

## **LANDRAKE with ST ERNEY PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Geffery Memorial Hall, Landrake on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2014 at 7.00 pm.

Present – Mr G Knowles, Chairman

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

Mr C Wilton, Parliamentary Assistant to Sheryll Murray, MP

Mr & Mrs L Doyle, Members of the Public

### **OPEN FORUM**

The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting.

Mr C Wilton explained his role as Parliamentary Assistant to Sheryll Murray MP and stated that he would be able to attend Parish Council meetings but could not involve himself in any discussions, but he would be able to provide feedback to Sheryll Murray.

Mrs D Doyle expressed her concern regarding the congestion of traffic in School Road and Lowertown Close particularly when children were arriving and leaving the School in the mornings and afternoons.

Discussion took place on this matter with the suggestion that a meeting could be held with the school. It was noted that the Police are aware of the situation and it is a problem shared by many villages. It had been hoped that a member of the Police force would have been present this evening but it is not always possible as it depends on other duties and situations that might arise.

Following an enquiry it was not known if the virtual walkway in School Road was advisory only or whether the Police had powers to enforce the use of it by pedestrians.

The Chairman thanked Mr and Mrs Doyle for attending and confirmed that there would be further discussion on this matter later in the meeting.

The Clerk gave a report to the meeting as provided by the Police and it was noted that there had been a variety of offences committed during the last month including vehicle interference, dog not under proper control, assault, criminal damage etc.

This information was received and noted.

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Miss P Barton and Mr M J Tamblyn.

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

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> June 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 Clerk reported that the posts for the warning signs have been installed at the agreed locations by Messrs R Manning and M Ford.

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

The Chairman reported on the acquisition of new tables and chairs for the Hall and the proposed installation of a disabled ramp at the entrance to the Clubroom. It was noted that there is work to be done outside of the Hall to tidy up the general appearance.

### **3.3 Village Playground and Bus Shelters**

It was noted that the insides of the shelters have now been treated with a wood stain by Paul Lamerton.

It was noted that there are some boards are yet to be replaced in the fence at the playground alongside the driveway to the vicarage.

Mrs H Cartledge-Claus reported that the playground bin bags had not been taken by the refuse collectors this week. It was noted that the responsibility is to inspect the playground and not to empty the rubbish bins.

### **3.4 Village Street cleaning**

It was noted that the general village maintenance was up to date. The Chairman reported that a request had been received from Phyllis Sweet to clear the brambles between the wall adjacent to the A38 and the bridge ramp and it was agreed that this should be carried out by Paul Lamerton as part of his village maintenance work.

### **3.5 Village War Memorial**

Following discussion on this matter it was agreed that Mrs R Savery would ensure that the area around the base of the Memorial is cleaned before the beginning of August, and Mr M Gingell agreed to undertake cleaning of the Memorial with the help of other councillors either later this year or in the Spring of 2015.

### 3.6 Landrake Ball Committee

The Clerk reported that there had been no further information forthcoming in respect of this matter. The Chairman reported that there is a local resident interested in organising a village carnival in 2015 but they are currently concerned at the lack of response from the previous Ball and Carnival committees.

Following discussion the Chairman agreed to endeavour to contact Mr D Nile regarding this matter and report back to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

### 3.7 Cluster meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> July 2014

The Chairman reported that he had attended this meeting with Mrs M Cornfield.

Councillor D Pugh was elected to the Chair and Mr R Clarke from Botus Fleming was elected as Vice Chairman. The meetings would now involve the parishes of Landrake, Landulph, Pillaton, Botus Fleming and St Germans. Meetings would be held every three months with the next meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> October 2014 and would be held at Landrake. Attendance would be limited to a maximum of four representatives per parish.

The first meeting consisted of a talk by Councillor G Trubody, followed by Esther Richmond on Neighbourhood Planning.

There were a number of points raised as follows –

- Concerns regarding long queues of traffic at times on the road from Hatt to Saltash
- General concerns regarding the A38 ( to be discussed later in the meeting)
- Broadmoor Farm regarding the proposed reduction in the number of houses to be built and the removal from the proposal of the Health Centre and School. It was noted that the main gas pipeline that runs through the site gave rise to the reduction in the proposed scheme.

It was agreed that this matter should be placed on the agenda of the September meeting for further consideration and discussion.

### 3.8 Church Street, Landrake

The Clerk read to the meeting the letter that was written by Councillor D Pugh and circulated to all residents of Church Street regarding the problems of inconsiderate parking.

It was hoped that this course of action would help in alleviating this problem although the distribution of the letter had been met with mixed responses.

#### **4. FINANCE**

##### **4.1 Income**

H M Revenue & Customs – VAT Refund to 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2014	£780.53
Community Development Fund – Grant re Neighbourhood Plan	£1,773.00

(It was noted that this represents 90% of the amount of £1,970.00 requested)

##### **4.2 Expenditure**

WesternWeb Ltd – Annual renewal of web space and email services	£62.40
Mrs A Bell – Repayment of balance of loan re Recreation Field	£350.00
E.on – Electricity Solomon Browne Room	£53.42
P Lamerton – Village Maintenance	£247.20

The above accounts were approved for payment.

##### **4.3 Other Financial Business**

None

#### **5. PLANNING**

##### **5.1 Planning Applications**

**PA14/06294** – Mr D Harte Reconstruction of steps and associated retaining walls at The Cottage, School Road, Landrake.

No Observations

##### **5.2 Planning Decisions**

None.

### 5.3 Planning Correspondence and Reports

#### 5.3.1 Update on Enforcement Cases

The Clerk reported that information and evidence has been gathered by the Planning Enforcement Officer in respect of Meldon Park and a further report is expected in regard to this matter in the near future.

The Planning Enforcement Officer dealing with the Stables at Notterbridge considers that the applicant has not satisfactorily demonstrated that the building has been occupied as a dwelling for a continuous period of four years and therefore the application will be refused and a Certificate of Lawfulness will not be granted. A Notice to cease the residential use will be issued once the Council has finally checked that immunity has not occurred as the owner is still insisting that he has lived on site for more than four years.

#### 5.3.2 Mera Park, Landrake

There was nothing further to report on this matter.

#### 5.3.3 Neighbourhood Plan

Dr S Walker gave an up to date report on the progress being made in respect of this matter and it was noted that a meeting of the committee was due to be held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> July. The main item for discussion will be the parish survey and the need for assistance from the members of the Council in circulating the survey forms in September.

Discussion took place on the use of the Register of Electors for the purposes of the survey and the Clerk agreed to check this matter with Cornwall Council

The Clerk also agreed to check whether the Parish Council had formally accepted the constitution of the Neighbourhood Development Plan Committee.

## **6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### 6.1 'Crosstalk' Magazine

Mr M Webster made a request for ideas of items to include in the forthcoming edition of 'Crosstalk'.

### 6.2 Saltash Area Road Safety Committee

Mrs R Savery reported on the recent meeting of the above committee from which the following points were noted –

- Further minor alterations to be made at the Stoketon cross roads.
- A traffic island to be installed on the A38 adjacent to the Notterbridge turning.
- The proposed footbridge at Carkeel will be on the tunnel side of the roundabout.

- Reduction in the number of houses at Broadmoor Farm
- A letter has been sent from the Committee to the Highways Agency regarding the difficulty for traffic exiting Landrake village onto the east bound A38.
- The haulage company at 'Moorview' must keep to the Operators Licence approval regarding the use of 6 and 8 wheeler lorries only on site.
- Potholes continue to be a problem and can be reported to 'fixmystreet.com'.
- Arrangements can be made for a 'speedwatch' to be operated if there are residents of the village willing to be trained to carry this out.

### 6.3 Meldon Park, Landrake

Mrs R Savery reported that five people had recently complained about the aggressive Alsatian type dog at Meldon Park and she emphasised the need to report any such incidents to the Police.

### 6.4 Western Greyhound Bus Service

Mrs H Cartledge-Claus reported that since the bus timetable was rescheduled in June the service is now appalling with buses regularly running late and incidences of buses breaking down. Mr C Wilton confirmed that he would report back to Sheryll Murray MP on this matter and it was also agreed that a letter should go to her from the Council.

### 6.5 School Road, Landrake

Mr M Gingell expressed his concern at the ongoing problems in School Road particularly at school starting and finishing times and the difficulties caused by indiscriminate parking by parents of pupils at the school. It was noted that there are now a lot of children who attend Landrake School from outside of the village which whilst this is excellent for the school it does bring its own problems.

Various suggestions were put forward to improve the situation and it was agreed that it would be beneficial for a meeting to be held with Mrs Julie Curtis, Head teacher and to be attended by the Chairman, Mr M Gingell and the Clerk. The Clerk was instructed to make arrangements for this meeting.

### 6.6 Home Park Footway

Mr M Gingell reported that the footpath between Home Park and the A38 is overgrown and required attention as soon as possible.

### 6.7 Playground Maintenance

Mr M Gingell suggested that the playground maintenance could be undertaken by Paul Lamerton and also to undertake a ROSPA training course to enable him to carry out the playground safety inspection in the future.

Following consideration it was agreed to put this matter on the agenda for further discussion at the September meeting.

Discussion also took place regarding the fence adjacent to the playground and it was agreed that the replacement of this and the re-siting of it to the edge of the playground land should be considered by the finance sub-committee at their meeting later in the year.

#### 6.8 Mrs N Smith, Treluggan, Landrake

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from Mrs N Smith thanking the Council for their donation to the Children's Hospice South West following her successful sky dive.

### **7. NEW CORRESPONDENCE AND BUSINESS**

#### 7.1 Bus shelter – Village side of A38

The Clerk reported that there was a proposal by Cornwall Council to replace the existing bus shelter on the south side of the A38 with a shelter similar to those now been erected in Saltash and throughout Cornwall. The existing shelter is unsuitable for disabled access owing to the small ramp leading into it and the width of the opening.

Following discussion on this matter it was agreed further consideration needed to be given to this matter and it should be placed on the agenda for the September meeting.

#### 7.2 The A38 – The case for improvement from Saltash to Trerulefoot

The Clerk reported receipt of a copy letter that had been sent from the Cornwall Councillors in South East Cornwall to Mr A Biscoe as Chairman of the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Local Transport Board regarding the need for improvements to the A38 between Saltash and Bodmin.

This information was received and noted.

#### 7.3 Sheryll Murray MP – Appeals on planning decisions re wind turbines

A letter was received from Sheryll Murray on the matter of planning appeals in respect of wind turbine applications and it was noted that when an appeal has been lodged a request can be for these to be called in by the Secretary of State by the Member of Parliament for the constituency.

This information was received and noted.

#### 7.4 Chacewater Parish Council – Performance of Cornwall Council

A letter was received from Chacewater Parish Council expressing their dissatisfaction with the running of Cornwall Council and citing particular areas of concern. Their proposal was to hold two or three meetings across the county to ensure that there is a strong enough voice to enable a full and comprehensive investigation of the working practices to be carried out.

Following consideration of this matter it was agreed to offer the support of this Council.

## **8. NEWSLETTERS AND REPORTS**

- 8.1 Saltash Policing Team – Monthly Bulletin July 2014
- 8.2 Caradon Neighbourhood Watch – Minutes of meeting 14<sup>th</sup> April 2014
- 8.3 Saltash Area Road Safety Committee – Minutes of meeting 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014
- 8.4 ‘Clerks and Councils Direct’ – July 2014, Issue 94
- 8.5 ‘The Clerk’ magazine – July 2014 Vol 45 No. 4
- 8.6 Cornwall & Isles of Scilly – Employment and Skills Strategy 2012 - 2020

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

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2014

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2014

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

G L Knowles  
Chairman, Landrake with St Erney Parish Council

9<sup>th</sup> September 2014