

MINUTES of a meeting of Landulph Parish Council held on Monday 21st June 2010 at 7.30pm in the Landulph Memorial Hall Annexe, Landulph.

PRESENT – Councillor A Butcher (Chairman), Councillors Mrs G Braund, Mrs R Cradick, R Creagh-Osborne, G Lipscomb, G. Stevenson and Mrs T. West plus the Clerk to the Council.

Also present:- Cornwall Councillor Mrs O Eggleston.

A SHORT PUBLIC FORUM PRECEDED THE MAIN MEETING.

21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST RELATING TO MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

None.

21 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 17th May 2010 were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

22 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) Any Other Business:-

Pursuant to minute 15(a) it was confirmed that the sign is now in place.

b) AON – Insurance renewal:-

Pursuant to minute 15(b) it was confirmed that the Council has opted for the three-year renewal plan with AVIVA.

c) Landulph U5's:-

Pursuant to minute 16(e) Councillor Creagh-Osborne reported that the matter had been discussed by the Memorial Hall Committee and could not allow what they wanted. It was noted that this Council had received a copy of the letter to the Memorial Hall Committee. It was noted that the council should await developments. Councillor Creagh-Osborne confirmed that the Hall Committee is reconstituted under a new Chairman.

d) Financial Accounts and Statement of Assurance:-

Pursuant to minute 18 it was confirmed that the External Auditor had signed off the accounts for the year 2009-10. Although not material to the accounts the external auditor drew attention to the financial transfers between the two accounts.

e) Any Other Business:-

Pursuant to minute 19, Councillor A. Butcher reported that the equipment to engrave the slate had now been obtained although another compressor is being sought. Councillor Butcher suggested that progress was now being made on this project.

The Clerk informed the meeting that the contractor had been informed of the damage to the play equipment and had confirmed that weedkiller would be used in the vicinity of the equipment. It was also reported by the contractor that part of an apparatus was rotten and required remedial action. It was confirmed that the council did not have a monitoring and inspection regime in place other than the annual maintenance inspection. The Clerk advised that the regularity of inspection depended on the risk element and subsequent assessment. Councillor R. Creagh-Osborne offered to undertake the first inspection and compile the maintenance sheet. It was suggested that this operation is undertaken initially monthly, with the situation reviewed depending on findings and circumstances. It was also requested that the contractor be instructed to cut the stinging nettles between the wooden fence and garden hedges.

The Chairman drew attention to the initial lease to for the Searle Family Memorial Field and the subsequent Deed of Trust transfer to this council. It was confirmed that the primary reason for the field was for playing cricket. It was further pointed out that the increase in charges over and above the £150 annual rental had not been applied during the 10-year tenancy. Following informal

discussions with the club and subsequent discussions at Council it was resolved that the club are offered an increased rental of £160 to be reviewed annually. The Chairman remarked on the condition of the pavilion. It was confirmed that cricket club were responsible for maintenance of any buildings on the land. The Chairman commented that the structure had been a chalet at Whitsands, dismantled and re-assembled on the cricket ground. It was suggested that the building is not in a good condition and is proving too expensive for the cricket club to insure and any repairs are therefore undertaken by the club. The Clerk posed the question to members as to who owns the building and has any statutory checks and maintenance on the building been undertaken, together with statutory monitoring procedures. It was confirmed that although those operating the food operation did not hold the necessary food hygiene certificates but that the food was prepared in domestic houses. The Chairman also noted that visiting captains rated the club facilities highly. In conclusion the Chairman asked that miscellaneous materials be removed from the ground and that hedge trimming rather than herbicides are used to control the vegetation.

23 PARISH PLAN

Councillor G. Stevenson confirmed that good progress was being made on this project. Councillor Stevenson briefed members on the consultation process and the questionnaires that will be photocopied this week and circulated with collection in July.

24 CORRESPONDENCE

a) Allotments.

In response to the email that had been received the legislation that applied was briefly noted. It was generally agreed that this council are not in the position to purchase land at this time but that attempts would be made to lease or licence land from local land owners. It was suggested that letters are sent to local land owners together with approaches made by members to ascertain if land could be made available. It was also suggested appeals are placed on notice boards and adverts in the local magazine.

b) CALC – Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act.

Noted.

c) Cornwall Council – Cornwall Council Consultee Access update. For information purposes.

Noted.

d) Cornwall in Bloom – Information Booklet.

Noted.

e) Cornwall Council – Gypsies and Travellers – Accommodation Requirements and Site provision.

Noted.

f) Cornwall Animal Hospital – Request for financial assistance.

Noted. It was resolved to decline the request.

g) Plymouth C.C. – Involve Newsletter.

Noted.

h) EC CVS - Signpost Newsletter.

Noted.

i) BT – Telephone Box.

It was confirmed that the telephone box is now under parish council ownership and members confirmed that it should be insured for £1,500.

25 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

PAYEE	REASON	GROSS	VAT	NETT
Salaries & NIC	June	258.73	0.00	258.73
Smiths of Derby	Landulph Clock	4111.33	612.33	3499.00
C.R.Harris	Post	1.89	0.00	1.89
Notre Dame School (E. Harris)	Photocopying	3.25	0.00	3.25
Ray Hall	Bridle Way – Paradise Lane	215.20	0.00	215.00

26 ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

- The issue of overgrown hedges in the parish were raised and it was questioned when these would be cut. It was suggested that Cornwall Council should be approached to cut them as soon as possible and this council reimburse Cornwall Council. It was also confirmed that the hedges were in private ownership and not owned by this Council. Receipt was reported of an email from the Cornwall Council Highways Officer confirming that it is the landowners responsibility to cut hedges that encroach onto the highway. Councillor Mrs R.Cradick drew attention to the urgency of the situation and suggested that if Cornwall Council could not arrange for the hedges to be cut then this Council should approach a private contractor to have the work undertaken even though some were of the opinion that this was expensive. The Clerk was asked to contact Cornwall Council to ask that the hedges be cut as a matter of urgency.
- It was reported that Ragwort in Church Lane and Japanese Knotweed has been identified in the parish. The Clerk would raise this with the highway officer.
- Councillor Mrs R.Cradick informed members that the area around the Millennium Cross requires tidying. The Clerk will contact the council contractor.
- It was reported that the Live wire group had stopped and the question was posed as to the reason why?
- Councillor Stevenson reported on the recent CNA meeting at St. Germans. Councillor Stevenson reported that the Highways officer had confirmed that £60,000 is available for maintenance and each member has £8,500. Councillor Stevenson reported that Cornwall Council has appointed consultants for highway issues. It was also reported that some West Cornwall CAN's have not yet met. Councillor Stevenson considered it was an interesting meeting.

27 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Monday 19th July 2010.

PUBLIC FORUM

A further public forum was held to consider matters discussed at the meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.55pmChairman