

## **Lanteglos-by-Fowey Parish Council**

### **Chairman's Report February 2020**

Firstly let me begin by hoping you enjoyed a peaceful and merry Christmas and to wish you all a happy 2020.

**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:**

We have reached a stage in the emerging Neighbourhood Plan for Lanteglos-by-Fowey in that the Council and Steering Group have almost completed their part in the development of this. We started early in 2016 at Step 1 in the NDP Planning process by applying for the designation of the Parish as a neighbourhood area. We had just about finished by December 2019 at Step 7, the Pre-Submission Consultation and Publicity for the Plan, the last part of which is submitting a copy of our proposals to Cornwall Council. Step 8, the Plan Proposals, state that these must contain a map and statement of the proposed neighbourhood; a Consultation Statement; our proposed Neighbourhood development Plan; a Basic Conditions Statement which explains how the NDP meets the relevant legislation in the 1990 Localism Act. This document, which is legalistic, has been proof-read and is about to be signed off.

Our Consultation Statement contains details of persons and bodies consulted about the plan, explains how they were consulted, summarises the main issues raised by consultees and describes how issues have been considered and where relevant, addressed in the proposed NDP. This final version that will go to Inspection makes reference to all the comments that you, the Community have made and advised. Once all the documentation has been submitted to Cornwall Council the responsibility passes from us, the Parish Council to them, including costs. All of this will be publicised on the CC website and details of how to contact them during the 6-week consultation period; where the plan may be seen and inspected; how comments may be made; and whether what has been developed reflects what you think should be there. In the meantime, 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.

**Chapel Lane Flats:** As I wrote in the last edition Cllr Hannaford requested an update on developments at Chapel Lane, Polruan After talking to Chris Franks, Director of Homes and Investment at Cornwall Housing Ltd., he advised that:

"I met with our contracts manager on Friday and we reviewed the full list of properties which had previously been identified for potential disposal.

As you know, the decision was made to refurbish and improve these properties, which included the flats at Chapel Lane in Polruan.

The flats have needed some significant design in order to ensure they would meet current building regulations - in particular around fire risk – this meant there was some delay in the preparation of the list of works and procurement of a contractor.

We appointed a contractor at the start of December and they have attended site a number of times since – they had noted that there appeared to have been signs that one of the flats had been accessed by person unknown, although they had clearly moved on again at the time of the visit.

The properties were made secure.

The first stage for the contractor is to remove a large amount of rubbish and to generally prepare the flats ahead of the refurbishment. The contractor had intended to start this prior to Christmas, however did inform us that it was not possible to start until the New Year – we are expecting the properties to be cleared out over the next week and then works will commence, with an anticipated completion of End of March 2020.

I will keep you informed of progress and will invite you / colleagues along to view the properties once completed – we are expecting them to be brought back to a good standard and as you know are in a very special position within the village.

I am not able to comment on the lettings policy for these properties, so I have copied into Pete Jarman, who may be able to confirm to you.

Please do let me know if I can be of any further help in this matter."

The Parish Council will do all it can to support this positive development and to continue to reiterate that Councillors and Residents alike are pleased to know there is movement on these and that we can anticipate them being occupied again. There is a genuine need for these to be let to local people who we already know about. Should you or someone known to you be interested in Chapel Lane you will need to be registered with Cornwall HomeChoice. This is the link that will give you information on the process and getting onto the Register if you have not already done so:

<https://www.cornwallhousing.org.uk/find-a-home/homechoice-housing-register/>

We will continue to keep a close watch on this and to reinforce the need for them to be let to local residents.

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

Cllr Dr Pat Moore OBE

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