

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly of the Parish Council held in Lanlivery Church on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 7.00 pm**

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

**In attendance** The Parish Clerk, Mrs Sally Vincent  
Cornwall Cllr Colin Martin  
14 members of the public.

**22/183 Apologies** None

Declarations of Interest

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

**22/184 Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

The minutes had been approved for accuracy on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022. It was proposed by Cllr Paterson, seconded Cllr Sinkins and RESOLVED that the minutes be signed and adopted.

**22/185 Matters Arising**

None.

**22/186 To receive the Chairmans Report**

Cllr Haley gave her annual report

Good evening everyone, and welcome to our Annual Parish Meeting.

The Parish Council has had another busy year dealing with numerous plannings and sorting out any problems arising around the Parish.

Last June, we had a long Bank Holiday weekend to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee. What an amazing feat to reign as Queen for seventy years. She was an incredible woman.

On the Jubilee day, the Crown Inn put on a barbeque from 4pm onwards, followed by the new beacon being lit in the centre of the village to the sound of the piper playing. The new landlord of the Crown, Tim Nash, delivered the Proclamation to her Majesty.

On the following Sunday afternoon, a tree was planted in the playing field, and a new Jubilee seat, dedicated by Morley and Mary Richards. Morley, as most of you know, served on the Parish Council for many, many years, and has just retired. Parishioners brought along their picnics, and the Parish Council provided glasses of wine and soft drinks for the children, while once again John played the bagpipes.

It was with great sorrow, that only 3 months later, on the 8<sup>th</sup> September, we heard the news of the Queens death at Balmoral Castle. A Book of Condolence was opened in the Church for all who wished to sign it.

At 6pm on 9<sup>th</sup> September, parishioners gathered in the village and Councillor Paterson read the official declaration that the Queen had died, and announcing the ascension of King Charles III.

Work goes on throughout the Parish, cutting the Churchyard, the signpost at Pennant crossroads has been refurbished, also the car park at Helman Tor has been spruced up.

The bus shelter at Sweetshouse has had a makeover, and the bus shelter at Fowey Cross has had a new roof.

Much work has been done in the Forest field, clearing up and cutting back overgrowth. Many thanks to all who have helped out.

Plans are underway to provide new play equipment in the Playing Field for the children.

Our next significant event will be the Coronation of King Charles III, on the 6<sup>th</sup> May. A working group has been put together to organise activities for the Bank holiday weekend.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow Councillors for all their hard work and dedication on your behalf. They do a wonderful job and attend all our meetings, rain or shine!

Also, our thanks to Cornwall Councillor Colin Martin, who helps out with matters concerning Cornwall Council.

And finally, to Sally our Parish Clerk, our thanks from us all for the wonderful work that she does to keep us up to date and on the right path.

## **22/187 To receive the report of the Cornwall Councillor**

Cllr Martin gave his annual report

- Since the last Cornwall Council elections the number of CC's had reduced to 82 so now he was spread across 8 parishes
- Since last summer the leader of the Lib Dem group at County Hall had been unwell so he had been standing in
- It had been great to take part in the jubilee events and in a different way to take part in the late Queen's memorial events
- The Leader and Cabinet have officially decided not to take the devolution deal for Cornwall with a Mayor project forward
- One of his passions was tackling climate change and he was continually working towards this goal. Recently approved new houses in Cornwall must have on site renewables to meet all the energy needs of the house.
- He was heavily involved in Health & Social Care; great need for more care workers and was pushing to pay care workers £2 an hour above minimum wage.
- He tries to put all his news on Facebook.
- Has been working part time one to one teaching to children who cannot attend mainstream school. However, the funding for the had been cut so he had lost this job and was now doing supply teaching.
- He was trying to promote affordable housing in rural settings, including reviewing Homechoice criteria to make sure that the right balance between local connections and housing need is achieved.
- CC was looking to introduce double charge council tax on second homes to generate income but legislation to achieve this was awaited.
- There were huge problems with potholes in the county despite additional government funding.

### **22/188 To receive the Police Report**

PCSO Jamie Ward had supplied the following report

A general overview of the current policing setup on Neighbourhood;

Neighbourhood Team Leader Sergeant Ian Chambers

Neighbourhood Beat Manager PC Jason Gosling

Neighbourhood Beat Manager PC Craig Boundy

PCSO Graham Wade

PCSO Jamie Ward

Current Force Priorities;

Reducing Crime and Bringing Offenders to Justice

Protecting People from Harm

Improving Satisfaction in Policing Services

Maintaining Visibility, Engagement and Problem Solving in Communities

Meeting Relevant National Policing Requirements

Apologies that we don't have more of an official report for the parishes but without a system to access the data and figures it hampers how much we can provide. I have been assured that new systems are soon to be implemented.

### **22/189 To receive the report from the Tree Warden**

Cllr Paterson gave his annual report

Once again, we have seen that due to various ongoing Covid restrictions continue late into 2022, most homeowners/farmers have been proactive in ensuring overgrown branches and verge undergrowth, mainly brambles, have been cut back on the numerous Parish roads and lanes.

In general, also because of increasing delivery vans/courier type vehicles continually criss-crossing the Parish daily it would appear they also have complained to owners of overgrown areas.

As previously mentioned, the cost of replacing simple things like wing mirrors on vehicles these days which are generally controlled by remote control from the driver's dashboard, can cost hundreds of Pounds should they need replacing. Should drivers suffer damage to their vehicles and wing mirrors etc. then claims can be raised against the landowner.

Following the nesting season last year, I did notice that brambles which normally have caused numerous scratches and can seriously mark vehicles (which can result in insurance claims against the homeowner/farmer) has certainly made a positive difference to our narrow roads. Now doubt we have all seen and read about cyclists and walkers being snagged by brambles so hopefully landowners have taken on board the fact that they PERSONALLY need to bear in mind that insurance claims can be expensive should someone suffer vehicle damage or physical damage.

On a far more positive note prior to this year's nesting season, I was most surprised to see a great deal of the overgrown vegetation growing out farm hedges and banks adjoining our Parish roads has been cut back. I assume several farmers must have realised that even their expensive fancy 4 x 4's suffered damage from overgrown vegetation so flail mowers were obviously dusted off and finally brought into use. As a result, a good tidy up is highly visible. Keep up the good work.

On another topic following several queries relating to long overhanging branches basically almost touching several of the old gravestones in the old part of the graveyard parallel to the BT Green unit on the roadway heading to

the caravan park, cut back of the worst limbs has been organised and completed some weeks ago.

On another topic extensive clearing of the Forest Field was completed with help from Councillor Hemming earlier this year. Old tyres and general large limbs which had fallen on the ground were removed and the complete area has been cleared of unsightly stones, old pallets, branches plus clumps of brambles. Assistance was also provided by helpers from the Primary school. The Forest Field is now tidy and safe for children to explore.

Also, the short pathway between the Crown and Red Moor School, which leads to the St. Brevita well has been cleared of overgrown undergrowth and brambles so access to the area has improved.

Finally, the quick spray tar solution which is used to fill in potholes in the Parish is proving completely pathetic in most cases. With heavy rain and cold temperatures experienced over this past winter the tar is disintegrating very quickly mainly due to the ever-increasing delivery vehicle and school traffic causing numerous large potholes to be seen around the Parish. Whilst the quick spray solution seems initially fantastic, even in the midterm e.g., several months later the potholes are very much back in evidence.

Should anyone have problems with overhanging branches/dangerous undergrowth etc. feel free to contact me and I shall endeavour to resolve the situation as soon as possible.

**22/190 To receive the report from the Friends of the Luxulyan Valley**

Cllr Turner referred the meeting to the online newsletter produced by the Friends.

**22/191 To receive the report from the CALC representative**

No report.

**22/192 To receive the Thomas Bullock Report**

No report

**22/193 To receive the report from the Luxulyan Valley Partnership**

Cllr Sinkins gave her annual report

LVP relaunched in June 2022 with a broader range of stakeholders being invited to meetings. As well as Cornwall Council, the 4 adjoining Parish Councils (St Blazey/ Lanlivery/Luxulyan/Tywardreath & Par) and the Friends of Luxulyan Valley all of whom have voting rights, adjoining landowners/businesses are encouraged along with organisations such as Cornwall Heritage Trust/SW Rivers Trust/Cornwall Wildlife Trust/WHS. Relaunch marked by an open day held at Luxulyan Village Hall with speakers from some of the above and stalls run by CHT/ CWT etc. to raise awareness of the valley and the challenges it presents

Although the Partnership has no statutory authority, its role is in identifying a vision for the valley, recommending & monitoring work programmes and helping to ensure that all parties are working alongside one another and communicating with each other.

There has been an ongoing capital programme over the past year including leat repairs/refurbishment of some of the penstocks/sluices/vegetation clearance and removal of trees with ash dieback. Regular volunteer days held by

Cormac/FOLV to help with some of this & if anyone would like to help with these then more info on FOLV website.

Turbine house has been fenced off because asbestos found in the rear of it and this due to be removed soon.

SPF funding expression of interest submitted by CC Countryside Officer to help fund making a longer term of maintenance plan of leats etc. all with a long term view to work towards reinstating hydro power generation.

A Heritage sub-committee has been formed and is busy collating the various records of heritage assets within the valley to create a single list. This should make it much easier to ensure these assets are protected in the longer term.

The Pontsmill Community Turbine Fund still holds the sum of £44,365.55 which was 20% of the profits from the turbine from 2010/11. According to the agreement between the CC and the management of the turbine this should have been put towards replacing or refurbishing the turbine. Between 2007-09 there was also an additional £75,260.00 originally meant for the same purpose but this was held by CC and they did not ring fence the money for the turbine as originally agreed. The former management of the turbine fund are now refusing to release the £44K to CC and would prefer it to be administered by the LVP. There is also a further £2K or so held by the fund in a separate account which is for grants to local community groups.

CHT who own the viaduct have had funding from GWR which was used on clearing vegetation from the viaduct as well as running guided walks and making a short film about Treffry & the viaduct. The film was “premiered” in Luxulyan village hall last week and some 70 people arrived for the first showing. If you would like to see it too then it will be on the CHT website in the next few weeks.

Cllr Martin added that a lot of benches had been installed along the paths.

## **22/194 To receive the report from the Network Area Representative**

Cllr Challis gave the following report.

The Community Network Panel discusses issues affecting the Community network area and agrees to progress them. It also seeks to build working relationships between local partners. Panel meetings are open to the public, so do please come along, just google to find all info on venue, dates etc. We are keen to get the public more involved.

The panel includes four local Councillors:

Pauline Giles – St. Blazey

Peter Guest – Roche and Bugle

Colin Martin – Lostwithiel and Lanreath

Andy Virr – Fowey, Tywardreath and Par

The panel also includes representatives from town and parish councils within the community network area. The panel can also invite local organisations and service providers, like the Police and health services to join them at their meetings. A lot of discussion is about routine things, Highways, planning, anti-social behaviour etc. Recent hot topics have been parking charges in Council owned car parks, Devolution for Cornwall and the election of a Mayor for Cornwall. The latest scheme to be launched is EasterTime2Move Holiday programme which aims to support families during the school holidays to ensure children have access to fun activities, healthy food and physical activity. More information can be found on the Councils website.

The existing 19 Community Networks were now in the process of being rearranged to create 11 Community Partnerships.

## **22/196 Public Questions**

Cllr Wright shared the following information about Coronation arrangements in the parish.

A representative of the Wildlife Trust, Matt Bateman, introduced himself. He explained that the Trust had just started year 3 of a scheme to promote wildlife/nature recovery on the Trust reserves in the parish at Creney, Breney and Redmoor. The group was trying to encourage local people to get involved and would give more details of how to do this at a later date.

A member of the public highlighted the increased amount of traffic on village roads; she felt that it had increased by 300%. Another member of the public reported that traffic in Lanlivery village itself had also increased, mainly associated with Red Moor school.

Cllr Paterson queried if a vehicle had hit a wall close to a lady's property but the parishioner was unsure about this. The Parish Clerk confirmed that she had reported this to Rachael Tatlow at CC Highways.

A member of the public highlighted a problem with a gate open across the outside Beech Tree Cottage at Redmoor. This had been recorded in the parish council minutes for several months (most recently at 22/175) and Cllr Martin was investigating.

A member of the public reported that youngsters at Red Moor School were running amok in the village, climbing on property, throwing things, swearing and entering and damaging private property. She was feeling under siege from this and unable to enjoy her home and considered that something must be done. Another member of the public had also made numerous complaints to the school about various issues, including significant noise nuisance but had not received any satisfactory responses and her view was that staff were failing to supervise the pupils adequately. The Parish Clerk confirmed that the Headteacher had agreed to attend the May Council meeting and suggested that people negatively affected by the school should also attend to discuss possible solutions. This was agreed.

A member of the public asked Cllr Martin about lack of enforcement action; people were simply building and developing in the parish without any permission and then obtaining planning permission retrospectively. Cllr Martin suggested that the parish council complain to Louise Wood, Head of CC Planning, about lack of enforcement action, although he feared that staff shortages was possibly the reason.

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending and invited all present to join the Councillors for light refreshments.

Meeting Closed            8.05 pm