

LANDRAKE with ST ERNEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Geffery Memorial Hall, Landrake on Tuesday 9th September 2014 at 7.00 pm

Present – Mr G Knowles, Chairman

Miss P Barton, Mrs M Cornfield, Mr N Owen, Mrs R Savery,
Mr M J Tamblyn, Dr S Walker and M Webster

Mr D Pugh, Cornwall Councillor

Mr C Wilton, Parliamentary Assistant to Sheryll Murray, MP

Mrs S Newell, Member of the Public

OPEN FORUM

Mrs S Newell expressed concern at the amount of noise emanating from the Buller's Arms late in the evening and it was suggested that this problem should be mentioned to the Landlord and also to discuss it further under any other business at this meeting.

It was noted that there had been no further information from Trand Ltd regarding the proposed development at Mera Park and following discussion Mrs Newell agreed to contact them for some up to date information.

Discussion took place on the continuing parking problems in School Road during school times and it was noted that there had been a suggestion from the School that the school playground could be used for parking at weekends and during school holidays.

Following an enquiry from the Chairman Mrs Newell stated that she was not sure what progress had been made with regard to the proposed skate ramp at the recreation field as this matter was being dealt with by Mr A Moir.

A report from the Police gave details of a number of incidents that had occurred during the last month including a case of common assault, an arson attack on a car in West Lane and a dog not under proper control in Church Street. There were also a number of minor incidents that had been brought to the attention of the Police.

The Chairman made mention of the ongoing problems of traffic in School Road and it was requested that the Police should attend when possible during school starting and finishing times in an endeavour to deal with indiscriminate parking etc.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs H Cartledge-Claus and Mr M Gingell.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 22nd July 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

There was nothing to report on this matter.

3.2 Sir Robert Geffery Memorial Hall

The Chairman read to the meeting an anonymous letter that he had received which related to a personal matter to himself and Mrs M Knowles. The Chairman stated that the matter had subsequently been satisfactorily resolved.

The Chairman stated that he would like there to be some discussion at the October meeting on the possible use of the Solomon Browne Room by the Hall Committee as they were seeing an increasing demand for the use of the Hall which they were not always able to meet.

Following consideration it was agreed to include this on the agenda for the October meeting and to meet at 6.45 pm so that all members would have the opportunity to look at the facilities that the Solomon Browne Room could offer.

3.3 Village Playground and Bus Shelters

Following discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would obtain an indication of the cost of replacing the existing wooden fence alongside the driveway to the vicarage with a new metal fence similar to the one outside the Geffery Hall.

Discussion took place on the proposed replacement bus shelter on the village side of the A38 and it was agreed that if the existing shelter was to be replaced and thereafter maintained by Cornwall Council then this was acceptable, but it was noted that not all councillors were supportive of this course of action.

3.4 Village Street cleaning

It was noted that the general village maintenance was up to date.

Concern was expressed regarding brambles in the area of Home Park that were overhanging the footpath and it was agreed that a letter be circulated to the properties that were deemed to be causing this problem and requesting that the brambles be cut back as necessary.

3.5 Landrake Ball Committee

The Chairman reported that with the Clerk he had met Mr D Nile regarding the handing over of the assets and funds from the Ball Committee and there had been a promise from Mr Nile that this would be dealt with before the October Parish Council meeting.

3.6 Landrake Carnival Committee

The Chairman reported receipt of a letter from Mrs J Gwyther tendering her resignation as Chairperson of the Landrake Carnival Committee. It was agreed that the monies currently held by this Committee should be passed over to the Parish Council before being made available to a proposed new Carnival Committee.

3.7 Cluster meeting – 6th October 2014

Discussion took place on the proposed Cluster meeting to be held on the 6th October 2014 (subsequently cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances) and it was agreed that details would be forwarded to all councillors nearer the date of the meeting.

Dr S Walker stated that it would be helpful to know what allocation of housing is proposed in the neighbouring parishes to Landrake.

At the present time it was expected that the Chairman, Dr S Walker and the Clerk would be attending this meeting.

3.8 School Road, Landrake

The Chairman reported that a meeting had been arranged for himself and the Clerk to meet the Head Teacher on the 15th September to discuss the issues and concerns regarding traffic in School Road during school starting and finishing times.

This matter will be on the agenda for further discussion at the October Parish Council meeting.

3.9 Playground Maintenance and Inspection

Discussion took place on the suggestion of Paul Lamerton carrying out the maintenance and inspection of the playground to include the safety inspection of the playground equipment. It was noted that there is a need to ascertain the cost of training in order to carry out the safety inspection and it was noted that Mr M Gingell would be able to obtain this information for the October meeting.

The Chairman agreed to ascertain from Mr P Lamerton whether he would be interested in taking on this work. It was suggested that if this was acceptable, and came to fruition, then it might be possible to offer a playground safety inspection service to other parishes.

3.10 Chacewater Parish Council – Performance of Cornwall Council

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from Cornwall Council to Chacewater Parish Council with a copy to all Parish and Town council refuting the allegations put forward by Chacewater Parish Council. Following consideration it was agreed that no further action was necessary.

3.11 Church Street, Landrake

It was noted that the proposed works that would have involved the closure of Church Street have been postponed to a future date and it was agreed to ascertain whether the correct notification had been, or will be given, to all residents and businesses affected by the closure.

3.12 Western Greyhound Bus service

It was noted that action had been taken by Cornwall Council in respect of one particular bus route in the Callington area and it was expected that there would be improvements in general to other services operated by Western Greyhound.

4. FINANCE

4.1 Income

Cornwall Council – 2 nd Half Year Precept	£5,750.00
Cornwall Council – Council Tax Support Grant (2 nd Instalment)	£568.18

4.2 Expenditure

F J Ede & Sons – Galvanised poles and frame for Recreation Field signs	£220.30
M Ford – Labour for erecting above signs	£50.00
I J Biffen – Clerks Salary for the three months to September 2014	£1,049.96
I J Biffen – Clerks expenses for the six months to September 2014	£115.56
I J Biffen – Cost of Register of Electors for Neighbourhood Plan survey	£45.00
H M Revenue – PAYE for the three months to September 2014	£5.80
Geffery Hall Committee – Contribution to Hall Cleaners wages for the six months to September 2014	£112.50
P Lamerton – Village maintenance for 2 months	£395.52

Grant Thornton – Audit Fee	£120.00
CRCC – Neighbourhood Plan Support	£1,200.00
Promota Name – Neighbourhood Plan Survey Forms	£535.20

The above accounts were approved for payment.

4.3 Other Financial Business

None

5. PLANNING

5.1 Planning Applications

None

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.

The Clerk had nothing further to report on the situation regarding Meldon Park but following discussion it was agreed that Councillor D Pugh would make arrangements for a meeting to be held with the Planning Enforcement Officer dealing with this case.

5.3.2 Mera Park, Landrake

As noted in the Open Forum session there was nothing further to report on this matter, but enquires were to be made of Trand Ltd by Mrs S Newell.

5.3.3 Neighbourhood Development Plan

Dr S Walker reported that the survey forms would be circulated during this week and there would be a drop in session in the Geffery Hall on the 25th September from 3.00 – 8.00 pm. It was noted that volunteers from the Parish Council would be needed to assist during that session.

Discussion took place on whether the Parish Council could assist with loan funding if further monies were required before additional grant funding would become available in April 2015, and it was considered that this would be acceptable provided there is a clear audit trail.

It was noted that an item will appear in the next issue of 'Crosstalk' regarding the survey and it would also state that parishioners could access the survey form on line.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Coombe Lynher, Landrake

Mrs R Savery reported that there are up to 60 persons living in the house and caravans at Coombe Lynher and following consideration it was agreed to bring this matter to the attention of Cornwall Council.

6.2 A38 Pedestrian Bridge

Miss P Barton expressed her concern at the amount of dog waste on the foot bridge and also the number of bicycles and skateboards being used on the bridge. Following consideration it was agreed that suitably worded signs should be placed on the bridge

6.3 Parish Pump, Church Street, Landrake

Miss P Barton reported that the Parochial Church Council had discussed the problem of the current poor condition of the wall above the old parish pump in Church Street and they were unsure how the necessary repairs could be carried out.

Following consideration it was agreed that the Chairman and Clerk would look at this matter and report back to the next meeting.

6.4 Church Clock, Landrake

Miss P Barton reported that the Church clock is in need of a good overhaul and whilst there is someone who is able to get the clock working without charge, there may be costs involved if further works are needed on the clock.

Miss Barton asked whether the Parish Council could consider making a financial contribution to any repair work, but it was agreed that this could only be decided upon when the costs are known.

6.5 Village Christmas Tree

Following discussion it was agreed that Mr M Tamblyn would contact Mr S Delbridge to see if a suitable Christmas Tree for the village could be provided as in previous years.

6.6 The Buller's Arms, Landrake

Following the discussion on this matter during the Open Forum session it was agreed that this matter should be monitored and a log of complaints should be maintained.

7. NEW CORRESPONDENCE AND BUSINESS

7.1 Cornwall Council – Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places

The Clerk reported that following a review of polling districts and polling places it was proposed that the Sir Robert Geffery Hall would continue to be used for all local, national and European elections.

7.2 Cornwall Land Community Trust – Proposed Affordable Housing, West Lane, Landrake

The Clerk reported that construction on the above site would commence in October 2014 with the homes being built for Aster Homes and to be made available for affordable rent.

This information was received and noted.

7.3 EM Highways Services Ltd – Supporting local communities

The Clerk reported that the Highways Agency at Exeter had offered to provide some help to the community on the basis of voluntary labour for any projects that could be suggested and that would meet with their approval.

Following consideration of this matter it was agreed to ask if they would be able to paint the storage container in the recreation field, and to provide labour for hedge trimming and general tidying up of the field.

7.4 Cornwall Council – Schedule of focused changes to the Cornwall Local Plan

Details were received and noted of the proposed changes to the above plan.

8. NEWSLETTERS AND REPORTS

8.1 Saltash Policing Team – Monthly Bulletins August and September 2014

9. DATES OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 14th October 2014

Tuesday 18th November 2014 (Half year financial review)

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

G L Knowles
Chairman, Landrake with St Erney Parish Council

14th October 2014