

Lanteglos-by-Fowey Parish Council

Chairman's Report November 2014

- **The Council: Council Meetings:** The Council meets each month both in Polruan and at Whitecross and we are always pleased to see members of the public at these meetings. We value your comments and questions so please keep attending, and make any point that concerns you during the time allowed for public participation prior to the commencement of the Council meeting. This is the time when you can raise points about items on the agenda. Most meetings take place on the last Monday of every month but when we meet at Whitecross this changes to a Tuesday. The next meeting of the Council will be on Monday, 24th November, at the WI Hall, Polruan. The December meeting takes place on Monday, 15th at the WI Hall, Polruan.
- **Parish Clerk:** At the October meeting the Council bade Goodbye to **Mr Iain Mylchreest**, who has acted as temporary Clerk for six months. During that time he proved himself to be well worthy of the trust we put in him and we value his wise counsel, advice and hard work. Now that he has departed for Devon and crossed the Tamar we wish him and Linda well for their future. We shall miss you.
- **Cllr Helen Doe:** has resigned as Councillor with effect from the October meeting. We wish her well in the future and thank her for her dedication to the work of the Council and support for our efforts since being elected in May 2013.
- **Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP):** A letter of invitation was sent to 37 businesses and other organisations in the parish and it was pleasing to see so many of you at a well-attended meeting held on 4th November. I should like to thank you all for your interest in this project which should incorporate as many of your views on the future of the parish as is possible. John Adams led the meeting and provided us with a brief insight into the Neighbourhood Plan. Cornwall Council has presented the Parish Council with a comprehensive pack of documents explaining the 5 key stages of the NP as follows:
Stage 1.....Defining the plan
Stage 2.....Preparing the plan
Stage 3.....Independent check
Stage 4.....Community Referendum
Stage 5.....Legal Force
The public were informed this was a preliminary meeting/open forum and were then invited to discuss ideas/concerns for the future development of the Parish for the next two decades.

Points/Topics raised were second homes, retail outlets, future employment and building development. However it was explained to the public the main criterion is that of designing a Planning Envelope for future construction, with the possibility to re-define the Conservation Areas of the Parish.

The meeting was considered to be a success by Parishioners present and the next meeting to take place should use a computerised presentation, i.e., PowerPoint, to display a large mapping system and incorporating the CC Neighbourhood Planning documents on a large

viewable screen. The date of the next meeting is to be decided. Thank you to John Adams for organising.

- **Website:** The Parish website continues to attract visitors to the site where you can find local information, parish council minutes and other documents. All businesses who operate in the parish are invited to advertise there for £25 pa which goes towards the upkeep of the website. All not for profit organisations can promote themselves free. The new and important upgrade to the site of the addition of an Events diary continues to be popular. Go to the website to add your event.
It is a free facility for use by the Parish: www.lanteglosbyfowey.org.uk
- **Lanteglos-in-Bloom:** Brendon Green has been planted with two boats with everything donated. Thank you to Toms' Yard for the paint, Julian Shakerley for the topsoil, Vic Trueman for the second boat, Mr & Mrs Wilson for the two plant pots, Duchy Nursery for the plants and Cheryl Woodcock for the bulbs. We will be organising a village tidy and more planting soon. Please get in touch if you would like to get involved. Thank you to all the volunteers who made this happen and to Adrian Fisher for organising.
- **PCSO Dave Evans** advised us at the October meeting that there had been 3 crimes reported this month in the Parish, a slight increase on the previous year, but, year on year the crime level has fallen and continues to fall across Cornwall. The 3 crimes were theft of fuel from a boat, theft of scaffolding from a farm and one of criminal damage to property. PCSO Evans also reminded everyone about ensuring the fuel oil tanks are secured to prevent theft which tends to happen over the winter period. Questions were invited and prior to departure PCSO Evans indicated if anyone had any questions or issues they were always contactable by website and 101.
- **Polruan Quay Toilets:** The Town Trust has made a generous grant to the Council to assist in keeping this facility open for residents and visitors during the winter months. With Cllr Edwina Hannaford's support representatives of the Parish Council, together with representatives of the Town Trust and Cornwall Council will meet together to set in place a realistic longer term proposal and legally binding agreement on how the facility will be run and maintained. It is our aim and intent to keep these facilities open.
- **War Memorial:** A separate report prepared by the War Memorial Committee on the results of the survey are included below. A request has been made to the Parish Council that a few ambiguities in the preamble to the survey should be clarified. These are: The comment about burial rights may have given the impression that the right of parishioners to burial in the churchyard is a recent one whilst this right has existed in Common Law for at least 800 years. The War Memorial in the churchyard, under Faculty Jurisdiction (the Church's planning regulations) has the same permissions and obligations as any other memorial, headstone, gravestone, tablet or any other approved memorial. To maintain eligibility for a Heritage Lottery Fund grant, it has been necessary to invite tenders to repair the memorial and surround only from approved conservation masons. Costings for the refurbishment are now available for the PC to consider and will provide a target for the community to raise the money to ensure a successful refurbishment.

Survey Results: the results derived from the questionnaire are as follows:

83 Parishioners responded

Do you know the current location of the War Memorial?

81 Yes.

02 No.

Do you think the Memorial should be improved in its current location?

64 Yes.

14 No.

05 No answer.

Do you think the Memorial should be moved to a more publicly visible location?

13 Yes.

67 No.

03 Gave a different answer.

For the record returns received via:

42 Hard copy.

37 On-line survey.

04 Email to Parish Clerk.

The Parish Council would like to thank all those who responded and have provided a clear mandate for the Parish Council to take this community project forward. A special thanks is due to those members of the community who provided many interesting and imaginative ways of how we might remember those men better and these will be published on the Parish Council web site

- Meanwhile thank you for your support and please continue to come to our meetings as we value your input.

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