

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly of the Parish Council held at Lanlivery
Village Hall on Wednesday 4th April 2018 at 7.00 pm**

Present Cllrs Haley, Paterson, Richards, Roberts, Sinkins and Turner.

In attendance The Parish Clerk, Mrs Sally Vincent
11 members of the public.

17/164 Apologies Cornwall Cllr Colin Martin
PCSO Ward, PC A Barnicoat

Declarations of Interest

- i. **Pecuniary** - None
- ii. **Non Registerable** – None
- iii. **Dispensations** - None

17/165 Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held on 26th April 2017

It was proposed by Cllr Richards, seconded Cllr Haley and RESOLVED that the minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman.

17/166 Matters Arising

None.

17/167 To receive the Chairmans Report

Cllr Sinkins gave her annual report

Welcome everybody and thank you for coming to our Annual Parish Assembly. It is lovely to see so many of you taking an interest in your Parish Council. As usual this year has flown by at speed, beginning with us sadly saying goodbye to Councillors Hughes & Christophers but welcoming our 2 “new” Parish Councillors Robbie Paterson and Nigel Challis, who have both been a valuable addition to the Council. We have also been fortunate in our new Cornwall Councillor, Colin Martin. Although Lanlivery is but a small part of his area he has enthusiastically thrown himself into helping with the various issues raised throughout the year.

As usual we have had ongoing problems with the state of the Parish roads with flooding and mud as well as the ever present potholes. Cllr Martin has toured most of the Parish with both myself and Cllr Richards and worked hard to press Cormac to prioritise our potholes. On the day that he toured parts of the Parish with me he appeared to have magical powers as no sooner than we had inspected Loving Lane (which has been affected by both flooding and potholes) the road was closed for pothole filling using the new Velocity system which feeds the tarmac in at a high pressure and speed. Sadly, although the Velocity filled potholes have lasted well in some places and certainly for longer than conventional patching they have of late begun to disintegrate and many of our roads are again in dire need of attention. Please continue to report all problems direct to Cormac/Highways as well as to the Parish Council for Cllr Martin to chase up.

Following Cornwall Council’s decision not to continue maintaining the playground in the village playing field, the Parish Council has just taken over this responsibility on the basis that any outstanding repairs were completed

beforehand. We have sub-contracted the regular safety checks to Cormac, who have the expertise for this, but we all need to keep an eye on the playground and report any issues so that we can continue to keep the playground safe for the children to use.

After what seems like several years work, our Neighbourhood Plan has at long last been submitted to Cornwall Council and is currently being put through their Consultation process. Once Cornwall Council has approved it we will be able to hold a referendum and hopefully fully adopt the plan: although in the meantime, having got this far our NP should still be taken in to account by both ourselves and CC when making planning decisions.

We have dealt with quite a few Planning Applications over the year, some fairly straightforward and others more contentious. One planning application which we hope will have a very positive impact on the village in the long run was the application by Roselyon School to take over Churchtown and convert it into a new Prep School. After being empty and derelict for a number of years it is wonderful that the site will be put to such a good use and we are also grateful for the offer of the use of some of the new facilities. Building work has commenced and the school hopes to open in September of this year. Although there are still some issues to be ironed out (such as the passing places the school has agreed to put in along the main road into the village) we wish Roselyon School every success with this project.

Our defibrillator was called into action for the first time over the Christmas period but luckily not required in the end as Paramedics attended and all was well. The incident was however a timely reminder that our training was a little out of date and so Parish Councillors and some members of the public recently took part in an AED and CPR training session provided by the Ronnie Richards Memorial Charity from whom we purchased our defibrillator. I gather that Luxulyan Parish Council has now placed one of these units at Gunwen Chapel and it may be a good idea to consider if more units should be provided in the future.

Cllr Roberts has been working hard on our new Parish Emergency Plan and once all the details of contacts etc. have been filled in then we should have Plan Summary available to all those who would like to see it.

Another issue that has reared its head regularly through the year has been the sewage problem causing the closure of the public footpath next to the Crown Inn. Despite the efforts of the Environment Agency we are no closer to identifying the source of the problem and sadly the path has now been closed again until 6th August although Cormac have assured us that will keep us posted when they have made progress on this.

Finally, I would like to thank all the hard working Parish Councillors and our County Councillor for all their efforts over the past year and last but by no means least, I would like to thank our Parish Clerk, Sally Vincent for all the work she does on our behalf and for keeping us all on the straight and narrow.

The Chairman then presented a bouquet of flowers to the Parish Clerk

17/168 To receive the report of the Cornwall Councillor

Cllr Martin had provided the following annual report

Health and Social Care

There are three threads to the current reforms taking place in health and social care.

Firstly, front-line services need to become more joined-up so that everyone can get the right support at the right time, without having to travel a long way or see lots of different people. It sounds like common sense, but that's not actually the way the system works at the moment. We all know that prevention is better than cure, but the budget for public health has continued to shrink whilst the acute hospital is stretched to breaking point.

Twelve months ago, it looked like the latest attempt to reform health and social care in Cornwall would be driven from the top down; the same mistake that has doomed so many previous reforms. However, over the past year, I have fought tirelessly alongside my colleague Cllr Rob Rotchell for the opposite approach. Since June, front-line staff and patients have been shaping the plans through a series of "co-production workshops". I can honestly say that every time I attend one of these workshops, I have seen changes to the plans which have come directly from comments made at previous events. For example, the idea of replacing all Minor Injury Units with a smaller number of "Urgent Treatment Centres" has now been changed to a "mixed model" which will provide urgent care through a variety of UTCs, MIUs and upgraded services from GPs tailored to meet the needs of each unique part of Cornwall. For more details on this process, please visit www.shapingourfuture.info and don't forget to keep coming back to see how the plans evolve. You can even submit suggestions of your own! Some minor changes are already taking place, with bigger changes to be put out to a full public consultation later in the year.

Secondly, the organisation's which currently hold the budgets for these services will need to find ways to work together to deliver the changes which have been designed as outlined above. For example, spending more on preventative measures provides a benefit to the NHS, but the cost currently falls on Cornwall Council. By working together, the NHS could fund an expansion in the Council's public health programme, which would actually save money for the NHS in the long-run. There have been concerns that this "closer cooperation" could lead to privatisation, or even to a Council takeover of the NHS. I have been looking closely at these proposals over the past five months and have attached a separate summary of the outcome.

Over the next year, as the plans from "Shaping Our Future" are finalised, I hope you will see Cornwall Council and the NHS working closely together to make sure that these plans can become reality.

Thirdly, and most importantly, is the issue of funding. The Government tells us that they are spending more on the NHS than ever before. It's true to say that over the past 8 years, the NHS budget has increased by 1% above inflation per year. However, the ageing population means that demand is growing at a much faster rate. To make matters worse, funding for adult social care has been slashed over that period, so the whole system is under unprecedented pressure. This is a nationwide problem, but it is particularly acute in Cornwall because we receive lower funding than almost any other part of the UK. From the founding of the NHS in 1948 to 2010, the average annual funding increase was 4% above inflation. The Government is now considering a ten-year funding settlement for the NHS. This will be a welcome change from the piecemeal funding approach of the past two years. It is

essential that this ten-year plan returns the NHS to its long-term path of 4% above inflation per year. It is also essential that this settlement includes public health and social care, which now swallows up over half of Cornwall Council's budget, squeezing the funding available for all other council services. There may need to be tax changes to fund this increase, but if they get it right, the Government could put the NHS and Council services on a stable footing for another generation. If they fail to deliver, by this time next year the current crisis may have passed the point of no return...

Highways

I have spent many hours over the past year reporting potholes and floods to Cormac. In January they introduced a new website for the public to report issues but I have found it to be inadequate in many respects. Users have to visit different pages to report different types of problems, the map is unreliable and the photo size limit is too small. There are no dates shown on the website so it's hard to tell if someone else reported the same issue five minutes ago or two months ago. There is also no way to see what scheduled maintenance has been done or is forthcoming. For example, if I may knew a road was scheduled to be resurfaced in three months, I wouldn't bother reporting every pothole, but when the road from Pelyn to St Blazey is closed for two nights for "various works" it's annoying to discover they haven't replaced the missing sign and cleared the debris from Fowey Cross or emptied the blocked drains. I am particularly concerned to see that many of the repairs done within the past year have already failed, especially those done using the "Velocity" tarmac spray system.

Cormac are under a lot of pressure after years of cuts to the highways budget (currently 60% lower than 2010). This year we have added an extra £1 million which is intended to focus on maintenance of rural lanes. I will keep fighting hard to make sure our little corner of Cornwall doesn't get overlooked and that repairs are done properly. I will also be demanding major improvements to communications, especially online.

Please continue to keep me posted with highways issues; you are my eyes and ears!

Waste and fly-tipping

Lanlivery is an easy target for fly-tippers, with quiet lanes close to a major road. Biffa do an excellent job of collecting waste promptly when it is reported, but I am concerned that a proposed change to the weekly household waste collection contract could cause problems. I fully support the upgrade to weekly recycling collections (including food waste) and the move to collect residual waste fortnightly. I am satisfied that special measures will be in place to deal with special cases. However, I fear that a rule to limit the amount of "black bag" waste will lead to more fly-tipping in our area. I will be fighting to make the 140 litres a "target" not a "limit".

The past year has finally seen an end to landfill at Cannon Bridge after 50 years of noise and smell for the neighbours. However a new shredded will shortly be arriving for a "temporary trial" so that bulky waste can be shredded before being incinerated in St Dennis. I am pushing for this trial to be as short as possible and for the shredder to be moved closer to St Dennis. It's time to give the neighbours some peace and we don't want any unnecessary lorries on the A390.

Transparency and wasteful spending

After a £75,000 consultant contract hit the news earlier in the year for telling the Council that Cornish people like pasties and Poldark, I was amazed to discover that no elected councillor had agreed to this expenditure. I immediately proposed a new rule to stamp out this kind of waste. It is now Council policy that any expenditure over £5,000 on consultants must be authorised by an elected cabinet member. If there are any more examples of wasted money, it will be very clear to see who is responsible.

In light of recent revelations about a conference in Cannes, I am considering whether this rule should apply to conferences too.

I will keep working hard for you and watching how your taxes are spent over the coming year. I'm sorry I couldn't attend the annual meeting. Please let me know if there are any more issues you want to raise with me. My contact details are colin.martin@cornwallcouncillors.org.uk Tel: 07734434164

17/169 To receive the Police Report

No report

17/170 To receive the report from the Tree Warden

Cllr Paterson gave the following report

The main concern during the year related to farmers and the cutting of hedgerows. Now that machinery was so large it was impossible to them to cut the lower overgrowth in the narrow lanes, which was resulting in significant damage to cars.

17/171 To receive the report from the Friends of the Luxulyan Valley

No report.

17/172 To receive the report from the CALC representative

Cllr Sinkins reported that there was no update

17/173 To receive the Community Emergency Plan Report

Cllr Roberts reported

The plan has now been completed and we now have a condensed version on the Lanlivery Parish Council webpage. The plan will need to be updated at least once per year (preferably twice) to ensure that the information remains current and the latest advice is adhered too. The new plan takes into consideration a wide range of emergencies ranging from changeable weather to national disasters. The plan has been worked upon by the Parish Council and I thank them for all their input into it.

17/174 To receive the Thomas Bullock Report

Cllr Haley gave her annual report

The Thomas Bullock Trust held their annual meeting last November. There are two Trustees representing Lanlivery Parish Council and two from Lostwithiel Town Council. There is also one co-opted Trustee. There were 20 beneficiaries, mostly widows and widowers from the ancient Parish of Lanlivery. The charity was set up by Thomas Bullock in the 17th century for widows and orphans in the parish and has carried on since then. The income for the year was £740.22, of which £360.00 had been distributed.

17/175 To receive the report from the Luxulyan Valley Partnership

Cllr Sinkins gave her annual report

At the end of last year the bid by Cornwall Council & Cornwall Heritage Trust to the Heritage Lottery Fund for £3.4 million to repair the viaduct and leat system was successful and whilst this is great news for the long term future of the WHS the partners, Cornwall Council and Cornwall Heritage Trust only have until September of this year to have their final contracts in place.

Unfortunately things are progressing very slowly on this front; there are problems with agreements with Historic England on the exact specification of repairs to the viaduct. In addition the specialist scaffolding company who were to be used have gone into liquidation and finding another company with the same expertise at the same cost is proving difficult. CC is also looking again at the viability of the HEP turbine project which, albeit not funded by HLF grants, is essential for the project to be sustainable and is a condition of the grant itself. The Valley Partnership is hoping that these issues can be resolved within the HLF timescale.

17/176 To receive the report from the Network Area Representative

Cllr Roberts gave her annual report

The Community Group is a way in which information from Cornwall Council relating to specific areas can be dispersed to a number of different people including Town and Parish Councils, Cornwall Councillors, Community Network Managers and the general public. The group comes together quarterly to discuss items and allows neighbouring parishes to know what's happening in the larger area. This year we have discussed Police issues where we had the new Police Commissioner talk to us, new developments at Cornubia in Par, Neighbourhood Plans, Community Emergency Plans, the Local Government Boundary Review, road works and pot holes to name a few topics.

17/177 Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Sinkins gave her annual report

I am pleased to be able to report that our NP has now been submitted to CC and is currently going through their consultation process. Tony Lee helped a great deal in the final stages before submission by preparing the Consultation Statement and the Basic Conditions Statement, each of which were fairly weighty documents in their own right. Although this consultation process can run up to 6 months we are hopeful that we will be able to hold a Parish referendum at some point over the next year and that the Plan can be formally adopted.

I would like to thank all of those who have helped progress the Plan including the steering group members, Cllr Roberts, our Clerk, Sally Vincent, and, of course, Tony Lee for their help with the many amendments and drafts.

17/178 Public Questions

Gill Paterson queried the position with regard to the two passing places required as a condition of the planning consent for Roselyon School. Cllr Sinkins reported that two passing places had been identified as being feasible at a site meeting attended by members of the parish council, the Parish Clerk, a local businessman, William Trinnick (Roselyon School) and CC Highways representatives; negotiations were ongoing with landowners. However, the

school had now indicated that they had been unable to reach agreement with landowners on either side of the road, although the parish council understood that one landowner was willing to negotiate. Councillors and members of the public present considered that the provision of the passing places was absolutely essential before additional, regular traffic movements were allowed on the parish roads. It was agreed that Roselyon School should be informed of the parish council's position and an offer made to assist in negotiations with the landowners if required.

The Chairman thanked everybody for their attendance invited all present to enjoy some refreshments and a glass of wine kindly provided by her husband and herself and the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

Meeting Closed 7.34pm