

MINUTES of the ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY of Carlyon Parish held on TUESDAY 19 APRIL 2022 at 6.00pm in Tregrehan Methodist Centre

Present: Cllrs Paul Trudgian, Ann Taylor, Jane Chantrill-Burns, Heidi Clemo, Lynn Parsons, Myles Breary, Nathan Cooper, Mark Seckerson (all Carlyon Parish Councillors); Julie Larter (Carlyon Parish Clerk); Cllr James Mustoe CC; PC Tom Prophet and PCSO Jamie Ward (Devon and Cornwall Police); 5 members of the public.

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

(1) Minutes of last Annual Parish Meeting (27 April 2021)

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on **27 April 2021** 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 Nathan and Lynn to the parish council since our last annual parish meeting. These new members have brought us close to our full complement of 9 councillors with only one seat not taken. Further to welcoming Nathan and Lynn, I would also like to say how pleased we have been to have the support of our new Cornwall Councillor James Mustoe over the last 12 months. James has already consistently proven himself to be a great ally for the parish council as well as being a dedicated and proactive councillor for all the residents he represents.

However, with the welcoming of those councillors, I unfortunately also have to say that we have one parish councillor standing down this month; Jane Chantrill-Burns. Although Jane has only been with us for just over a year, she has proven to be a great asset, to both the council and the community, by providing community support during the lockdown and helping with several initiatives including the Cycle Tour party and the Cypress Avenue improvements. However, Jane's main legacy will be the Repair Café initiative which I'm pleased to say will now be managed by Councillor Breary's wife Linda. We wish Jane all the best with her future endeavours and thank Linda, on behalf of the community, for ensuring the continuation of the Carlyon Repair Café.

In consideration of what we've achieved as a parish council since our last annual meeting we have considered 42 planning applications. As I stated last year, whilst we will always robustly defend against unsuitable development, I do see the 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.

Of course, it is one of the key functions of a parish council to protect and enhance this desirability through improving maintenance of our common areas and, wherever possible, delivering visual, amenity and community cohesion improvements through parish projects. Consequently, I'm delighted to say, that in addition to the everyday business of the council, we have, in the last 12 months, delivered a host of projects including:

The Cycle Tour Party which was attended by around 800 people from our community and the surrounding area, providing a great family day out and supporting several local and national charities.

A second parish newsletter which was sent out to all households last summer and will be followed by a third issue in July/August this year.

The commencement of improvements to Cypress Avenue; a first step in the parishes' long held wish to enhance Cypress Avenue as a gateway into the Carlyon Bay area. A project that will likely take several years and significant volunteer support;

Supporting Sea Road residents in the management of visitor parking, and preventing unsafe and non-visitor parking, through the provision of parking cones during the summer season;

The purchase and installation of dog stations at Tregrehan's Jubilee field and the Carlyon Fields to help prevent dog fouling from ruining the enjoyment that our residents, and visitors, get from these fantastic amenities;

Nominating Beach Road for inclusion to Cornwall Council's '20 is plenty' scheme and also applying to the Community Network Highways scheme for safety improvements on Bodelva Hill to prevent speeding near the children's play area.

In addition to these projects, we also have several projects waiting in the 'wings' that we have previously agreed and will be delivering over the coming year; they include:

The Jubilee Beacon lighting ceremony on June 2nd in Carlyon Bay which is shaping up to be a great event with four live bands already booked,

alongside catering and refreshment and a host of stalls still to be announced, including local charities;

The installation of a plaque for the 'Queens Canopy' tree planted in Tregrehan's children's play area earlier in the spring, and a further granite plaque to commemorate the jubilee alongside the other plaques from the silver, golden and diamond jubilee's;

The provision of local history boards on Beach Road and in Tregrehan explaining the social, industrial and geographical history of the respective areas;

The devolution of the Tregrehan fields from Cornwall Council into the ownership of the parish council;

Preparing to, hopefully, extend the parish council's lease on the Carlyon fields so we can continue to maintain them for everybody's enjoyment;

Considering the purchase of the Tregrehan Chapel to protect this community asset for the long-term future and ensure its continued use as a community amenity;

The ratification of the Neighbourhood Development Plan which has now, thanks to Robin Malcolm and Juliet Aylward, been finalised pending a date for a referendum which will hopefully be in the autumn this year;

As always, I wish to extend the thanks of the parish council to all the community volunteers who have given time to the parish council initiatives this year, including the Cycle Tour party, Cypress Avenue improvements and the Jubilee Beacon ceremony. This thanks also extends to the husbands, wives, partners and children of the parish councillors who very often find themselves being dragged into volunteering, whether willing or not!

On behalf of the parish council I would also like to thank all of the kind residents who have initiated and helped on community driven initiatives over the last year. This has included fantastic work to the Jubilee field in Tregrehan, the set-up of the Carlyon Repair Café, the recent Great British Spring Clean and the efforts I know Tregrehan residents are making to host a jubilee tea party.

Finally, on behalf of the parish councillors, I wish to thank our clerk, Julie Larter, who has once again gone above and beyond for us over the last 12 months, not only in providing professional guidance, but also volunteering for community initiatives outside of her hours of work. Julie is very much an asset to our council.

(4) Report from Cllr James Mustoe, Cornwall Council Ward Member for Mevagissey and St Austell Bay

I am pleased to have completed my first year as divisional member for Carlyon Parish and would like to thank the Parish Council, and residents and businesses in general for your warm welcome.

I am pleased to have got stuck in on a variety of local issues since my election last May and in all areas like to work closely with my parish councils to achieve real positive change and help address longstanding issues.

To focus on several in particular I have requested and had several meetings with Cormac, Cornwall Council and the Environment Agency to look at flooding issues above Tregrehan Mills, and hope to get some work done by Cormac to better channel waters where they are supposed to go and stop the footway and Tregrehan Mills from being flooded in times of poor weather.

I am pleased to have worked with Cornwall Council and the Parish Council to get the Parish Council's top priority put through for the Community Network Area Highways Schemes, speed changes and potential traffic calming measures on Bodelva Hill.

We also have seen excellent progress in the improved cycleway and pedestrian footpath on Par Moor Road, which Cormac have been working on in recent weeks, and achieves a substantial dedicated pathway for cyclists and walkers while not reducing the carriageway for vehicles.

I have worked with and joined in with local residents and the parish council on a number of initiatives to both improve community amenity space, as well as helping organise and take part in the Parish Spring Clean both last year and this year. I also continue to include the Parish in my regular ongoing litter pick and beach clean schedule.

I also got involved with the Carlyon Neighbourhood Development Plan and hopefully have unblocked the issues that were delaying it, allowing it to now progress towards what should be a referendum later this year.

I have been particularly pleased to support the Parish Repair Café and some of the past and planned big events in the parish, particularly the events around the Tour of Britain and the planned party for the Jubilee in Carlyon Bay in June.

I have continued to get out and about, meeting local residents, organisations, including Charlestown School, and businesses and always try my best to represent your issues and interests at County Hall.

There are always loads of local casework issues ongoing, particularly regarding potholes and verge trimming – I do my best to get a speedy and positive response once I get involved.

Finally, on a Cornwall-wide note, at Cornwall Council over the past year, I have been pleased to have led on motions removing charges for people purchasing affordable homes, on Cornwall Council declaring an ecological emergency, and most recently, a declaration of solidarity between Cornwall Council and Ukraine.

I would like to congratulate the Parish Council on their excellent work and positive approach and attitude. You are a pleasure to work with and I always look forward to coming to the monthly meetings.

(5) Report from PCSO Jamie Ward, Devon and Cornwall Police

Crimes reported in Carlyon during 2021/22 saw an increase of 43% (2022/2021 = 74), 2021/22 = 106), but this was due to an easing of Covid restrictions, which is in line with the wider St Austell area, but the St Austell area as a whole has fared better than other areas in East Cornwall. Reports of anti-social behaviour in the parish have reduced by 45.6% which is very good news.

There were no obvious patters in crime over the year but there have recently been 4 burglaries in the area and PCSO Ward highlighted the need to keep garages and outhouses locked.

There are now 2 new Neighbourhood Beat Officers in St Austell so the Police can be more pro-active now.

The Chairman thanked PCSO Ward and PC Prophet for their time.

(6) Open Forum

No member of the public wished to raise any matters.

The meeting closed at 6.20 pm

Chairman, Carlyon Parish Council

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