

Lanteglos-by-Fowey Parish Council

Chairman's Report June 2018

Council Meetings: The Council meets 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 usually on the second Tuesday of each month. Details of all meetings, agendas and minutes can be found on our website. At the May meeting we agreed that the Lanteglos bus would be made available to bring residents to and from the monthly meetings from various points in the Parish. Please see the separate schedule.

Lanteglos Neighbourhood Plan:

There are two projects in hand at present. Firstly there was the detailed Residents' Survey which was launched at the beginning of May and the responses are now being analysed by Cornwall Rural Communities Charity. We expect the analysis and report towards the end of June/beginning of July and these will be posted on our web-site as well as some commentary in the next edition of this Magazine. We understand that 180 responses were received, making a response rate of approximately 24%, some on-line, some were paper copies in collection boxes around the Parish and some were posted to Cornwall Council.

We are about to mount two interactive exhibitions of the Local Landscape Character Assessment, one at Whitecross Village Hall and the other at the WI Hall in Polruan. This will enable residents to see for themselves the results of the assessment and to be able to add their own comments and ideas to it. There will be large-scale maps to help with this, as well as photographs and commentary, and post-it notes. In addition to this the Reverend Louise has agreed that we may put up static exhibitions at St Wyllow, St Saviours and St John's Churches. These also will have facilities for adding comments and ideas. All of this adds to evidence we will need to provide that we have engaged with the community and taken in your ideas.

We plan to put up a smaller exhibition in the Polruan Reading Room and a visit will be made to Polruan Primary School to gather pupils' ideas and responses. After all, it is their future we are looking at. We had already picked up some very useful comments and ideas at the Annual Parish Meeting – thank you. I have said before that 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.

By the time you read this I will have met with Zoe Bedford-John and Ryan Searle of the Neighbourhood Planning Team and David Read, our Community Link Officer to discuss progress on the Neighbourhood Plan, including scope for affordable housing. One of the things which has become apparent is that there is very little land we know about that is

available for development of affordable housing in the Parish. We know we have an identified housing need of over thirty residents and whilst there is the possibility of infill, rounding-off sites or conversion of redundant buildings in the main settlements, these alone will not enable sufficient development. The Call for Sites has elicited one response so far. Other sites have been suggested.

We have made another successful bid to Locality and this grant aid is enabling us to carry on the work for the Neighbourhood Plan without dipping into the Precept.

Highways: Since our walk-about in the Spring with Cllrs Adams and Fisher, Cornwall Cllr Edwina Hannaford and Mr Paul Allan, Highways & Environment Manager at Cormac Solutions Ltd., we have identified at least eleven serious issues. Since then Cornwall Council has announced a Highways Scheme whereby £50,000.00 will be made available to each Local Network Area for defined highways improvement; there are nine parishes in our Liskeard/Looe area. **An Extraordinary Meeting** was held on 29th May when three schemes were proposed and discussed, and we resolved to take two of these forward. We have made expressions of interest for these two schemes, one to alleviate and improve parking, traffic speed and signage at Lanteglos Highway, and the other to repair the Cornish Hedge opposite the entrance to Greenbank which is beginning to show dilapidation. We are in negotiation with Cornwall Council about whose responsibility this wall is. We are led to believe it is theirs, not ours. More news of this later.

Annual Parish Meeting: This was held in Polruan on 14th May, was well attended and I wish to extend my thanks to all who were there. I feel this was one of the most constructive and positive meetings I have attended. Thank you to all.

Annual Council Meeting: This was held on 22nd May when Cllr Fisher and I were re-elected as Vice Chairman and Chairman. Thank you for your confidence in us and along with all other Councillors we will do our utmost to serve the needs of the Parish.

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

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