

Lanteglos-by-Fowey Parish Council

Chairman's Report May 2019

Firstly, on behalf of the Parish Council I should like to thank those members of the public who attended our Annual Parish Meeting on 15th April. As last year this was a positive and constructive meeting and we are appreciative of your input and advice.

Council Meetings: The Council meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month (except August and December). The April, May, June, July and September meetings will be held in Polruan WI Hall and October, November, January, February and March meetings in Whitecross Village Hall. The Annual Parish Meeting and any additional meetings will take place at the Polruan WI Hall. We are pleased to see 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.

Lanteglos Neighbourhood Plan:

At the Annual Parish Meeting we reached a compromise solution to the issue of the Settlement Boundaries. The overall position is that people did not wish to have these drawn tight because of the protection the settlements are already afforded by Cornwall Local Plan Policy 3, the proximity of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and National Trust land, perceiving that any development proposal would be regarded as a Rural Exception Site and that it would be affordable housing led. It is likely that the wording of the draft Policy that protects the views and vistas should serve the same purpose to protect the settlements from inappropriate development. We will be meeting with Mr Paul Webber of Situ8 to take this further.

Vevry and the disused SWWA reservoirs which are coming into Polruan Town Trust ownership were also mentioned and it was felt that these should also be included in the draft Neighbourhood Plan. This has been discussed informally with members of the Polruan Town Trust, who we understand are having a survey undertaken.

Also outstanding is the draft policy on Local Green Spaces where we had agreed to include only those that are accessible to the general public on a map of the Parish. These include the small green at Brendon in Polruan, the small corner at the junction of Fore Street and East Street in Polruan, the Coal Wharf, the Quay, the Bound, Children's Play Area and Park, the turn into Bodinnick, the village green next to Whitecross Village Hall, the green with the telephone box opposite Whitecross Village Hall, the triangle by Highfield House at Highway and the small green splays by the turning to Trethake.

The final draft of the Local Landscape Character Assessment Report is now complete and discussions have taken place with St Austell Printing Company about final design and making it print ready. When this work is completed it will be available on the PC website and some printed copies will also be available.

The next stage is to put the draft plan and associated documents to the Neighbourhood Planning Team at Cornwall Council for their advice, before we can go out to Consultation with residents of the Parish.

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. In the meantime we will be attending a site meeting with Mr Paul Allen of Highways. We are considering making another application for improving traffic speed and signage at Channel View. We continue to talk to Highways about the provision of signposts.

Anti-Social Behaviour in Polruan

Recent reports are being dealt with by the Police and partner agencies

Cornwall Council Homechoice (Allocations) Policy

I have now received information on how this policy should work and share it with you here. This is designed to provide an open and transparent route for allocations of social rented homes across Cornwall. It is a choice-based system, meaning that applicants place bids on properties in areas where they wish to live and they are then shortlisted according to their housing need. In addition the Housing Allocations Policy requires applicants to have a local connection to Cornwall and then gives preference to applicants with a parish connection, either across housing needs bands or within bands, depending on the number of social housing units within the settlement. In essence, applicants are choosing the areas in which they wish to live rather than the Council determining where they should live, and attention is paid to both a local connection to Cornwall and the Parish when allocating social homes. There are other rights given to tenants who wish to move into homes through a mutual exchange (a swap of home between two or more tenants)

In both types of situation the residents have the ability to choose where they wish to live as opposed to the Local Authority directly controlling the allocation of individual homes and households. Effectively, it is not possible for any household to be ‘dumped’ in a particular area of the County.

Getting in touch directly with Cornwall Council about a problem

If you wish to report a highways pothole or damaged road surface, you can follow this link to Cornwall Council for reporting faulty street lights, spillages on roads, issues with hedges and verges. Other issues can also be reported such as fly tipping to anti-social behaviour.
<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/report-it/>

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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