

Lanteglos-by-Fowey Parish Council

Chairman's Report December 2019

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, as well as on the notice boards.

Lanteglos Neighbourhood Plan:

The statutory 6 weeks of pre-submission public consultation, which in our case started early and extended into October, is now almost complete. We held exhibitions at Whitecross Village Hall, St Wylow, St Saviour's, the Parish Summer Fete, St John's and the Polruan Reading Room. The Old Ferry Inn, Luggar Inn, Russell Inn and Crumpets hosted us. We approached our known local organisations and have sent details of our draft plan to what are known as the statutory consultees. By the closing date comments had been received from 19 of the 63 consultees. Whatever was said during this period of consultation is now being reviewed and much of it will reinforce what is already in the plan or prompt rewording or revision. 11 responses were received in the Community consultation, most concerned with planning and development issues, housing, traffic, landscape character and how these might be affected or supported by emerging policies.

The draft plan is now being amended to incorporate these comments, principally changes to Policy 1: Design and Character of Lanteglos-by-Fowey, Policy 2: Local Green Spaces, Policy 3: Important and Special Views, Policy 6: Protection and Enhancement of Biodiversity, Policy 7: Employment Development and Policy 10: Rural Exceptions for Local People. The final version that goes to Inspection will, after all, be a distillation of what you, the community have said to us. All of this will be uploaded onto our website. The consultation evening we held at the Russell Inn earlier in the year was successful and we are planning to run another evening on Tuesday, 3rd December, when we hope to reach out again to our younger residents. Details will be posted on our website, on the noticeboards and on social media. Watch this space!

Please have a look at our Neighbourhood Plan website:

<http://www.lanteglosbyfoweyplan.org.uk> which has been substantially revised and holds all the up-to-date information about the NDP. We welcome comments and please tell us whether what we have developed reflects what you think should be there.

Highways: We have a notification of the following closure of West Street, Polruan:

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 S.14: Temporary Prohibition of Traffic

Location: West Street, Polruan

Timing: 2nd to 6th December 2019 (24 hours)

Contact: Western Power Distribution, Tel: 0800 0963080

The above closure has been approved. Please click the following link to view a map and associated documents: <https://one.network/?tm=115220580>

Applicants are reminded that they have undertaken to notify all interested parties known to be directly affected by the closure including, if appropriate, bus companies and all frontagers on the length of the road such as local residents and businesses as well as other traders who may have to make deliveries and/or collections in the area.

Applicants and contractors are reminded that they are responsible for the provision, erection, maintenance and removal of all necessary signing.

Kind Regards

Streetworks

Transport and Infrastructure Service

Cornwall Council

Tel: 0300 1234 222

Public toilets: I didn't think when I wrote in the last edition of the Parish Magazine that I would have more to say on this topic. But... During the summer months it was noticeable that toilet rolls were disappearing from the St Saviours Public Conveniences at an unusual rate. The situation was monitored and the assumption made that the thefts would stop once visitors had gone home. Sadly, not so; toilet rolls are being stolen regularly, meaning they then have to be replaced much more frequently, adding to the costs of keeping these facilities open. These facilities and their upkeep are paid for through the precept that all residents contribute to. I am sorry to have to say that the thief is one of us, a fellow resident and neighbour. I would ask that whoever it is pauses for thought about what this means to the rest of us. Over time the cost of replacing the disappearing toilet rolls is increasing and that additional cost will be borne by all of us. We have considered replacing the present holders with more secure ones which dispense one sheet at a time. These will inevitably cost more, both to buy and replenish and that will be reflected in Parish Council costs and the precept. Whoever you are, please do the right thing and stop thieving.

Chapel Lane Flats: We have heard from Laura Deverill of the Affordable Housing Team that she has looked into renovation of the 2 empty flats at Chapel Lane, Polruan and has been advised by Cornwall Housing that the refurbishment work has now been commissioned and they expect them to start on site. She has also advised us:

"These flats at Polruan will be advertised on Homechoice in the normal way as per the Council's Homechoice policy.

As there are more than 50 properties within the parish they will not be advertised with a preference to applicants to the parish.

At Shortlisting the property will be offered to the person in the highest band. If there are 4 applicants say in band B it will go to the person with the connection to the parish or if there are no applicants with the parish connection it will go to the applicant who has been in the band the longest."

There are currently 18 households registered with Cornwall Homechoice with a local connection to the Parish. The need is broken down in the table below.

	Band	1 bed	2 bed	3 bed	4 bed	Total
	A	2	0	0	0	2
	B	0	0	0	0	0
	C	0	0	0	2	2
	D	0	1	0	0	1
	E	8	5	0	0	13
Lanteglos Total		10	6	0	2	18

Laura Deverill further advised that anyone interested in these flats registers on Cornwall Homechoice as soon as possible. The following link will take you to the Cornwall Homechoice webpage where there is information on the policy and allocations process: <https://www.cornwallhousing.org.uk/find-a-home/homechoice-housing-register/>

The Local Housing Needs Survey that we commissioned in 2016 showed that 37 individuals had identified themselves as being in housing need. At the time it was recognised that a proportion of these were 'hidden' households who are not identified through the HomeChoice database. The Parish Council would endorse Laura Deverill's advice about registering with HomeChoice as soon as possible.

We have taken up the statement that they will not be advertised with a preference to applicants to the parish with Cllr Edwina Hannaford who has said she will contest this robustly.

Community Speed Watch

We know from what you have told us that the speed of traffic in some areas of the parish is of concern. Traffic calming measures have been installed at Highway and there is a possibility of installing another one. A proposal has been made by PCSO Cocks that we might consider setting up a CSW for Polruan. This would involve some training and to allow volunteers to come forward we will make this an agenda item for the January meeting. If you are interested please get in touch through the website or by email as shown below, to Mrs Thompson.

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Cllr Dr Pat Moore OBE

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