurred during the last month including damage to a vehicle and a number of logs relating mainly to vehicular incidents.

The Chairman expressed congratulations to Mrs R Savery who had been selected to carry the British Legion Flag for Cornwall at the Remembrance Day Parade in London.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Miss P Barton, Messrs M Gingell and D Pugh, Cornwall Councillor

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 14th October 2014 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 Chairman reported that the Clerk and himself had met with a representative of the Highways Agency when they had agreed to carry out some maintenance work on the Recreation Field. This would likely to be work on strimming, weed killing etc.

It was noted that there had been no further progress with regard to the proposed construction of a skate ramp at the bottom end of the field.

The Clerk confirmed that notices are on display regarding the need for new members of the Recreation Field Sub Committee.

3.2 Sir Robert Geffery Memorial Hall

The Chairman reported that there had been a visit from the Worshipful Company of Ironmongers earlier in the month when they had the opportunity to see the work that has been carried out on the Hall and in particular the new tables and chairs that had been purchased as a result of the gift of money received from the Ironmongers.

Following discussion on the matter of a Christmas tree it was agreed that this would be obtained by Mr M J Tamblyn and he would arrange for it to be delivered to the Hall in time for it to be erected on the 6th December. The switch on of the lights would take place on the 13th December when the Hall will be holding its Christmas event for the village.

Discussion took place on the matter of ownership of the Hall and the Solomon Browne Room and it appears that the Parish Council are Trustees of the Hall and the Solomon Browne Room but it was considered that there needed to be written evidence of this. It was suggested that there may be documents at the County Record Office and it was agreed to carry out further investigation.

3.3 Village Playground and Bus Shelters

The Clerk reported that he is waiting on further information regarding the proposal to replace the bus shelter on the village side of the A38 with a modern version which will be lit during the hours of darkness and will have Real Time Passenger Information.

Dr S Walker stated that the playground equipment was in need of cleaning and it was agreed that this should be carried next Spring.

It was noted that the Chairman, Mrs H Cartledge-Claus and Mr M Gingell have yet to meet to consider work that is necessary on the fence to the side of the playground, and the playground safety matting, and to look for sources of grant funding.

3.4 Village Street cleaning

It was noted that Paul Lamerton has been away for three weeks but is due back soon and will then look to catch up on any outstanding work.

3.5 Cluster meeting – 3rd November 2014

The Chairman reported on the Cluster Meeting held in the Hall on the above date when it was noted that the main topic of discussion was the A38 and the proposed development of Broadmoor Farm. Mention was also been made of the proposal to demolish and rebuild the offices at the Tamar Bridge at an estimated cost of £3 million.

It was noted that the next Cluster meeting would be held at Landulph on the 2nd February 2015 commencing at 7.30 pm.

3.6 School Road, Landrake

The Chairman reported that a sign had now been erected near to the School to try and discourage bad parking, and to give consideration to children and other road users.

Following discussion it was agreed that no further action was necessary at the present time other than to keep an eye on the situation during term time.

3.7 Playground Maintenance and Inspection

Discussion took place on the proposal for Paul Lamerton to attend a Playground Inspection training course and it was noted that the next such course is due to be held at Exeter on 10th March 2015. It was noted that Paul Lamerton is willing to take on this role and it was agreed to book him on this course.

It was noted that the Parish Council would be responsible for paying the cost of the course fees together with Paul's time and travelling expenses.

3.8 Parish Defibrillator

Following the request by Miss P Barton a lengthy discussion took place on the suggestion of installing a defibrillator in the village at an estimated net cost of £2,000.00. It was agreed that if Landrake was in an isolated area this would be a sensible proposition, but it was noted that ambulances are often located on standby at Trerulefoot and at the Tamar Bridge. There are also paramedic cars in the area that would be able to offer a quick response time.

The questions also considered included the proposed location if a defibrillator were to be acquired, and whether there is known to be a first responder living in the village.

After serious consideration it was agreed to take no further action at the present time but to consider the matter again in June 2015. In the meantime Dr S Walker will obtain some information on the efficacy of the benefit of defibrillator in rural areas.

4. FINANCE

4.1 Income

None

4.2 Expenditure

P Lamerton – Village maintenance and materials	£232.38
WesternWeb Ltd – Annual maintenance of Web site	£72.00

Discussion also took place on the cost of the Parish Council wreath at the Remembrance Day Service and it was noted that no request for payment had been received in 2013. Following consideration it was agreed to make a donation of £50.00 to cover 2013 and 2014.

The above accounts were then approved for payment.

4.3 Other Financial Business

4.3.1 Precept 2015 – 16

The Clerk stated that the finance sub committee had met to consider the budget for 2015/16 and he presented details of the proposed expenditure. In the absence of Mr M Gingell from the meeting, Mrs M Comfield stated that consideration had been given to the hourly rate paid to Paul Lamerton and it was suggested that this should be increased by 3% from 1st April 2015. Consideration had also been given to the Clerk's salary and again it was suggested that this should be increased by 3% from 1st April 2015.

Following consideration of the proposal put forward by the Finance Sub Committee for the 2015/16 precept and on a proposal by Mr N Owen, seconded by Mr M Webster and carried by the meeting it was –

RESOLVED – That the proposed pay increases as detailed above be approved and a precept of £12,000.00 be submitted to Cornwall Council for 2015/16.

5. PLANNING

5.1 Planning Applications

PA14/10276 – Natural Generation – Construction of 250kw solar photovoltaic array and ancillary works at Wisewandra Farm, Landrake, Saltash

Observations – No Objection.

5.2 Planning Decisions

None.

5.3 Planning Correspondence and Reports

5.3.1 Update on Enforcement Cases

Further information is still awaited in respect of the proposed enforcement action relating to the Stables at Notter Bridge.

A brief report was given in respect of the current situation regarding enforcement action at Meldon Park.

The matter concerning the number of caravans at Coombe Lynher is being investigated by Cornwall Council Enforcement Office but a response should not be expected for up to 13 weeks.

The complaint regarding the removal of trees and the ground works at The Cottage, School Road, Landrake has also been referred to the Enforcement office of Cornwall Council.

5.3.2 Mera Park, Landrake

As noted in the Open Forum session of the meeting there is nothing to report on this matter at the present time.

5.3.3 Neighbourhood Development Plan

Dr S Walker reported that 180 survey forms had been reported which was considered a fairly typical of a response to such a survey. It was noted that a short consultation document will be made available soon from the CRCC. Dr Walker confirmed that this will then be worked on by the committee and will be made available as soon as possible

It was noted that there is still a balance of grant money to be spent and it was agreed that this would be dealt with in due course.

The thanks of the Parish Council were expressed to all those involved in this project.

(Mrs H Cartledge-Claus took her leave of the meeting during the discussion on the above matter)

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 'Crosstalk' Magazine

Mr M Webster gave details of the proposed entry for the next edition of 'Crosstalk'.

6.2 New Road Terrace, Landrake

The Chairman reported on behalf of Miss P Barton her concern regarding the building of a shed in New Road Terrace which appears to be connected to the house concerned. Investigation had shown that the shed is not actually connected to the property and it was noted that it appears to be a garden shed with no windows and it was therefore agreed to take no further action.

6.3 Sir Robert Geffery Hall, Landrake

The Chairman reported that the Landrake Young Farmers Club had recently planted 200 daffodil bulbs on the top of the hedge adjacent to the Hall.

7. NEW CORRESPONDENCE AND BUSINESS

7.1 Police and Crime Commissioner – Surgery 14th November 2014 Launceston

Details were received and noted of the above event held at Launceston the previous week.

7.2 Commonwealth Day – ‘Fly a flag for the Commonwealth’ – 9th March 2015

Details were received and noted of the above event.

7.3 Caradon Area Community Fund – Applications for funding

Details were received of the above grant funding scheme when it was noted that applications had to be submitted by 23rd January 2015. Details of this scheme were passed to the Chairman as it was thought that it may be of interest to the Hall Committee.

7.4 BT Payphone Changes – Consultation

Details were received of the proposal to remove ‘phone boxes from a number of locations in the area, the nearest being the ‘phone box at Blunts from which two calls had been made in the last twelve months.

Following consideration it was agreed that owing to the minimal use of this ‘phone box the Parish Council would not have any objection to its removal.

7.5 Cornwall Council – Road Closure at Notter Bridge 29th November 2014

Details were received and noted of a road closure order on the 29th November 2014 alongside the Notter Bridge Inn for the Christmas Lights switch on.

8. NEWSLETTERS AND REPORTS

8.1 Saltash Policing Team – Monthly Bulletin November 2014

8.2 ‘The Clerk’ – November 2014 Vol.45 No.6

8.3 ‘Clerks and Councils Direct’ – November 2014 Issue 96

8.4 Cornwall Gateway CNA Panel – Minutes of meeting 7th October 2014

8.5 Caradon Neighbourhood Watch – Minutes of meeting 6th October 2014

8.6 ‘The Valley’ – Newsletter of the Tamar Valley AONB
Autumn/Winter 2014/15

8.7 Peninsula Community Health – Annual Review 2013 - 14

9. DATES OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 16th December 2014 (If required)

Tuesday 6th January 2015

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

G L Knowles
Chairman, Landrake with St Erney Parish Council

6th January 2015