

MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY FOR LANDULPH

Held at the Landulph Memorial Main Hall on Monday 16th May 2022 at 6.00pm.

Present: Cllr Worth, Cllr G Braund, Cllr Dennis, Cllr Gawith, Cllr Tagg. The Clerk to Landulph Parish Council, plus five parishioners attended.

1. Minutes of last Annual Meeting held on Monday 17th May 2021.

Cllr Gawith proposed, Cllr Dennis seconded and the minutes were agreed.

2. Matters Arising – none.

3. Chairman's Report.

Your volunteer Landulph Parish Council has focused in 2021/22 on emerging from the pandemic and improving its services to parishioners by Making Things Better.

Our meetings have increased along with our localism workload, as has our commitment to training. We have welcomed two new councillors, Libby Gawith and Clare Tagg, to our team who have made excellent contributions with their skill sets, particularly in finance and process, implementing a new finance committee. Representing Landulph Parish Council, Libby has engaged with the Cornwall Gateway Community Network Panel & Saltash Area Road Safety (SARS). Clare has introduced a new regular parish email to support those who don't use social media. We also continue to complement our communication via the excellent Landulph Parish Newsletter which reaches 100% of households. Don't also forget our parish notice boards and "good old talking to one another" at events, with "Landulph Celebrates" as an excellent example in 2021 or just walking about with friends & neighbours which has been a benefit of lockdown exercise in the lanes. I also wish to thank our other councillors in representing the parish council at our school and community groups. Clearly, all is supported and recorded by our clerk, Katherine Williams, who keeps us all informed (particularly me!) of the latest policies and procedures and does a great job. Thank you all.

We have continued to adopt new ways of working using Zoom, Teams and workshops. We continue to review our funding and reserves, minimising our precept increase, as we can't rely anymore on the £40k support the parish has enjoyed from the Solar Funds in previous years.

We have focused on what our parishioners have asked for during our public sessions:

- Continued financial support for The Under Fives, and attendance and taking part in live debate with Landulph School's Pupil Council, representing children of all ages.
- Our excellent Playground: to secure reserves for the future to replace equipment, infrastructure and continue maintenance.
- The Landulph Parish Climate Action Group drawn from the public and councillors has gone from strength to strength. It held hybrid sessions in February & March 22 focusing on our River, Environment, Energy Use and Electric Vehicle Charging with strong attendance. Cllr Martin Alvey, Cabinet Member for the Environment, Cornwall Council attended and complimented us on such excellent events and community involvement. The group continues its great work focusing on what we can do locally to protect our environment.
- We continue to develop our Emergency Plan which saw our backup route of Coombe Lane being cleared by CORMAC along the river towards Tinnel, also giving much improved disabled access for our residents to enjoy. We continue the Community Volunteer group of 60 parish members via WhatsApp, plus a medical group in the background (if needed). We provided support this year during the storms to help parishioners with structural damage.
- We saw our Community Broadband Partnership being rolled out in March 22 by Openreach to nearly all households and businesses in the parish. We are the envy of the area with other parishes and towns yet to catch up. We now enjoy faster speeds for both download and particularly uploads with stable and secure communications at similar cost, particularly beneficial to those whose lifestyle has changed as more people work from home in the parish.
- We continue to focus on our Quality of Life in securing increased maintenance of our lanes and securing an extension of our speed limits to 30mph from Landulph Cross to Wayton. A public consultation will follow. More improvements at Highdown are being considered and funding has been secured.
- Working with Amanda Pugh our Parish Tree Warden we have secured a Landmark Tree to be planted behind Landulph Cross, with permission of Mr Richard Brown, Park Farm, to celebrate Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee.
- I've continued to represent the parish as a Councillor Advocate for the Devon and Cornwall Police and Crime Commissioner, receiving an award in November 2021 as recognition of undertaking the voluntary role as a councillor advocate and in appreciation of commitment to creating safer, more resilient and connected communities.

I've introduced a new trial Hopper Bus Service for our community on a Wednesday morning from the parish to Saltash to enable our residents to reduce their carbon usage, prove demand for future public transport support and most importantly, to also give friends & neighbours the opportunity to enjoy time together. There is a fixed route to get on, starting here at Landulph Memorial Hall for 11am, around the parish, time to shop and have coffee/lunch and then return from 1pm, dropping back as close to home with individuals' shopping, all for £3 return! Remember to book – see noticeboard posters, emails, Landulph Innit and website.

We are still looking for one more volunteer for the parish council to make our number back to the full seven, so if you want to make a difference and volunteer to give something back to our community, please apply to our clerk or speak to any councillor.

To close, I continue to be immensely proud to represent you as Chairman of Landulph Parish Council and put myself forward again for re-election.

4. Councillor Martin Worth – Cornwall Councillor for Saltash, Trematon and Landrake.

I am now one year in this role, with 3 remaining until May 2025, primarily representing approx. 5,000 ward members of Saltash, Trematon & Landrake which includes Landulph, also the new development of Treledan. Browse meetings - Cornwall Council - Cornwall Council <<https://democracy.cornwall.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CId=584&Year=0>>

I totally believe I am uniquely placed to serve you well and make things even better for all here in Landulph Parish. I'm gaining in experience and raising the profile of our area in attending 100% of meetings. It is hard work but so rewarding in making a difference at all levels.

I have been appointed as Deputy Portfolio Holder for Transport, helping to formulate and deliver the new Cornwall Transport Plan to 2030 with Cllr Philip Desmond, who has visited Landulph and directly noted our requirements. Local Transport Plan - Cornwall Council <<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/transport-parking-and-streets/local-transport-plan/>>

I have been voted as Joint-Chair of the Tamar Bridge & Torpoint Ferry Joint Committee with a focus on the long term in securing a sustainable future for both crossings of the River Tamar, for economic development, the environment and accessing our essential services. Browse meetings - Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry Joint Committee - Cornwall Council <<https://democracy.cornwall.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CId=620&Year=0>>

I am an executive member, representing Cornwall on the Tamar Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Committee. My focus is on the environment, farming in a protected landscape (FIPL) and improving water transport links.

I am a member of the Mount Edgcumbe Joint Committee protecting the park and developing links with the new Plymouth Sound National Marine Park and Tamar Estuary.

I am a member of the Customer and Support Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee. This has been a very rewarding process with particular focus on securing the future of Saltash Leisure Centre, proposing the business plan for Cornwall in the development of Floating Offshore Wind (FLOW), and a recent role within the Task & Finish Group in the development of a new strategy for Equality, Diversity & Inclusion 2022-2026 for Cornwall. I'm aware for the future I will be chairing the new group to review all the Council's IT strategy with our customers. Browse meetings on Cornwall Council's website.

I represent our area on the Cornwall Gateway Community Network Panel.

To conclude, please be assured that I continue to do my utmost to serve all the communities which I represent.

5. Public Forum.

Meeting closed at 18.48

Signed:

Councillor Martin Worth, Chairman of Landulph Parish Council