

Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly of the Parish Council held in Lanlivery Church on Wednesday 4th May 2022 at 7.00 pm

Present Cllrs Haley, Challis, Hemmings, Paterson, Richards, Turner and Wright.

In attendance The Parish Clerk, Mrs Sally Vincent
PCSO Wendy Christophers & Colleague from the Response Team.
6 members of the public.

22/17 Apologies Cornwall Cllr Colin Martin

Declarations of Interest

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

22/18 Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held on 6th April 2021

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

22/19 Matters Arising

None.

22/20 To receive the Chairmans Report

Cllr Haley gave her annual report

Good evening everyone, and thank you for attending our Annual Parish Meeting. The past 12 months were the first face to face meetings we have had since February 2019, due to the Covid19 outbreak. Our meetings during that time were held via Zoom in our own homes. There were some advantages, once we had got the hang of checking in on-line, like not having to turn out in all winds and weathers! However, it's good to get back to normal and hold meetings in this lovely new meeting room in the Church.

I took over from Councillor Sam Sinkins, who had been our Chairman for the previous four years. She had done an amazing job and it's a hard act to follow. Thank you, Sam.

In the past year we have welcomed two new Councillors, Mrs Lorraine Wright and Mr. Robert Hemmings, in place of Mr. Morley Richards who has retired after well over 35 years as a Councillor, and Kay Roberts who has moved out of our Parish. We thank them for their dedicated service.

It has been a busy year for the Council dealing with many Planning Applications and related issues. Enforcement remains a problem, but hopefully in the coming year this will be resolved.

The children's play equipment in the Playing Field is at present having a refurbishment, and the two gates in the field have been replaced.

The "traffic calming project" in the centre of the village has been completed, which we hope will keep the children safer when they come in and out of the school.

The long-awaited Passing Places between Poltip and the junction of

the A390 have finally been completed, making it less chaotic coming into and out of the village at busy times. With two schools now there is a lot of traffic movement.

HM The Queens Platinum Jubilee is almost upon us, and we now have to make plans for this momentous occasion.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow Councillors for all their hard work and dedication on your behalf, and also thank you to Cornwall Councillor Colin Martin who helps us with any problems concerning Cornwall Council. Many thanks from us all to our wonderful Clerk, Mrs Sally Vincent, who keeps us on the straight and narrow with any issues that occur.

22/21 To receive the report of the Cornwall Councillor

No report

22/22 To receive the Police Report

PCSO Christophers gave the annual Police Report.

22/23 To receive the report from the Tree Warden

Cllr Paterson gave his annual report

During the year as a result mainly of Covid 19 and several storm warnings it has been most apparent that in general most householders and farmers have been extremely diligent in controlling overgrown branches and trees from overgrowing the roads within the Parish. In addition ,Cornwall Council/school bus companies working [in Partnership](#) also assisted by serving warning notices of overgrown trees / branches [on](#) offending property owners.

Again, as a result of Covid and numerous lock downs many Parish members have resorted to home delivery and as a result we have all seen a massive increase in delivery trucks and vans making daily / weekly deliveries. With the huge increase in the cost of those delivery vehicles remote controlled wing mirrors again I have heard of several complaints being given to offending property owners to cut back branches etc. by the delivery Companies.

Hopefully they will keep up the good work.

An area of concern I see which still exists however relates to overgrown brambles which not only scratch vehicles but snag walkers, cyclists and even horse riders. Some of these bramble stems are large and can do some damage certainly to ones arms if not one's eyes especially if you are riding a bike. I daresay if an accident occurred whereby a cyclist came off their bicycles due to overgrown brambles that it could very well end up in an insurance claim against the land owner??

I hope that as we move into 2022 growing season that should anyone have concerns relating to overgrown hedge rows branches etc. then if they contact me, I will endeavour to make contact with the respective property owner to explain the problem and hopefully get the problem rectified.

Fire in woodland. Recently as most of us are aware a nasty fire broke out in woodland near Colcerrow Farm. The owner of the wood is not living locally and with the recent long dry spell coupled with large quantities of extremely dry dead bracken a fire broke out and quickly spread amongst the tinder dry undergrowth. A nearby farm worker saw the smoke and realised the wood was ablaze and contacted the fire brigade. They did arrive - HOWEVER the engine arrived in Lanlivery and then came across the extremely narrow bridge at

Puddle and finally made its way up Sandyway. The fire Team stopped the fire spreading across the main road into adjoining woodland of some fifty acres of similarly dry undergrowth which had that occurred there was zero hope of the fire brigade controlling the fire. Question to our Cornwall Councillor could you not suggest to the Fire Team that during their calm time they come out and look at the various ways to arrive at a fire before it occurs but more importantly, find out where they can get their tanker filled up. On this occasion a nearby farm did have a large pond with plenty of water however the engine had to cross fields to get access to the water. My simple suggestion would be why not locate woodland in our Local Parish area and the nearest water supply before they are called out to control a large woodland fire. Again, in this instance no access to the 50 acres is possible. WHY can we not get landowners to ensure some access to woods are in place?? Finally, whilst it is not in my role, I would like to raise the on-going problem relating to the quick spray tar solution currently being used by Cornwall Council within the Parish. Invariably the quick spray tar method for filling in pot holes seems only to work for less than one year in most instances. The Authorities should recognise that our small single track tarred roads are accessed by many large delivery vehicles and agricultural tractors on a daily basis. Access roads also are used by many cars, taxis and vans taking children to our two local schools. A stronger more long-lasting pot hole solution has to be found. Hopefully this can be brought up to our Cornwall Councillor at the next Parish Meeting.

22/24 To receive the report from the Friends of the Luxulyan Valley

Cllr Turner gave the annual report

She had rung Jim Cleare who had expressed surprise that Lanlivery did not appear to have much interest in the valley. Cllr Turner had responded that people in the village did not really have enough information about the Friends events but she agreed that she could maybe put information in the Granite Towers to advertise them.

22/25 To receive the report from the CALC representative

No report.

22/26 To receive the Thomas Bullock Report

Cllr Wright gave her annual report

22/27 To receive the report from the Luxulyan Valley Partnership

Cllr Sinkins gave her annual report

For those not familiar with the Partnership it is a group made up of stakeholders in the Luxulyan Valley. Cornwall Council as owner as most of the Valley is joined by the 4 adjoining Parish Councils (Lanlivery, Luxulyan, St Blazey and Tywardreath & Par). Other members include Cornwall Heritage Trust as owners of the Treffry Viaduct and the Friends of Luxulyan Valley as well as others with an interest in the site.

Ours terms of reference are currently in the process of being revised with the overall aim of enhancing & supporting the use of the Valley by the community whilst protecting its environmental value and historical status as part of the Cornwall & West Devon Mining Landscapes World Heritage Site.

The allocation of funds last year to improve the Valley has begun to bear fruit; the complete renovation of Black Hill Car Park has just been completed and maintenance & repairs to the paths and leats have continued. A new Picnic Area has been created between Black Hill Car Park and the Viaduct and a number of benches are being installed around the whole site.

The Partnership is also trying to encourage more public involvement and is holding an open event from midday onwards prior to its AGM at 4pm on the 21st June in Luxulyan Village Hall. There will be displays and hopefully some presentations. Everyone is welcome to use this opportunity to come along and see what is happening in the Valley and to make suggestions or ask any questions they may have.

22/27 To receive the report from the Network Area Representative

Cllr Challis reported 3/4 meetings were held each year and were attended by Cornwall Councillors, Parish Council representatives, other stakeholders and members of the public. Unfortunately, the meetings were poorly attended and it was hoped that more interest could be generated in the future.

22/28 Public Questions

A member of the public praised Cormac for attending to potholes in a timely manner. Another member of the public disagreed as he had reported potholes over 12 months ago and they had not been filled. The Parish Clerk advised that this was probably because they were not sufficiently deep/wide to meet the criteria for attention.

Meeting Closed 7.40pm