

Lanteglos-by-Fowey Parish Council

Chairman's Report February 2018

Council Meetings: The Council has resolved that it will continue to meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Whitecross Village Hall with the exception of August and December, when meetings will not be held. The Annual Parish meeting, in May, 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, making 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 have requested, and an order has been placed, that the new sign will list both variations: Betty Hewans and Betty Woons.

Lighting in Furze Park and Ocean View

Following a meeting arranged by Cllr Edwina Hannaford, Cllr Fisher, Mrs Amy Looker, ITC Operations Team Manager and Mr Andy Sanderson, Manager of Roads and Lighting, both of Cornwall Council, and I, it has now been formally agreed that Cornwall Council will adopt the six lights in Ocean View. The Parish Council has contracted SSE to bring them up to adoptable standard. The situation of the two lights in Furze Park has been taken up by Cllr Hannaford with CC Officers 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:

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 had planned to have completed the draft of the more detailed survey to go out to all residents in the Parish at the beginning of 2018 but because of personnel changes this has now been re-scheduled for just after Easter. We have also put back the timing of the public exhibition of the first working draft of the Local Landscape Character Assessment (LLCA) to the same time. This will be your opportunity as 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.

Local By-Election

We are pleased to place on record our thanks for his efforts on our behalf to Cllr Julian Shakerley upon his resignation as Councillor for the Parish Council. He was a valued member and we shall miss him, and wish him well for the future.

We are also pleased to welcome Cllr Dianne Wilton as our newest member of the Parish Council. She is already known to many of our community.

While writing I would also like to point out that when a vacancy occurs between elections there are two ways of appointing a replacement. Co-option is one way when one or more residents apply to the PC to be considered for the position and that is then voted upon by Council members present.

Before this can take place there is also the opportunity for 10 or more residents to request a by-election by petition to Cornwall Council. In this case a properly drawn up petition was submitted by a group of residents and a by-election was duly called for the beginning of February. At the close of nominations it was declared that only one nomination had been received and accordingly, that person, Mrs Dianne Wilton was duly elected in the non-contested election.

I should remind you that residents are absolutely entitled to exercise their democratic rights to call a by-election and no-one could dispute this; indeed, it was how I was elected to the PC in the first place, but I would ask residents to remember that there is a cost involved in all of this which is paid by the PC, and therefore, you, notwithstanding whether a candidate is put up or not. By all means exercise the right to lodge a petition for a by-election but then, please, go the further step of the full democratic process, and put up a willing candidate, to avoid your money being needlessly wasted.

My best wishes to you all as we approach Easter and I look forward to lengthening days and just a little more sunshine.

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

Cllr Dr Pat Moore OBE

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