

Chairman's Annual Report

As you are all aware this will be the last report I will give to the Annual Parish meeting as I have decided not to stand for re-election as a Parish Councillor. I hope you will forgive me if I take a little longer than usual and divide this report into two parts, the work of the council over the past year, and a reflection of the work of the Parish Council since its formation.

The last year, 2016-2017 has been a continuation of the usual, often sometimes mundane, work of the Parish Council. We have considered and made recommendations on 36 planning applications and continued to represent the Council's views on development at various meetings. We have successfully obtained s106 money to carry out work to improve the entrances to the Carlyon Recreational Field and the Tregrehan Playing Field.

Sea Road North has finally been adopted by the Highway Authority and the speed humps in Beach Road have been replaced.

Our thanks must go to Councillor Entwistle and his team of volunteers who are progressing with their work on a Neighbourhood plan and our also to Murray Gowan for his work on producing an Emergency Plan. I must also report that the flood prevention measures in Tregrehan were called upon for the first time, earlier this year. Sandbags were issued and successfully deployed around Meadowside and School Lane.

Following BT's decision to remove the telephony equipment due to lack of use, the Parish Council purchased the telephone kiosk in Tregrehan to house a defibrillator and our clerk is investigating options for financing the machine.

Our parish precept has once again been reduced and is at a lower rate than it has been since the Parish Council came into existence.

After two years of preparatory work by the Temporary Parish Council, the new Carlyon Parish Council was formally and legally instituted early in 2009 and our first Parish Council meeting was held on 16th June 2009. At that meeting I was honoured to accept the post of Chairman. Councillor Veronica Hyne was elected Vice Chairman and we have both been re-elected to those posts each year since. Councillor Hyne has also decided not to stand for re-election as a Parish Councillor. I would like to express my thanks to Veronica for the time and work she has given to the Parish Council and hope you will enjoy this token of my thanks. (The Chairman presented Cllr Hyne with a bouquet of flowers).

In those early days of the Parish Council it was rumored that Cornwall Council were about to sell the Tregrehan Playing Fields and so one of our first objectives was to try to secure the future of the fields. Councillor Stefan Kelly took on the responsibility of the sub committee for the playing fields and the fields have been given Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge status, thus securing their future.

Again, in those early days, the future of the field in Carlyon Bay was in some doubt and the Parish Council was able to negotiate a lease with the owners, Brend Hotels, securing their public use for at least 30 years. Councillors Sheehan and Taylor,

together with their volunteers have continued the work of keeping the space safe and attractive for residents and visitors.

One of the biggest issues during the first 8 years of the Parish Council has been the proposed development on our three local beaches. Outline planning permission has been granted and the original buildings on Crinnis Beach have been demolished but work on the development has not continued. Whatever the final outcome, I do hope that the Parish Council will continue to support and work for permanent, unhindered public access to all three beaches.

The Parish Council has over its 8 years been responsible for many minor works and improvements such as siting waste bins, benches, road salt bins, notice boards, a bus shelter and much more. It all takes time and money. The money comes from the precept and I am proud to remind you that the Parish Precept has fallen every year with the exception of the 2015/2016 financial year (this was due to concerns about what services may have been devolved from Cornwall Council). The time comes, of course, from your Parish Councillors and I would like to express my thanks both as Chairman of the Parish Council and as a resident of the Parish to all those councillors both past and present who have served on the Parish Council. I would like to make special mention of those current councillors who have not chosen to stand for re-election, Councillors Hyne, Kelly, Sheehan for the work they have done for the parish.

There is one final person I would like to mention. On the 5th October 2009 a joint committee of Carlyon, St. Austell Bay and Pentewan Valley parishes appointed Mrs Julie Larter as Parish Clerk to each of the three new parishes. She was new to the role of parish clerk but at her interview she expressed a desire to learn and develop the role within our parishes. You all know how stunningly successful she has been with the formal learning for her role, with the distinctions she has been awarded. This success has been reflected in her superb competence in her role which is the envy of many other Parish Councils. However, I would like to pay my personal thanks to Julie for all the help, advice and yes, occasional nagging, she has given me during my time as Chairman and offer this token of those thanks. (The Chairman presented the Clerk with a bouquet of flowers).

J-P Hermes
Chairman
Carlyon Parish Council
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