

Lanteglos-by-Fowey Parish Council

Chairman's Report August 2017

Council Meetings: The Council meets on the last Tuesday of each month at Whitecross Village Hall with the exception of August. The Annual Parish meeting and any additional meetings will be at the Polruan WI Hall. We are pleased to see so many members of the public at these meetings. All matters are discussed in full Council meetings where decisions are made by the whole Council. We value your comments and questions so please keep attending, and make any point that concerns you during the time allowed for public participation. The Neighbourhood Plan meetings are also held at Whitecross Village Hall on the second Tuesday of each month. Details of all meetings, agendas and minutes can be found on our website.

Parking: particularly in Polruan continues to cause problems for some of our residents. The Parish Council is in a difficult position here in that we do not own or control any of the carparks, private or otherwise. We have no authority to put any kind of concessions on car parking charges or season tickets in place. We requested that the old Restricted Parking Zone signage should be replaced and Parking Enforcement Officers are now carrying out their allotted tasks. We did this as a majority of residents wished it to be reinstated because of problems that unauthorised parking was causing in the lower parts of Polruan. We realise that this has made for difficulties for a small number of residents. The Council has explored ways of mitigating these difficulties and the advice we have is for individuals to approach the holder of the franchise for St Saviour's Carpark and possibly the Town Trust. Parking on Greenbank and Furze Park is for residents and strictly speaking is not public parking. Free parking is still available for the time being at Vevuery. I realise that what I have to say is not what all of us wish to hear but this is a less than ideal situation in a place like Polruan which was made before cars. Any new dwellings already have to include provision for off-street parking for two cars and this will be reflected in our Neighbourhood Plan. This however, does not help in the Conservation Areas of Polruan and Bodinnick.

20 mile per hour Speed Limits: We are all aware that, like other places in Cornwall, we have 20 mph speed limits in place, in Polruan and Bodinnick. A resident has raised concerns that these were being exceeded, particularly on Fore Street, Townsend and Greenbank in Polruan, and made the following suggestions including much larger speed limit signs to replace the existing small ones, an LED speed indicating sign which would hopefully have a traffic calming effect and request random visits by the traffic police.

We have this advice from Cornwall Council: PCSO Steve Cocks does visit Polruan randomly but as you know Police resources are very stretched as are the Council's. An LED sign costs around £9k to purchase which would have to be borne by the Parish Council. At the Parish Council's request Cllr Hannaford has asked for the existing sign that tours Cornwall to be allocated to Polruan for a period of time. As the existing signs meet the rules in the Highways manual for street works they are unlikely to be changed unless the Parish pays for them. The impact on the Conservation area should also be considered. A request has been made for a

price for this work to be forwarded to us. A proposal has been made that a way forward could be to start a publicity campaign locally and include a community speed watch. This is where, as has already been done in other communities, a speed gun is used to measure speeds which are recorded and anyone found speeding is written to initially with a warning. This process also acts as a deterrent as the 'watchers' are in hi visa jackets.

Before we proceed any further we need to know how you, the residents, wish to proceed. Please get in touch with us via the website or by email.

Red Arrows:

By the time you read this the Red Arrows Display Team will have been and gone after putting on a much looked-forward-to display over the sea outside the harbour. Part of the planning for this involved putting in place a one-way clockwise traffic movement order for the Parish between 1.00pm and 8.00pm, with traffic marshals in place. We wish to welcome the Red Arrows back to Fowey and congratulate the Fowey Harbour Commission for their efforts. At one time it became apparent that one part of the traffic scheme looked unworkable. We made representation, local knowledge was respected and we hope it will assist in the success anticipated.

Lanteglos Neighbourhood Plan: We have commissioned a Local Landscape Character Assessment Survey from Cornwall Council. Ms Kath Statham, CMLI, Landscape Architect led a training session for volunteers on developing the Survey and we now have a small dedicated group of volunteers who have made detailed assessments of all parts of the Parish, recorded these and taken photographs. The results of this work are astonishing. Looking at these assessments made me proud to live in this Parish. It is almost like looking at our landscape with new eyes. Toward the end of September/early October we will put on an exhibition of this work for everyone to look at and to add to it. We cannot cover every inch or every little byway, but your knowledge will augment what we have. All of this then becomes part of the evidence for the Neighbourhood Plan and it will carry considerable weight when it comes to examination and referendum. Once the plan is written it then has to be agreed through a local referendum. If the vote is in favour the Neighbourhood Plan is 'made' and cannot be ignored when planning applications are decided.

We also have a draft of the more detailed survey that will go out to all residents. Questions in this have been based on what you have already told us but explore issues that are important to you in more depth. We intend to issue this after the development of the LLCA.

Cllr Dr Pat Moore

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