

CARLYON PARISH CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 17TH APRIL 2018

May I first of all offer my apologies for not being here to present my report in person, and extend my thanks to Alan for delivering it in my absence.

The Parish Council year began without John, Veronica, Mick and Stefan - valued Councillors who decided not to stand for re-election in May. John of course, was our previous Chairman, and his big boots - in every sense - I have been attempting to fill since being elected Chairman last May.

As a novice to the position I can honestly say that without the patience and support of Julie, our wonderful Parish Clerk I would not have known where to begin. I am also very grateful to the new and remaining councillors, and in particular our faithful members of the public for their long-standing support and hard work. Their involvement has been an immense help given our reduced councillor numbers. I am also grateful to Councillor Tom French for his continued support at County level.

We currently still have vacancies on the Parish Council so I would encourage and welcome members of the Public to apply to become co-opted members. No need to wait for an election!

One of the most significant projects the Parish Council has embarked upon this year, and certainly one which should have a long-term impact, is the Neighbourhood Plan. This plan, once in place, should help us to shape and determine the character of our Parish in planning terms. I would like to thank the Neighbourhood Plan steering group, made up of members of the public and Councillors, led by Councillor Entwistle. My particular thanks go to Robin Malcolm and Juliet Aylward for formulating the two public postal surveys that have been conducted this year. An onerous task, undertaken with dedication and good humour, and evidently incredibly successful because the percentage of responses was three times the norm for this kind of public consultation.

Although the plan will take some considerable time yet to complete, these two surveys have yielded valuable data on what residents of the parish want in terms of shaping planning development and our Parish environment. We have already been able to refer to this data when determining some of the 45 planning applications which have come before the Parish Council in this last year.

As ever, we aim to protect and improve the recreation areas of the two Parish wards. In Tregrehan we have done what we can to prohibit the use of drones on the playing fields, and although we have succeeded in improving parking provision in the field, we are still in the process of further improving the field entrance for vehicles using visually un-intrusive ground reinforcement. Dog fouling has been a problem and we have endeavoured to educate dog owners to clean up after their pets otherwise we may have to consider a dog ban. There were issues with the grass in the two areas not being cut in tandem last year and we will monitor that this year.

We have registered a Caution Against First Registration in relation to the access lane and there are currently concerns about work having been undertaken to the

bridge in connection with the development at the end of the lane.

We successfully applied for lottery funding to provide a second defibrillator for the Parish. This made good use of the redundant telephone box in Tregrehan village, and it was excellent to see so many attend the training evening.

In Carlyon ward the s106 funded works to the recreation area entrance were completed and I think we all agree are a great improvement. The recreation area and paths, in common with many such paths and areas in the region, have become very muddy at times, and their use must ultimately remain a matter of personal judgement. That said, work should be starting soon to create a link from the permissive path to the SWCP that should help next winter, and we have been promised by the countryside team that work will be undertaken to improve the flooded section of path opposite the Porth Avallen hotel. Cyclists on the SWCP continue to be a nuisance despite prohibitive signage.

We arranged for 2 memorial benches to be installed to replace rotting benches on the SWCP behind Crinnis beach and the families were very grateful. The Parish Council has undertaken the maintenance of these benches to ensure they are maintained properly.

I would like to thank the contractor Andy Hoskin, who cuts our footpaths and looks after Carlyon rec. He does a first rate job and is a pleasure to deal with.

The problem of the oak tree overhanging the letter box at the junction of Sea Road/Beach Road has been resolved, and this magnificent oak tree is now subject of a Tree Protection Order, our thanks to Ken Stark for bringing the matter to our attention and his efforts to achieve this. It is pleasing to see that the Carlyon Bay Hotel have since taken successful measures to prevent parking under it. We are grateful for the good lines of communication we have with them, and their willing cooperation on this and other matters.

I wish the same could be said of our communications with the management at Carlyon Bay Beach. CEG management are non existent on the ground, and the promotion company they hired to run entertainments on the beach last summer were apparently unsuccessful. We have approached CEG and await a response as to what the plans are for this summer.

Parking for the beach has continued to be a problem in the roads around Carlyon Bay, despite having 'Access Only' traffic orders on some roads. The situation is exacerbated by the restriction of beach parking to the 'top' car park by the Beach management which soon fills on summer days. This is frustrating when there is so much space down at the beach level, historically always used for parking.

Despite overwhelming feedback from our Neighbourhood Plan survey to the contrary, a safety audit conducted by Cornwall Council has concluded there are no problems with the traffic management, road layout or visibility in Cypress Avenue. The Parish Council has rejected these audit conclusions and we will continue to monitor and submit details of any accidents and incidents we are aware of in an effort to get them to review it.

Finally on Parish matters, a Local Government Boundary review is underway, which we have responded to, and we await the outcome from the Boundary Commission.

May I conclude by thanking Alan once again for presenting my report, and whether or not I am re-elected as Chair next time, I would like to say this past year has been a busy but very enjoyable experience for me, and I look forward to working together next year as an effective Parish Council.

Frances Taylor,
Chairman,
Carlyon Parish Council