

LANDRAKE with ST ERNEY PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present – Mr G Knowles, Chairman

Miss P Barton, Mrs H Cartledge-Claus, Mrs M Cornfield,

Mr N Owen, Mrs R Savery, Mr M J Tamblyn and Dr S Walker.

Mrs P Eccles, Member of the Public

OPEN FORUM

Mrs P Eccles raised the following matters for consideration by the Council.

- The small area of garden opposite the shop in Tideford Road is overgrown out onto the road. It was understood that the owners live away from the village but it was agreed to try and contact the owner to see if this area could be tidied up.
- Mrs P Eccles considered that ‘Gander Cottage’ in Church Street was in a poor condition and was unoccupied most of the time. It was agreed that this matter would be looked into but it was not thought that much could be done about this.
- Mrs P Eccles expressed her concern that there were only five owner occupied properties in Church Street and that vehicles were being parked wherever it suited some regardless of whether they were blocking the through flow of traffic. It was also noted that there had been a confrontation at Wesley Terrace some months ago and car tyres had been slashed. It was believed that these incidents were the result of parking disputes. It was agreed to look into the possibility of line markings in Church Street and also the situation regarding parking at the top of Church Street on the triangular area although there was known to be a water hydrant in that area.

The Chairman thanked Mrs Eccles for bringing these matters to the attention of the Council and stated they would be investigated as necessary.

A report was received from the Police and it was noted that there had been two recorded crimes in the last month and eleven further incidents reported to the Police although a number of these were disruptions on the highway.

A speeding operation took place at Stoketon Cross on the 10th March when 35 motorists were reported for consideration of prosecution for excessive speed.

The Police requested that all suspicious activity is reported to them either on the non emergency number 101, or if necessary the emergency number 999.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs M Gingell, M Webster and Mrs S Newell, member of the public.

The Chairman stated that the thoughts of the Council were with Mr M Webster on the recent loss of his wife and it was agreed that a sympathy card should be sent by the Clerk on behalf of the Council.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 18th February 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 warning signs were on order and would be erected as soon as possible.

Following an enquiry regarding the cutting of the grass in the recreation field it was noted that it should commence soon when the school playing field is cut, and thereafter will be carried out on a regular basis.

3.2 Sir Robert Geffery Memorial Hall

The Chairman reported that work had just started on the improvements to the Hall which are to include a new door to the Club Room, work on the main hall floor to include re-lining and a new front door.

A request was made for the amount of £6,000.00 from the Trustee Reserve Fund to be utilised as follows –

£5,100.00 for the required 10% match funding of the grant funding from Viridor for the new kitchen and toilets.

£300.00 to complete the work on the floors and doors.

£600.00 towards the repairs and costs incurred from the recent water leak at the Hall.

Following consideration and on a proposal by Miss P Barton, seconded by Mr N Owen and carried by the meeting it was –

RESOLVED – That the amount of £6,000.00 be transferred from the Geffery Hall Trustee Fund to the Geffery Hall Committee account.

It was noted that a request for funding from the Lottery Fund had been unsuccessful as two of the three signatories to the application were related (Graham and Margaret Knowles). It was however noted that it would be possible to make a further application next year for grant funding from the Howton Solar Farm Community Fund and consideration is also being given to obtaining funding from other sources.

3.3 Village Playground and Bus Shelters

There was nothing to report other than the staining of the inside of the bus shelters will be carried out as soon as possible.

3.4 Village Street cleaning

The Chairman reported that Paul Lamerton would be able to get the appropriate white paint to mark the edge of the steps on the footpath from School Road to Highertown and it was agreed that this work should be carried out as soon as possible.

3.5 Village War Memorial

The Clerk stated that it was proving difficult to get grant funding for this work but the Chairman reported that if it was possible to hire a 'cherry picker' on a self drive basis then Mervyn Gingell was willing to drive the machine from Bond's at Trerulefoot to enable the cleaning work to be carried out.

Following consideration it was agreed that this would be the best course of action.

3.6 Directional Finger Post Signs

The Clerk reported that he had located someone who would be able to prepare the sign posts and the directional finger boards, and a sign writer in Saltash who could deal with the wording on the signs. It was now hoped to start dealing with this work in the near future.

Following the suggestion put by Mr M Webster to the owners of Triacre Kennels that a small sign be attached to the proposed new finger post sign at Wotton Cross indicating the location of the kennels, which would be paid for by the owners of Triacre, it was noted that they were in agreement with this course of action.

There was also a request from Triacre Kennels to erect a sign at the Green indicating the direction to Triacre and seeking the Council's approval. Following consideration it was agreed that the Parish Council would have no objection to this but it was not within their jurisdiction to give approval or otherwise.

3.7 A38 – Turning into Kilna Lane

The Clerk reported that a response is still awaited from Cornwall Highways regarding the suggested placing of a sign adjacent to the A38 just prior to the turning into Kilna Lane to discourage lorries, large vans etc from turning into this lane.

Discussion took place on the lack of response on such matters from Cornwall Council and it was agreed that the concerns of this Council should be expressed as support should be received from Cornwall Council, particularly as they expect more work to be taken on by Parish and Town Councils.

3.8 Landrake Ball Committee

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from the Landrake Ball committee stating that the Committee is to be disbanded and seeking advice on dealing with the cash balance and the assets of the committee. Following consideration when this course of action was noted with regret it was agreed that all monies and assets should be passed over to the Clerk and any monies would be ring fenced for possible future use of a Village Carnival or Ball Committee.

4. FINANCE

4.1 Income

None

4.2 Expenditure

P Lamerton – Village Maintenance	£192.00
Sir Robert Geffery Hall Committee – Contribution to Hall cleaner’s wages for the six months to March 2014	£112.50
Sir Robert Geffery Hall Committee – Room Hire 2013/14	£108.00
I Biffen – Clerks salary for the 3 months to March 2014	£820.01
I Biffen – Postage, Stationery etc to March 2014	£107.94
H M Revenue – PAYE for the 3 months to March 2014	£205.00
Transfer to Clerks Gratuity Fund (3.75% of £4,100.00)	£153.75

The above accounts were approved for payment.

4.3 Other Financial Business

4.3.1 Donation Requests 2013 - 14

The Clerk reported that donation requests had been received during the year from the following organisations –

Citizens Advice Bureau

Cornwall Air Ambulance
County Playing Field Association
Cruse Bereavement Care
Victim Support

It was noted that the Parish Council are committed to making a donation of £750.00 to the Parochial Church Council towards the upkeep of the churchyards at Landrake and St Erney.

Following consideration of this matter and on a proposal by Mr G Knowles, seconded by Mr M J Tamblyn and carried by the meeting it was –

RESOLVED - That the following donation be made for 2013 - 14

Landrake with St Erney Parochial Church Council - £750.00

On a further proposal by Mr G Knowles, seconded by Mrs H Cartledge-Claus and carried by the meeting it was –

RESOLVED – That a donation of £75.00 be made to the Citizens Advice Bureau and £75.00 to the Cornwall Air Ambulance.

5. PLANNING

5.1 Planning Applications

None

PA14/00441 – Mr & Mrs A Duncan – Regularisation of change of use of land and building from agricultural to haulage contractors business on land to the east of ‘Moorview’, New Road, Landrake

Discussion took place on the observations that had already been submitted in respect of the above application and the response that had been received from the Planning Officer dealing with this case. The Clerk confirmed that a request had been made, after consultation with the Chairman that this application should be considered by the Planning Committee and it was understood that this request would be granted. It was noted that the Chairman would attend the meeting and speak on behalf of the Council and the concerns that the Council have if this retrospective application is granted.

5.2 Planning Decisions

None

5.3 Planning Correspondence and Reports

5.3.1 Update on Enforcement Cases

There were no matters for discussion at this meeting but it was agreed that an approach be made to Sheryll Murray, MP regarding the long running issues relating to some enforcement matters.

5.3.2 Mera Park, Landrake

There was nothing further to report on this matter.

5.3.3 Neighbourhood Plan

Dr S Walker reported that she had carried out research on this matter since the previous meeting and explained the basic process to the meeting. The preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan would have to be initiated by the Parish Council and the members of the team would be drawn from people in different walks of life in the village as well as representation from the Parish Council which for the time being would consist of Dr S Walker and Mrs R Savery.

It was noted that the newly established steering group would be meeting within the next two weeks and would report back to the Parish Council on a regular basis. It was also agreed that Dr S Walker would speak on this matter at the Annual Public Meeting in April as the guest speaker for the evening.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Village Car Parking

Mrs R Savery expressed her concern at the number of vehicles that are parked during the day on the roadside adjacent to the Village Hall with the drivers known to be car sharing. Following discussion it was agreed that there was no action that could be taken in respect of this matter.

6.2 Old Road, Landrake.

Mrs R Savery expressed her concern at the amount of rubbish in Old road and stated that she would make a direct approach to Cornwall Council to have this matter dealt with.

6.3 Open Gardens Day, Landrake

Dr S Walker reported that this event would not be held this year due to a lack of interest.

6.4 Recreation Field, Landrake

Miss P Barton reported that youngsters had been camping in the recreation field but following discussion it was agreed to ascertain whether there could be more leniency

with regard to the use of the field. The Chairman agreed to discuss this matter with Mrs S Newell.

6.5 Lydia Browne Trust

The Chairman reported that following a recent meeting of the Trustees it had been decided there was no one in the village fitting the criteria so no action was taken or anything given this year. An explanation was given to the meeting of the history and role of the Trust.

7. NEW CORRESPONDENCE AND BUSINESS

7.1 Saltash Town Council – Civic Service 23rd March 2014

The Chairman stated that he would be unable to attend this function on this occasion.

8. NEWSLETTERS AND REPORTS

- 8.1 Saltash Policing team – Monthly Bulletin March 2014
- 8.2 Clerks and Councils Direct – March 2014 Issue 92
- 8.3 The Clerk Magazine March 2014 Vol. 45 No. 2
- 8.4 Cornwall Gateway Panel – Minutes of Meeting 30th January 2014
- 8.5 Caradon Neighbourhood Watch Forum – Minutes of Meeting 17th February 2014

9. DATES OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 22nd April 2014 (Annual Public Meeting)

Tuesday 13th May 2014 (Annual Parish Council Meeting)

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

13th May 2014