

Lanteglos-by-Fowey Parish Council

Chairman's Report August 2020

Corona Virus 19:

We are still in strange times, and although we have been in lockdown since March 23rd, things are beginning to change. We are slowly adjusting to what is called the new normal. This means we can, as long as we are not shielding, begin to see friends and family, as long as we stay responsible and alert, and remember our social bubbles. The weather has mostly been kind. But we are now adjusting to living with the new “rule of six”. There are still a lot of visitors here and the coastal path and villages are busy. Children are back at school and people are still on the water.

I mentioned in the last edition how grateful we all were to the Polypals who have been of immense strength in Polruan with all manner of things such as collecting shopping, collecting prescriptions and post, collecting newspapers and generally being true friends. Thank You from all of us. There are many vulnerable people in the Parish and this kind of support has been invaluable to them. Thank you also to those people living in the wider Parish who have provided assistance

Council Meetings: As you will be aware during the Lockdown we have not been able to meet in face-to-face meetings, but have held “virtual meetings”. Details of all meetings, agendas and minutes can be found on our website, but not for the time being on all the notice boards. Members of the public will also be able to join a meeting on-line. Several people have already done so. For the foreseeable future the strong recommendation and advice are to continue to hold Meetings virtually.

Annual Council Meeting:

This meeting was held virtually on 28th July at our Full Council Meeting. I was re-elected as Chairman and Councillor John Adams was nominated and elected as Vice-Chairman. Representatives to other organisations in the Parish were re-appointed en-bloc. At this point in time, we are on course for Elections to all Parish, Town and Cornwall Councils to take place in May 2021 and also for the Police and Crime Commissioner for Devon & Cornwall.

Council Contracts: the contracts for Maintaining the Public Rights of Way and Cleaning of the Public WCs have been advertised in the local press, on the notice boards and on our website for tender, and should come before the Council at our September meeting.

Fowey River Practice:

We were aware that many of our residents in Polruan and the wider parish had been affected by new arrangements in Polruan Surgery. For some of you this necessitated ferry and car journeys to fetch prescriptions and attend appointments. We raised these with the Practice and asked whether it was possible to return to regular GP/Nurse surgeries in Polruan. Dr Waldron has noted the difficulties of patients and did say that over 80% of patient contacts are by telephone or video. Very few patients are being seen face to face in any of the

surgeries, and the number of people in any of the buildings at any one time has to be strictly limited.

This is to comply with strict Covid Guidelines and in Polruan they would only be allowed one, possibly two, patients in the waiting room there at any time. It would also impact significantly on the dispensing service that they have been able to continue to provide throughout the pandemic as they would not be able to dispense medicines. Dispensing is currently done via the consulting room window and no patients enter the building. It would therefore be difficult to operate the dispensary at the same time as reinstating surgeries. Visits are still being made to patients in Polruan two and sometimes three times a week.

Once current restrictions are reduced the situation will be re-considered, but until such a time they do not feel that it would be safe for patients or staff to change the current opening of Polruan. They say that the way they will work in the future will be completely different to the way they worked prior to the pandemic and this will affect their operations on all sites.

Lanteglos Neighbourhood Plan:

We have now received the Independent Examiner's Report of The Lanteglos By Fowey Neighbourhood Development Plan from Mrs Deborah McCann. She has recommended that modifications are made to Policies 1, 2 and 11, Design and Character of Lanteglos-by-Fowey Parish, Local Green Spaces, and Parking Provision for New Housing and Other Developments. A copy of her Report is available on our website. The recommended modifications are being made to the plan by Paul Webber of Situ8, and once that is to hand it will be sent to the Neighbourhood Planning Group at Cornwall Council for sign-off by a dedicated Portfolio Holder. Once the decision is signed a copy of the Examination Report and final version of the NDP will be published by Cornwall Council on their website. The next stage is to go to Referendum but all of these have been postponed until at least May 2021. However, Government has indicated that NDPs that are published post Examination can now be given significant weight in decision making. All of this will be published on CC's website and on 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.

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