

Good Evening to everyone and welcome to our Annual Parish Assembly Meeting for 2019.

Another year has gone by in the parish of Landulph, with our wonderful surroundings. As a Council, I believe we have all taken very seriously the trust placed in us to care for and protect the parish and its residents. We have, in 2019, therefore introduced our new parish logo to show our commitment for "Making things better".

I made it clear, a year ago, that I believe in taking a proactive 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 meetings on the 3rd Monday of the month have regularly 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 voices heard in person. I've 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 as in Landulph Innit, Websites, Notice Boards, Events, our excellent Parish Newsletter which goes to 100% of households, and good old "talking" to one another, we need to embrace them all. We have now, as a Council, adopted the General Data Protection Regulations and have introduced in 2018/19 a new globally hosted secure email system and shared cloud drives for our documents. We do have future developments of instant messaging, conferencing and mobile applications all waiting in the wings. We have, on some occasions, recorded some Council meetings to assist in minute-taking and we do have further options for live web-enabled broadcast like Cornwall Council.

Other Meetings. I have regularly attended, to represent the parish, the Cornwall Gateway Community Network Panel. This is a group of local councils such as Saltash, Torpoint, St Germans, Rame Peninsula, Botus & Landrake where the common issues of over 55,000 people are discussed. With additional funding, it is becoming more powerful and has already directly resulted on Highways budgets, bringing forward the provision of improved road safety in the parish with our 20mph speed limit expansion and our Double White Line extension being approved as a priority. I have been re-elected as Vice-Chairman for a second term, supported by Cllr Jesse Foot, and Deputy Chair of Cornwall Council - Cllr Hillary Frank. This has regularly taken me to Truro to be involved as a Parish Councillor in the workings of our county and allowed me to ask direct questions and get direct actions. The

importance of parishes is being recognised as localism is developed, and as Parish Councillors, we will be expected to do more in the future. Our local knowledge is key but we will need additional training and support, remembering that we are all volunteers.

I have recently been chosen to represent all parishes on the South East Cornwall Economic Development Sub Group for Cornwall Council and in the working group for the provision of Water Transport links for tourism and commuting for Plymouth, Mount Edgecumbe, Torpoint, Saltash and the Tamar Valley.

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. 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.

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. We have met the planners now on numerous occasions and they have presented here at our parish meeting. Fellow Councillors and I have continued to attend training courses and updates in our ethical training to ensure we are ready for what the parish presents in its planning needs.. I do wish to highlight what I believe to be a particular recent success in local planning where a refusal decision by the planners was reversed at North Wayton Farm. The Parish Council came together in a site visit, voted to reverse the decision, and discussed with the planners as to why the holiday lets development would be a good idea for the local family owners to establish a long term local business and asset.

Solar Fund. £1,200 is still available for new projects to be considered. Future applications are still welcome so do come along to our July Council meeting and make an application.

Penyoke Playing Field. This Parish Council facility continues to provide a wonderful

safe family environment for all to enjoy, and continued thanks to Cllr Philip Braund, for the vision and work involved in some special planting of a wildflower bank which we will see bloom over the coming years, and Cllr Marilyn Dennis for her special efforts in ensuring the constant playpark required improvements are delivered. We will continue to ensure a safe environment for the equipment and we must all take credit as a parish, in focusing on Penyoke, as we are about to see that this area has been chosen and will be used for an ITV comedy drama series Glass Houses as a "May Day Village Green". The resulting revenue will be welcome for parish funds.

The Memorial Hall. The Hall continues to be an important asset for the Parish and provides a home to many great clubs, events and activities to benefit all ages. There have been some wonderful events held with school productions, The Gardening Spring Show, Film Club, the ever growing Landulph Festival, Village Night and the Panto. But it's not just about performance - what has been special for me has been seeing 8 year olds rehearsing with 80 year olds and then meeting and waving as friends as they pass each other in Fore Street.

Neighbourhood Plan. Probably the most discussed subject of the year with passionate heated debate which resulted in the unfortunate resignation of a valued Parish Councillor. However, that prompted 3 new applications to the Council, an election, and a valued new Councillor. These have been testing times and I have certainly learnt from the process but we are all now moving on to the future and great progress has been made in 2018/19 with the final revision of the plan. We now await the date for our referendum which has been delayed (at no fault of ours) by the European Elections. We will work together to ensure a high turnout of all our parishioners for the vote. I congratulate the NDP team for all the hard work that has been done to get to this stage in producing such an important community-led document for the protection of our Parish environment and Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

We should also welcome in 2019, Amanda Pugh - as our new Tree Warden in the parish. She has already been successful in protecting our wildlife in recent encounters with Western Power.

We should also welcome the local team of parishioners who are developing our Community Emergency Plan which is also seeing us developing links with adjoining parishes which is a good thing for the future.

Mentioning Future Needs - we need to support our Church, the Hall, the Festival, the Cargreen Yacht Club, particularly the thriving cadets enjoying our A.O.N.B. , our Newsletter, in fact, all our Clubs and Activities, I can't list them all .. but I would like to

continue to focus on our future in our children.

Landulph Pre-School Under Fives. It continues to be a challenging year for the Under 5's. We need to support activities to sustain their numbers in providing an important resource for our youngest parishioners. Here I believe we can work as a Council to bring together all the elements of our early years childcare and work with the school to find a long term solution.

Landulph Primary School. I was sad to see the departure of Mrs Best as the outgoing head but now welcome Mrs Ball as an excellent replacement. I look forward to taking a proactive role with the Parish Council, in supporting her, and the dedicated staff to ensure we maintain our outstanding school. It is the lifeblood of the parish. One area of focus will be the Plastic Free Parish Initiative as shown by Torpoint School.

To conclude, let's all consider what we have to do to continue to make Landulph a wonderful parish to live in. I want to repeat I'm not a man with a 5-year plan which is never implemented and who 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 2019/20 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