

# MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY FOR LANDULPH HELD ON MONDAY 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018

Present: Cllrs Worth (Chair), P Braund, G Braund, M Dennis, M Shirlaw  
Also present: Cllr J Foot, and K. Williams - Clerk to Parish Council, and parishioners  
held at the Landulph Memorial Hall Annexe on Monday 21 May 2018 at 7.00pm.

1. Minutes of last Annual Meeting (held on Monday 15 May 2017) – agreed.
2. Matters Arising - none.
3. Chairman’s Report (included as a separate attachment).
4. Councillor Jesse Foot – Cornwall Councillor for St German's and Landulph.

Councillor Foot expressed his thanks for parishioners’ support, particularly regarding the issue of single-use plastics, and the school route.

He explained that he regularly attends the five Parish Council meetings in his division, deals with local casework issues, and also sits on various Cornwall Council Committees.

Cllr Foot reported that the A38 issues ‘case for action’ is being led by the local MP, including a high-level study, and a lobby of Government – press releases and media announcements will be issued, and there is a Safe38 Residents’ Facebook page.

Cllr Foot closed his update stating that, whilst being proactive, a lot of his works tends to be reactive (casework), he is here to help.

5. Public Forum.

A discussion was held on the South West Water construction located at the bottom of Fore Street, which is partly on the Highway, and that no discussion has been held with the public, or the Parish Council about it moving from its current location, however it was pointed out that as it’s a Utility Company, it may not require planning permission. It was queried whether the construction should be restricted as it’s in a Conservation Area, and whether the plinth could be made smaller.

There was a discussion held about a potential 20mph zone in Fore Street.

Signed:

Date: 20.05.2019

Good Evening to everyone and welcome to our Annual Assembly Meeting

Where did that year go?

It only seems a few months ago, not a whole year that I came along to my first parish council meeting to join in, but walked out as Chairman! I said at the time that I was attending in memory of my mother, Joan Worth, who had been Clerk to the Council for many previous years and that I wanted to give something back to this outstanding area where I grew up and have now chosen to live with my family.

In Landulph Parish we are so lucky to have a farming, market garden and river heritage which all combine to provide us with such wonderful surroundings. As a council we have taken very seriously the trust that our parish places in us to care for and protect the parish and its residents.

I made clear, a year ago, that I believe in taking a pro-active role in the community and not just sitting back and waiting for the world to come to us. I have tried hard to take that approach and will continue to do so.

### **Meetings and Communication**

Our regular meetings on the 3rd Monday of the month have grown in attendance as I've hopefully encouraged free comment and involvement from our parishioners who we serve. Anyone who asks me for an opinion on a topical or parish related subject, will always be requested to come along to our meeting to make their voice heard in person. I've also supported the use of technology and the internet to provide an informed decision in as near real time as possible; but, we also need to reach out and help all members of our community who are perhaps not as technically aware; so, be it Social Media, Websites, Notice Boards, Events and good old "talking" to one another, we need to embrace them all. Do remember though to all be careful in what we post online, as it is there forever and might as well be a 40" billboard outside your house for all to see.( but bigger!) We are now as a council reviewing our General Data Protection Regulations position ready for the May 2018 changes.

Other meetings I have regularly attended to represent the parish as Chairman are the Cornwall Gateway Community Network Panel. This is a group of local councils such as Saltash, Torpoint, Botus & Landrake where our common issues are discussed. With additional funding it is becoming more powerful. I also attend and contribute to the Area Road Safety Committee to strengthen our parish voice.

I'm not going to list every fact and figure from our past year as those have been carefully minuted and posted on our website <http://www.landulph.org.uk/meetings.php> by Katherine Williams our Clerk to the Council who does an excellent job in supporting us all and taking a lead in the GDPR strategy. Thank you to Katherine. I would just like to highlight some key actions and decisions that Landulph Parish Council has taken this year, then move onto what I believe will be important for our future together as a community. I'm not going to mention hedge trimming, mud on roads, reversing! We live in the country, but please come along to our meetings in the future to share your opinions.

### **Planning**

This is a major part of our role and is always a lively subject which deserves careful consideration. Remember that a Parish Council can only Influence a planning decision, the final say is the role of the Cornwall County Planners who welcome our involvement. Fellow Councillors and I have attended training courses and updates in our ethical training to ensure we are ready for what the parish presents in its planning needs. Clarity was needed in the new Pre-Application process and we discussed and implemented new procedures from our December 2017 meeting.

We have seen Pre-Application requests from some important areas in our Parish; for example, the Crooked Spaniards and land between Cuple Park and Coombe Drive for more houses. For now, we await more details from the applicants before these projects can proceed, but as a council we are here in a proactive role to bring a resolution, that in the best way, can ensure due process is followed and all points of view are considered to move forward. Keep your eyes on the interactive Cornwall web site which shows the latest information with maps.

## **Solar Fund**

This is still available for new projects to be considered, we have however made and delivered some successful provisions in the past year. The new defibrillator here at the Landulph Memorial Hall is a critical piece of life saving equipment and I recall a successful training event held here last summer when over 50 parishioners attended to receive first hand knowledge on what to do. What was notable for me was the total cross section of ages all working together, learning and having fun; even lying on the floor with some dummies! We also provided some solar funds for the Under5's to repair and make safe their equipment outside. Future applications are still welcome so do come along to a future council meeting and make an application.

## **LifeBuoy**

As a council we have provided a new lifebuoy on the waterfront, with the support of the Slipway Quay Management Co. and help from Glen Honey and Gideon Barrett. Thanks to all concerned, but let's hope it's not used in an emergency situation too soon. On that subject, a special mention needs to be reported on the crew of the Irene, the wonderful old 128ft sailing ketch moored for over a month at the quay for a refit. Their quick reactions saved the lives of two local sailors whose tender had capsized in a racing tide one dark night.

## **Penyoke Playing Field**

This Parish Council facility continues to provide a wonderful safe family environment for all to enjoy. I personally saw seven children wander down there one evening to play outside, with no worries and again having fun. This provision does come at a cost in constant maintenance of the equipment and the need to keep improving the drainage stutation; all of which has been well documented, but needs another special mention of Cllr Philips Braund and Cllr Marilyn Dennis for their special efforts in ensuring the constant required improvements are delivered.

## **Litter Picking**

To support Cllr Foot and the concerns for plastic in our world, we arranged a litter pick in the Spring along the foreshore collecting sacks of waste. Remember though, it is a constant challenge with every high tide, so it's good idea to collect at least something anytime you go for a walk to keep our river clean. Also I give thanks now to Jane Espig and her team for continuing the fight against litter.

## **The Memorial Hall**

The Hall is an important asset for the Parish and provides a home to many great clubs, events and activities to benefit all ages. We resolved during the year to meet with the Hall Management Committee to confirm ownership of the property for our parish asset register. This has now been confirmed by the Land Registry as the Parish Council.

## **Neighbourhood Plan**

Good progress has been made in 2018 and I am glad to report that we can now see the updated 12th May 18 revision on the Neighbourhood Plan website <http://www.landulphplan.org.uk/> for us all to review before it is returned for a referendum. I congratulate the team for all the hard work that has been done to get to this stage in such an important document for our Parish environment.

One event during the year to report that provoked the most reaction in any Parish Council Meeting was the presentation by Sam Nicolson of Cornwall Council in Jan 18 on the housing requirement of 24 new families in our parish.

It was a shock, and subsequently found to be false but it did highlight how things can quickly change. We do need to be aware that we can't just rely on essential services workers like teachers, nurses and emergency services workers and farm workers bringing their much-needed skills to our parish, but not have anywhere affordable to live, to buy, or to rent. It concerns me that the plan's restriction on developments to 5 houses conflicts with the restrictions on rural 106 agreements regarding developer contributions to affordable housing. I'm keeping a close eye on these rules at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/planning-obligations> as appeals from all sides pass through the High Court. I will be taking a close interest to ensure the future needs of the parish are covered:

Mentioning Future Needs ---We have seen our Chapel closing....We need to support our Church, the Hall, the Festival, the Cargreen Yacht Club, our Newsletter, in fact, all our Clubs and Activities .. but let's focus on our future in our children.

### **Landulph Pre-School Under Fives**

It has been a challenging year for the Under5's. After a presentation from the chairman Tim Bell at our December meeting, the Council decided to provide some funds as a grant to help them with some financial requirements. I was pleased decisions were quickly taken and actions made. It highlighted to needs of this vital asset which uses this hall, and now with the efforts of Tara Edwards as the new Manager in charge and the hard-working committee, I hope for future growth.

### **Landulph Primary School**

Councillors and I took part in the media event of the year with live broadcasts streamed around the world, from our Protest Walk from Hatt to Landulph. This was to highlight the supposed 'safe' walking route approved by County through the lanes, and up and down Ziggerson Hill for children to get to and from school. I look to all to keep the pressure on so children can freely use the school bus for a safer environment and creating less car journeys through the lanes.

It was highlighted to me at Christmas by attending the Landulph School production of 'The Jungle Book' at the Memorial Hall, what a wonderful school we have. The enthusiasm of the children and dedication of the staff led by Mrs Esther Best, the Head Teacher was amazing. It made me determined to do all we could as a Parish council to look forward and develop our relationship. The idea came to me to meet Mrs Best and offer a challenge for the children to think about their environment and produce a Parish logo, she agreed to this idea so watch this space! We need an identity for all to see what a great place this is to live, and what better source than through the eyes of a local child. In return, we will provide an educational prize for the child and also look at the school's needs for some new furniture for some special requirements as they expand their classes. In visiting the school, I did get to see what a great job they do and how happy the children were in their lessons, from the early years to the older children, Local young families can have confidence in the educational provisions in our parish.

It did highlight to me the need for a coherent strategy to move forward for the next 5 years. I'm pleased to say that a Landulph Parish Educational Needs Survey from both the School and the Under5's in working together, has been commissioned to send now to parents to obtain their views by the end of May 18. It will look at the needs of the Under 2's and a holiday club for working families. I look forward to its findings and how we can support future requirements. As I mentioned, let's make certain our Neighbourhood Plan includes our school's findings and needs.

### **To conclude,**

I began by mentioning my mother. This year in 2018 will see the birth of my first grandchild to my first daughter and son-in-law in Kent, in the next 3 weeks into June. My second daughter will be married in our parish church in early July. A busy time!

Let's all consider what we have to do to continue to make Landulph a wonderful parish to live in. I want to say I'm not a man with a 5-year plan who never implements and gives up after 18 months. I've seen too much of that in previous corporate life! I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow councillors for their support and hard work during the year.

If re-elected as Chairman,

You have my commitment, in this coming parish year 2018/19 and beyond, to be proactive in assuring you that I will continue to protect our parish environment and support our future evolution as an inclusive, forward- thinking community.

Thank you

Councillor Martin Worth

Chairman of Landulph Parish Council