

Lanteglos-by-Fowey Parish Council

Chairman's Report November 2017

Council Meetings: The Council has resolved that it will continue to meet 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.

Betty Woons/Hewans sign: The Council had been advised that the Cornish Language Panel were of the opinion that Betty Woons would be the correct option. But, in accordance with local knowledge provided to the Council by residents, we requested the new sign to be in the name of Betty Hewans. This is still being considered by Cornwall Council and no action will be taken until an accurate Cornish translation of the agreed name is supplied.

Parking: There may be space for additional parking in Polruan behind the new Fire Station. The Fire and Rescue Service has provided a map of the area owned by Cornwall Council which includes this site. A search of the Land Registry revealed no results. The Council has agreed to take no further action on this site.

Lighting in Furze Park and Ocean View

Members of the Council met with residents on 9th October to open a dialogue and to seek their views on the future of the lighting. Legal advice has been sought and whilst the Parish Council has a power to provide lighting, it has no duty to do so. Notes of the meeting were circulated to everyone present and residents who were not. Comments and responses to these will be added to the notes and circulated after the November Council meeting as well as being put on the website. There would appear to be an anomaly over the status of Furze Park which is Cornwall Council property and it is likely that we should not have been paying for electricity and maintenance for these. Cllr Hannaford is in discussion with CC officers to seek a resolution to ownership of the lighting going forward on both Furze Park and Ocean View.

By the time you read this Cllr Fisher and I will have met with Cllr Hannaford, Mr Andy Stevenson, Manager of Roads and Lighting, and Mrs Amy Looker, ITC Operations Team Manager, of CC. It was agreed at this meeting that Cornwall Council will adopt the six lights in Ocean View after the Parish Council has contracted SSE to bring them up to adoptable standard. The situation of the two lights in Furze Park will be taken up by Cllr Hannaford with CC as these are already on Cornwall Council owned land or Cornwall Housing managed land. I hope you will agree with me that this is a satisfactory outcome to what was becoming a sensitive issue.

Lanteglos Neighbourhood Plan: Lanteglos-by-Fowey Parish is a very special place, bounded on three sides as it is by Fowey Harbour, Penpoll Creek and our Heritage Coast of the Headland, Lantic and Lantivet Bays. We have triple SI status on part of that coast and a significant part of the parish has Designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty status. This means that it is afforded the highest status of protection with regard to landscape character.

Most of our residents live in the villages of Polruan, Bodinnick and the smaller settlements of Whitecross, Highway, Mixtow and Lombard. We know from what you have already told us that you value this landscape character.

Neighbourhood Planning is designed to give local communities like ours more of a say over the details of local development policy. The plan is all about shaping future development in Lanteglos-by-Fowey and it will influence the look and feel of our Parish over the coming years. It will give the community much more control over the detail of what is built, where, and what it would look like.

Cornwall now has a Local Development Plan (LDP) for the years up to 2030 and anything that we wish to put in place will have to be guided by that. The Housing Needs Survey carried out recently showed that over 30 people with local connection have a genuine housing need but part of our remit will also be to reduce the impact of this on the AONB.

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering group is now starting to shape policy areas that we will consult on later in 2018 before our plan is submitted for examination. This is the process by which our plan will be checked against both Cornwall's Local Plan and The National Planning Policy Framework to make sure we comply with these too.

If it does the next stage is that the Plan will go to a ballot of the Community. The Neighbourhood Plan must achieve 50% approval at ballot to succeed. For this reason we need to ensure that everything in the Plan is in accord with what you have told us and we have sound evidence to support all our policies.

To help us do this it is vital that we know what you think about local issues. Your opinions will directly inform the content and wording of policies in Lanteglos-by-Fowey Neighbourhood Plan. We have completed the draft of the more detailed survey that will go out to all residents in the Parish at the beginning of the New Year and have put back the timing of the public exhibition to the end of the year, between Christmas and the beginning of the school term. This then is an opportunity for residents, including our youngsters to look at what we have drawn together in the Local Landscape Character Assessment and add to it. We consider it is important that our under-18s have a say on both the LLCA and on the more detailed survey. As the plan will be in place until 2030 it is their future we are talking about. 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.

Please get in touch with us through the website or by email.

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