

Lanteglos-by-Fowey Parish Council

Chairman's Report January 2019

Firstly, on behalf of the Parish Council I should like to wish all Residents and Members of the Community a very happy and prosperous New Year.

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.

Lanteglos Neighbourhood Plan:

The Summary Report prepared by Cornwall Rural Communities Charity on the detailed Residents' Survey has been published on our website as well as being available in printed booklet form

There are strong indications in responses in the survey to the importance of the Lanteglos landscape to residents, reiterating what was said in your responses to the consultation events and exhibitions of the Local Landscape Character Assessment (LLCA). All of this adds to evidence we will need to provide that we have engaged with the community and taken in your ideas. We also have responses from Polruan Primary School pupils. 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 (NDP) and it will carry considerable weight when it comes to examination and referendum. There are already some strong pointers in the responses to the Residents' Survey about the direction that some of our policies might take, particularly on what sort of development might take place and where. We plan to hold a further consultation evening in Polruan particularly aimed at making contact with people who were not able to take part in the Survey or the Consultation events. We will need to demonstrate that we have made contact with all sectors of our community and have their ideas on what the future of Lanateglos should be

There is further work going on, particularly on the Local Landscape Character Assessment Report; this is now in draft with the last section on the Settlement Assessments for Polruan, Bodinnick, Lanteglos & Highway, and Mixtow & Lombard being completed. These will provide further pointers on where development might take place and on the kind of style that will be appropriate. There is a direct link between the LLCA and the development of draft policies which is now underway, underpinned by responses and public consultation on the Summary Report of the Residents' Survey. As this work is now coming to a close the LLCA

Group will be wound up and any member who is not already a member of the NDP will be invited to join us.

There is no minimum housing target for us to meet in order to be in conformity with the Cornwall Council Local Plan and any development is has to be driven by identified housing need, and we have until 2030 to do this. This number has been hovering around 37 since at least 2012. By the time you read this members of the Parish Council and the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group will have met with Mr Peter Moore of Cornwall Rural Housing Association to scope out the possibilities of development of a small affordable housing scheme in the Parish.

At the end of January we will also be meeting again with Mr Andrew George of Cornwall Community Land Trust with the intention of setting up a Housing Working Party for Lanteglos. This will be aimed at looking at further opportunities for affordable housing in the Parish. This has to be community led and will be wider in its membership than the Parish Council. We will consider a draft Terms of Reference provided by Mr George. As I have previously said we do not need to identify and name development sites in the NDP but indicate what we have in mind for potential development. We are already aware of four possible sites.

The advice on Settlement Boundaries was strongly in drawing these tight around the settlements which means, as we already know, that any infill and rounding-off sites are just about exhausted or earmarked. Anything else would be a Regarded as a Rural Exception Site which might help us to prevent any further inappropriate development in the AONB and would need our support. We already know from what you have told us that several sites have been indicated in the Survey responses.

Highways: Our bid to the Cornwall Council Highways Scheme to alleviate and improve parking, traffic speed and signage at Lanteglos Highway has been accepted and we should have further information at the next meeting of the Area Network Panel. We have also taken up the state of the damaged wall bordering the parking area at Hall terrace in Bodinnick. The possibility of removing the wall altogether is also being investigated. The work on resurfacing the old road into Bodinnick should now be completed. We are about to start making enquiries about possible improvements at the bottom of Sunday School Lane in Mixtow and the control of water run-off.

Please get in touch with us through the website or by email. Please note that our website address has changed to that shown below.

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