

**MINUTES of the ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY of Carlyon Parish held on TUESDAY 27 APRIL 2021 at 6.00pm.
The Meeting was held virtually**

Present: Cllrs Paul Trudgian, Alan Moore, Ann Taylor, Graham Entwistle, Mike Thompson, Jane Chantrill-Burns (all Carlyon Parish Councillors); Julie Larter (Carlyon Parish Clerk); Cllr Tom French CC; PCSO Julie Carpenter; 9 members of the public. Apologies had been received from Cllr Heidi Clemo and Cllr Mark Seckerson

Cllr Paul Trudgian, Chairman of the parish council took the Chair.

(1) Minutes of last Annual Parish Meeting (16 April 2019)

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 16 April 2019 were an accurate record of the meeting.

(2) Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

(3) Report from the Chairman of Carlyon Council (Councillor Paul Trudgian)

Firstly, I would like to say how pleased we are to have welcomed Heidi, Jane, Myles and Mark to the parish council since our last annual parish meeting. These new members have given us the full complement of nine councillors which I believe has been the first time in a number of years.

However, with the welcoming of those councillors, I unfortunately also have to say that we have 3 parish councillors standing down this month; Alan Moore, Mike Thompson and Graham Entwistle. Each have given a great deal of time and commitment to the parish council for a number of years, and we thank them for the contribution they have made and wish all three well for the future.

Additionally we are also losing our Cornwall Councillor, Tom French, who has decided to step down at the forthcoming election. Tom has been an excellent representative for our residents, and an ally for the parish council and we're very sorry to lose him. We of course wish him well going forward.

In consideration of what we've achieved as a parish council since our last annual meeting we have considered 79 planning applications, which is approximately 1 application for every 10 households in the parish. Whilst we will always robustly defend against unsuitable development, I do see the sheer number of private individuals seeking to improve and invest in their homes, as a positive sign that this parish continues to be a highly desirable location to live in.

I firmly believe it is one of our responsibilities as a parish council to protect and enhance this desirability and I'm delighted to say, that in addition to the everyday business of the council, we have, in the last 2 years, delivered a host of projects aimed at improving our public areas.

These projects have included village gateways in Tregrehan, planters on Cypress Avenue and Crinnis Road, native tree planting in Tregrehan fields, along with a living Christmas tree, improvements to the entrances of the public fields in both Carlyon Bay and Tregrehan and the provision of picnic tables in the Tregrehan fields.

Further to this, we've undertaken wildflower planting on the A391, in Tregrehan children's play area and in Carlyon Bay on the recreation field, plus we've agreed further planting for Cypress Avenue which will be completed in the autumn.

Also, at residents' requests, we've provided additional yellow lining at Wheal Regent and Fairway, through the Community Network Highways scheme, and we've had Crinnis Beach and Sea Road recreation area both re-listed on Cornwall Council's Register of Assets of Community Value.

Additionally, we've had a positive outcome to the Community Governance Review, in relation to the parish retaining the Gwallon Keas development, and we've brought the Neighbourhood Plan close to conclusion, pending a referendum later this year - in itself a major achievement and the culmination of 4 years of work by residents and Parish Councillors.

Furthermore, I was delighted with the speed of response by parish councillors and resident volunteers to the covid pandemic. The community support programme helped more than 50 households by running over 200 errands between March and June last year, as well as manning the support line the parish council set-up.

This latter action has definitely further enhanced the sense of community across both wards in the parish and one of the positive outcomes has been the introduction of a new parish newsletter, which had its first edition sent out in October last year and will now be issued twice per annum, with the next edition due in June.

As well as projects that we've delivered, there are several ongoing initiatives which we have been focusing on, these include: continuing to apply pressure on highways to address safety concerns with the traffic calming on Cypress Avenue; the devolution of Tregrehan Playing Fields and working closely with CEG to mitigate local impacts should the beach development go ahead. We have also now set-up a Climate Change and Environment Working Party and we hope that this will help us focus attention on what we, as a parish council, can do to facilitate change in our area.

In many ways, this past year has been a very difficult one. Remote meetings have been challenging for us all but, reflecting government legislation, it has unfortunately been the only option available to us.

I would like to thank the residents who have continued to attend our meetings and especially those residents who have remained so active on local issues. A special mention should be made of Robin Malcolm, Julie Aylward, Mike Ford and Gail Wieringa who have freely given considerable time over the last 4 years to the development of our Neighbourhood Plan. Also, Peter Browning, who's tenacity on local matters is very much appreciated, especially in the recent Community Governance Review.

To close this statement, I would finally like to extend thanks and appreciation on behalf of the council and residents to our clerk, Julie Larter. In what has been a very challenging year in many aspects she has proved, once again, to be the backbone of this parish council. I feel the role of clerk is often underestimated and sometimes undervalued, and I would like to take this opportunity for it to be recorded how much her support and professional advice is appreciated.

(4) Report from PCSO Julie Carpenter, Devon and Cornwall Police

Neighbourhood Police Team

Neighbourhood Team Leader

Sergeant 4794 Dave Mitchell

Neighbourhood Beat Manager

PC 4886 Andrew Barnicoat

PC 5929 Gareth Hawken

PC 6170 Colin Sheppard

PC 7177 Will Chesterfield

PC 7069 Yasmin Vokes

Police Community Support Officer

30499 Julie Carpenter

30047 Wendy Christophers

30528 Natalie Merrikin

30004 Ally Relf

30262 Steve Tibbles

30055 Graham Wade

30449 Jamie Ward

30740 Yasmin Barrott

Overall Crime

Really positive news, roughly a 10% reduction in all crime over the last 12 months. Almost all crime types are down with significant reductions in dwelling burglary, vehicle offences and shoplifting. The main increase has been in violence without

injury and this is largely due to changes in the crime recording rules and the classification of offences, all harassment/stalking/mal comms offences for example are categorised as violence without injury which inflates the numbers considerably. Other areas which have increased include possession and trafficking of drugs, and weapons offences which should be seen as a positive thing as these offences only get recorded when they are detected by officers and demonstrates our proactive work to tackle drugs and weapon crime. Despite the numbers being up in these crime categories they are still low by national standards. Individual crime figures can be found on our website.

Priorities over the last 12 months

Safeguarding of vulnerable people particularly with Covid and significant partnership work undertaken. Domestic abuse has been a national priority due to the concerns around increases particularly during periods of lockdown. We have seen some rises at various times but overall, our sector hasn't seen the increases that other sectors have.

Anti-Social Behaviour has been an issue from time to time and has been tackled with partner agencies such as Helen Toms ASB Officer. County Lines has been a real priority which as a sector we have tackled very well in terms of executing warrants, charging, and remanding several key individuals and seizures of drugs. The perpetrators of county lines have continued their 'business' but using different tactics, as a sector we have carried out more drugs warrants than anyone else.

We must stress the importance of community intelligence and encourage communities to report things to us. Information relating to vulnerable persons being exploited is particularly important right now.

Covid legislation has been introduced and it has been a priority for some time to deal with reports of breaches. We have utilised the 4 E's approach, Engage, Explain, Encourage and Enforce. There have been a significant number of reports to us placing real pressure to respond and at times we have been unable to due to other more pressing issues around Threat, Risk and Harm.

Moving forward

Last year was unprecedented for us in terms of demand. There was approximately a 20-30% increase on our demand and we anticipate the same this year due to the number of visitors coming down as opposed to going abroad. We are planning for the easing of lockdown and anticipate real challenges. G7 is taking place but the impact on local resourcing for this will be minimal.

An increase in neighbourhood officers over the last 12-18 months has been a real positive for the team. There is talk that we may see more staff, but this is not yet confirmed. We have operated as 'one team' for some time now and the system is working well. There is currently no thought that we will return to dedicated officers for each area. The national uplift of 20,000 officers has also meant that response

staff have seen the benefits so in terms of staffing we are in a better place than we were a few years ago.

PCSO Carpenter answered the following questions:

"Are the Police looking to open the front office in St Austell Police station 6 days a week"?

"This is still in the development stage and will probably open for 6 days from November (Monday – Friday and Saturday mornings). I am unsure about lunchtime opening."

"What are the plans to improve the 101 service"?

"Devon and Cornwall Police are aware of problems and it is planned to recruit an additional 30 staff to support the 101 service"

"If the announced extra officer arrive at the station, what will be their priorities and duties"?

"All new PCs come in on a 2 year probation so will work on response and in response and after this period they can decide if they want to pursue other Police directions. Police numbers in St Austell are healthy"

"Last year there was an unfortunate jet ski incident at Carlyon Bay and it is noted that this year Pentewan Sands have banned jetskis from landing on the beach - how will you work with the Coastguard to ensure that incidents of this type do not affect good businesses"

"We do work closely with the Coastguard Service and depending on where the jet skis are it will either be the Coastguard or ourselves dealing with any issues. Carlyon Bay is a private beach so I guess to launch a jetski from there, permission would need to be obtained from CEG. We work closely with the watersports outlet on the beach."

PCSO Carpenter urged members of the public to contact the Police if they have any concerns and added that she liaises with the Clerk on a regular basis.

The Chairman thanked PCSO Carpenter

(5) Report from Cllr Tom French, Cornwall Council Ward Member for St Austell Bay

Clearly the Covid pandemic has dominated our lives over the past year, so I would like to start by thanking Paul Trudgian and his team of helpers for their outstanding work in supporting residents who needed their help.

The retention of the new development of Gwallon Keas within the parish of Carlyon was a notable victory and I was pleased to join with James Mustoe and other to ensure this happened. A word of caution, this boundary change could come up again in a few years time.

I am pleased that the parish council are taking a positive role in the redesign of the beach development whilst challenging CEG where appropriate.

As I retire as your Cornwall Councillor I would like to say it has been a pleasure to work along side members of the parish council and with Julie Larter who has been a constant source of help. I remain a St Austell Town Councillor and will no doubt meet up with some of you from time to time.

The Chairman thanked Cllr French on behalf of the residents and the parish council for his work.

(6) Neighbourhood Plan Report

Cllr Entwistle reported that in the last 2 years Robin Malcolm and Julie Aylward have undertaken a substantial amount of work on the neighbourhood plan to bring it to the point where we think we have all the information we need. Documents will be sent to the Clerk to put on the website and the Chairman will arrange for the Basic Conditions Statement to be written. The Plan will be ready for referendum later in the year.

(7) Open Forum

A member of the public asked whether any progress had been made with regard to getting a noticeboard erected at Gwallon Keas as he felt that without it, democracy was not being served. The Clerk replied that the matter is still with the site's management company but she is chasing the matter.

A member of the public having previously been advised that Community Infrastructure Levy could not be spent on private roads pointed out that not all the advice given by Cornwall Council officers is reliable. He said that the parish council has a contingency fund and bearing in mind the precept received from Sea Road residents and other residents in the parish, he felt that residents of private roads in the parish should be able to apply to the parish for help towards maintaining private roads and for example laying yellow lines on Sea Road. The Chairman replied that another resident had already approached the parish council with a similar request and the parish council has investigated the feasibility of the parish council offering a grant to make improvements to a private road but had been advised by the CIL officer at Cornwall Council that this is not possible. The Chairman said that the Clerk has contacted the Chair of Sea Road Residents' Association with this information. My position to him and to Sea Road residents is to potentially identify issues and he suggested residents come back to the parish council with a feasible option. He pointed out that the parish council currently only gets 15% of the CIL amount. The member of the public said that he was glad the door was not jammed shut and the Chairman said the matter was subject to parish council discussion.

A member of the public said that Sea Road Residents' Association had concerns about the number of cars blocking access to their houses, particularly near the

recreation field and a traffic sub group of Sea Road residents has been set up. The group would like to meet with councillors to discuss alternative wording for the sign on the recreation field gate. The Chairman said that he is happy to attend such a meeting.

Cllr Moore said that he has now come to the end of his term in office and he would like to thank his wife Libby and his fellow councillors for their support and guidance over the many years that he has been on the council. He said that he has enjoyed being a hands-on councillor for example tree planting and painting railings. He urged the council to continue to plan for a community centre and preserve the green wedge between the St Austell and St Blazey. The Chairman replied by thanking Cllr Moore for everything he and Libby have done for the residents of Carlyon Parish over the more than 10 years that he has been a parish councillor.

The meeting closed at 6.20 pm

Chairman, Carlyon Parish Council

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