

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY FOR LANDULPH

held at the Landulph Memorial Main Hall on Monday 20th May 2024 at 6pm.

1. Minutes of the last Annual Meeting held on Monday 15th May 2023.
Cllr Tagg proposed, Cllr G Braund seconded and it was agreed that the minutes are accepted.
2. Matters Arising – none.
3. Councillor Martin Ansell (Landulph Parish Council) - [Presentation on the proposed developments at Landulph Substation \(Ellbridge\) and what they mean to the electricity supply in Cornwall involving Battery storage and improving the electricity system.](#)

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Flywheel and battery technology provides fossil fuel free grid stability and energy storage, so if solar/wind generated electricity temporarily ceases this will provide the back up. This technology is being proposed in the current sites, with planning applications being submitted to Cornwall Council. Five different companies proposing developments at Landulph substation.

Questions:

Q: Is there a low level hum? Can we hear anything?

Cllr Martin Ansell (MA): this is a question the Parish Council has asked – waiting for a response from the applicant, with examples of sound level readings.

At the installation in Scotland they have sound-proofed the buildings in which the flywheels are located. MA doesn’t think the battery storage facility will create sound.

Two parishioners can hear very low-level hums. MA: this could be the Transmitters already in place.

Q: Will there be much ongoing traffic once the construction is complete?

MA: no staff will be located there permanently, if there’s a problem there will be some remote monitoring, but no regular transport. The large car park is there for the construction, which will return to a field once complete. If all are built at once, which we don’t see happening, then traffic during construction could be heavy.

Q: What are the proposals for Biodiversity net gain?

MA: It involves screening. We have asked for observational points within the planning applications.

Q: There was a discussion that they were unable to connect to the grid – has that been resolved?

MA: I don’t think that’s been resolved yet, although some will be a direct connect (1,2 and 3).

Cllr Martin Worth (MW): This is a significant development for Landulph, there is only one other similar development in Cornwall – at Indian Queens. There are opportunities for revenue share with these developments, possibly via a Community Infrastructure Levy Fund.

Q: Sites 4 and 5 seem to be an amalgamation of companies developing this. How stable are these companies? What if the companies go bust?

MW: It's a matter of trust.

Thank you to Cllr Ansell for the presentation.

4. Councillor Martin Worth (Landulph Parish Council) - Chairman's Report.

Your volunteer Landulph Parish Council has continued focussing in 2023/24 on improving its services to parishioners by Making Things Better.

Our meeting agendas have increased along with our localism workload, we have heard 21 planning applications in the past year and we have continued our commitment to training. Our councillors have continued with new ways of working for finance and our processes. We have developed our Governance and Finance Working Group, Playing Field Working Group, Housing needs Group, Landulph Climate Action Working Group, Landulph Orchard Group, and Energy Working Group. We have developed the report format to reduce time in our formal meetings.

Cllr Libby Gawith representing Landulph Parish Council, as one of 29 attending, along with 11 Cornwall Councillors, Libby has engaged with the new South East Cornwall Community Area Partnership. I'm pleased to say she has been elected to sit on the Transport & Connectivity Working Group. Cllr Clare Tagg, also on SE Cornwall CAP & Housing Needs Working Group has developed our 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. Cllr Diane Gregory has focused on the Penyoke Playground, Orchard and given support to our clerk. Cllr Martin Ansell on the Energy Working Group as we have heard from his excellent presentation and industry knowledge. Cllr Gaye Braund with key relationships with Landulph School and the Under 5s. Cllr Philip Braund with the Memorial Hall and keeping operational matters in hand, particularly the Defibrillator. Clearly, all is enabled and recorded by our clerk, Katherine Williams, who keeps us all informed of the latest policies and procedures and does a great job. I will also mention Amanda Pugh as Tree Warden & Gwenne Morris as our new Footpath Officer. Thank you all.

We have continued to adopt new ways of working using Instant messaging, Google Shared Drives, Meet & workshops. We continue to review our funding and reserves, minimising our precept increase. We are actively negotiating with the many developers of future battery storage technology and Grid Stability Systems at the Landulph Sub Station to provide ongoing revenue share funds for the parish, using policies from the Climate Emergency DPD of Cornwall Council.

We have focused on what our parishioners have asked to give continued support for The Under Fives. We are pleased to advise we secured £100,000 for Landulph School towards the planned future new classroom.

Environment:

- Our excellent Playground Group successfully applied for £28,000 CIL Funding from Cornwall Council for the future to replace equipment, infrastructure and continue maintenance.

- The Landulph Climate Action Group, drawn from the public and councillors, has gone from strength to strength to continue to be one of the best in Cornwall. It held 2 presentations at Landulph Memorial Hall in February 2024 focusing on Climate Matters: Reuse, Recycle, Reduce. Then in March 24 on Transport for All: Electric Vehicles, Buses and Footpaths. The group continues its great work focusing on what we can do locally to protect our environment.
- We have formed as a working group of the parish council Landulph Orchard Green (LOG) to develop the donation for the long term, two fields near Landulph Church by The Duchy of Cornwall and Best Farm Partnerships under a FIPL scheme. We have secured close to £60,000 in grants and funding. This is to be developed by LOG and the Tamar Valley National Landscape. We have successfully opened the Duke Orchard in May 2024, we now move onto the Duchess Green as a community space to open in Summer 2025.
- We continue the Community Volunteer group of 50+ parish members via WhatsApp. We used it to inform parishioners of the need to keep Fore Street clear for the successful removal of the sunken boat.
- We continue to focus on our Quality of Life in securing increased maintenance of our lanes and potholes. The extension of our speed limits to 30mph from Landulph Cross to Wayton, has been delivered and the new village gateway. We await the building of the new Highdown Passing Place.
- I've continued to represent the parish as a Councillor Advocate for the Devon and Cornwall Police and Crime Commissioner.

Transport:

Our Hopper Bus Service continues to go from strength to strength having transferred to Saltash Red Bus for our community on a Wednesday morning from the parish to Saltash to enable our residents to reduce their carbon usage. It has proved demand for public transport support and most importantly, to also give friends and 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! See noticeboard posters, emails, Landulph Innit and website. New passengers and volunteer drivers are always welcome.

We have revised our Go Cornwall bus, 454 on a Monday (excluding Bank Holidays) at 08:50 from Cargreen Quay as a Hail & Ride Express service to Saltash Railway Station to connect with east and westbound trains, it also goes to Fore Street and the Leisure Centre, with a return at 14:40 afternoon. This is using the normally empty return journeys of our Landulph School Bus. We continue to encourage support and are surveying residents for use on other days.

I continued to work with the Headmistress of Landulph School to overturn the decision of Cornwall Council to remove the School Bus from Saltash and Hatt to bring children to the school. We proved the prescribed Safe Walking route was not safe.

To close, we still have so much more to achieve together, so I continue to be immensely proud to represent you as Chairman of Landulph Parish Council and put myself forward again for re-election.

5. [Councillor Martin Worth \(Cornwall Councillor for Saltash, Trematon and Landrake\)](#) – Update.

Q: How does the tunnel provide an income?

MW: from National Highways.

Q: What is open road tolling?

MW: example of Dartford bridge – sensors in the highways which enables number plates to be read (ANPR). Requires an act of parliament to change from pre-pay to post-pay.

Q: You said you're lobbying the Minister for Transport – are you also lobbying the Shadow Minister for Transport?

MW: also working with Luke Pollard MP in Plymouth.

Q: Toll on the ferries.

MW: Joint Committee – ferries and bridge are linked, we have to find a joint solution. More cost to run the ferries than the bridge. This is national infrastructure – two options to cross the Tamar.

6. Public Forum.

None.

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