

MINUTES OF LANDULPH ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY Held on Monday 20th May 2019 at the Landulph Memorial Hall Annexe

Present: Cllrs Worth (Chair), P Braund, G Braund, A Butcher, M Dennis, M Holmes, Cllr J Foot, Clerk to Landulph Parish Council, and parishioners.

1. Minutes of last Annual Meeting (held on Monday 21 May 2018) – agreed.
2. Matters Arising – none.
3. Chairman’s Report (see attached).
4. Councillor Jesse Foot – Cornwall Councillor for St German's and Landulph.
Cllr Foot reported that we are halfway through the current administration of Cornwall Council, another 2 years of the coalition remaining, with a Council Leader’s election being held tomorrow. He emphasised the need for Cornwall Councillors, Parish Councillors, Officers and Residents to work together, whilst respecting differing opinions.

Cllr Foot is the Chair of the Licensing Committee, and has recently worked with Officers to undertake a policy review, to include new pieces of policy, including the recommendation that festivals and venues eliminate single-use plastics. Cllr Foot sits on the Miscellaneous Licensing Committee – which involves the licensing of taxi drivers, street trading, and dealing with complicated licensing issues/decisions. He is also Chair of the Cornish Minority Status Working Group; this group ensures that Central Government adheres to the framework convention – Cornwall should have the same rights as other national minorities. The group is currently fighting for a Cornish tick-box on the 2021 census sheet. A summit in July is being organised, involving other national minorities.

Cllr Foot is involved with the Cornish Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Group as an Outside Body, and is in discussions with them – as he feels their response to some recent planning applications has not been as strong as it could be.

Cornwall Council has declared a climate emergency – which has an impact on the Planning Department. There is much emphasis on the economic impact, but Cllr Foot would like to see more emphasis on how the environment is also impacted.

Kresen Kernow – Cornwall’s new Archive Centre is being developed in Redruth, which includes a Treasure Room, and will hold some of the oldest Cornish texts.

Tomorrow, Cllr Foot is seconding a motion calling for all developers in Cornwall to not use bird netting.

2021 will see a reduction from 123 to 87 Cornwall Councillors (Local Boundary Commission), which will impact Cornwall Councillors, making it more difficult to manage local caseloads. It is likely that the work of Parish Councillors will increase, with decisions happening more locally. £14,472.51 is the basic allowance for a Cornwall Councillor. Cllr Foot emphasised the importance of communicating and working together, and to work through any disagreements. The strength will be where parishioners work with Parish Councils, who works with Cornwall Council. In 2021 – Landulph will be part of Saltash West, so, increasingly, Landulph Parish Council will be liaising with Saltash Town Council.

Cllr Foot stated that he is here for another two years, and would encourage parishioners to contact him - he will do his best to assist.

5. NHS Kernow Community Services Review including services at St Barnabas Community Hospital (Kate Mitchell – Programme Manager, NHS Kernow).

NHS Kernow is a commissioning organisation, looking at the health population needs of Saltash / St German's area. This includes a review of the provision at St Barnabas Hospital – the 9 x inpatients beds and minor injuries service has temporarily stopped, for two reasons: workforce resources; and Health and Safety issues at the site.

The interim provision at St Barnabas includes the provision of outpatient (ie. physio, cardio, respiratory) and consultant clinics, as well as providing a base of over 75 staff. It is recognised that some people in the community are frustrated that a decision has not yet been made over the future use of St Barnabas.

NHS Kernow is currently undertaking a piece of work, looking at the area's population needs – how the current services meeting those needs, and what that means for the future of St Barnabas. A multi-agency project group has been set up, a formal engagement process has started – which may lead to a consultation on the future use of St Barnabas. Scrutiny from NHS England, and the regional Clinical Senate is being undertaken to ensure a robust process is followed. The earliest likely decision is March 2020.

A formal engagement workshop was held in April, this year to explore what the local needs were and what the community service provision should be. Port View and Saltash Health Centre surgeries have been commissioned to deal with minor injuries services in the interim period. Further information is available at the following website link <https://www.kernowccg.nhs.uk/get-involved/engagement/integrated-community-services-plans/st-barnabas-community-hospital/>

The next engagement event is on Wednesday 29th May, notes from this will also be available on the website.

Question from a parishioner relating to finances / costs to maintain the building. Kate advised that significant investment is required if the outcome is for St Barnabas to become a fit-for-purpose, modern building with in-patient facilities. She reported that this process is not driven by finances, but about the needs of the community, and the future function of the hospital.

Question from a parishioner: how much of the building is listed? Kate advised there are no listings or covenants on the building.

Question from a parishioner: how does a person with a minor injury know where to go? The signposts still point to St Barnabas.

Kate advised that the current signs haven't been removed yet, as the closure decision is only interim at this stage. She also noted that it was a good point – that improved communications are needed about the new minor injuries service provision at the two GP surgeries, and would be looking at using local Saltash magazines and Facebook pages to aid communication of this.

Question from a parishioner: can anyone just turn up at either GP surgery?

Kate advised that anyone should be able to turn up at either surgery if they have a minor injury (during their opening times).

Kate reported that in the 12 months before St Barnabas closed there were 455 minor injury patients for the year.

Question: has the Cumberland Centre lost its x-ray facilities?

Kate advised that she wasn't aware of this, and would check and report back.

6. Landulph Community Emergency plan update.

A presentation was given on Landulph's emerging Community Emergency Plan.

Roger Pugh will act as the Primary Co-ordinator.

£100 funding has been received from Cornwall Council, with a further £400 available when the plan is ready. The plan has already been started, with good input from farmers offering the use of vehicles, tractors, chainsaws, etc; however, there is a need for more medical help from within the parish.

Question from a parishioner on whether there has been any involvement with emergency services.

Cllr Worth reported that the Emergency Plan Group has taken advice from Cornwall Council re insurance, training, etc. If there is a major incident that is solely related to the parish, then Cornwall Council will co-ordinate the relevant emergency services. However, in an incident where other areas as well as Landulph are at risk, then the emergency services will be prioritised to attend the worst. This may mean that Landulph is on its own for a while – this is where the Community Emergency Plan will really come into force.

Members of the public are not expected to be put at risk, example of not being allowed to purchase waders for the Community Emergency Plan exercise.

7. Plastic Free Cornwall Gateway Network Area
Discussions to be arranged with the school to carry this forward.
8. Cyber Crime presentation.
To be circulated / available on the website.
9. Public Forum.

A parishioner reported two unpleasant encounters with aggressive drivers at Highdown, and received verbal abuse on these occasions.

Cllr Worth advised that Cornwall Council has inspected the area and assessed the hedges as 'not unsafe'. Landulph Parish Council has recommended that Cornwall Council keeps a close eye on this – as this will certainly change over the next few weeks. Cllr Worth also reported that Cornwall Council has stated that it's possible at this stage to provide a 'Give Way / Priority' system at High Down. Landulph Parish Council has asked them to re-consider.

Cllr Worth has discussed the hedges issue with Cornwall Council, who advised Cllr Worth that, when Cornwall Council (CC) assess the hedges as dangerous – CC will write to the landowners, which will take approximately a month. If the landowners do not cut their hedges, then there will be another period of time before CC's hedgecutting team arrives at Landulph to cut the hedges. So, it could take 2-3 months before the hedges are eventually cut. Cllr Worth explained the issue is that Landulph Parish Council doesn't have the legal power to undertake the hedge-cutting work.

Cllr Worth encouraged all parishioners to report any overgrown hedges via Cornwall Council's hedges (link is available on the Landulph Parish Council website).

A parishioner commented on the dilemma – every time Landulph Parish Council cuts the hedges (even though it doesn't have the power to do so), then the landowners and Cornwall Council don't need to worry, and it seems a shame to relinquish them of their responsibility.

Another parishioner asked whether other parishes have similar issues? Cllr Worth reported that he hasn't heard other parishes experiencing hedge-related problems, but they experience other safety issues.

Meeting finished at 20.14

Signed:

Chairman of Landulph Parish Council

Date: __ May 2020