

Chairman's report for year May 2023-2024.

On reflection on this my tenth year as your Chairman, although it has been an exceptionally busy year it has however seemed to have passed very quickly.

The year started with the introduction on April 4th of our Deputy Clerk, Darren Hawken which became a full-time appointment in September. We have been very fortunate in that he has moulded into the role working alongside our experienced Clerk, dealing with a multitude of issues within the Parish. This together with undertaking the year-long, intensive CILCA course for Clerks, it has been a hard learning curve but good grounding for what is hopefully a lengthy career. Many matters he has experienced could not be covered in any training manual and he has adapted extremely well.

The composition of the Council is now at full complement and it is most encouraging to see four new co-opted councillors bringing a younger element to the group namely Brandon Hollis, Kirk Pollard, Joanne Killacky and Anne Double and we hope their time with us will be a rewarding experience. My sincere thanks to our ward Cornwall councillors Peter Guest and Matthew Luke for their continued support and work for our Parish throughout another interesting but at times testing year. Some of the new co-opted members came from the departure of Jane Burnhill and more importantly Alison Wills who joined in October 2009 always enthusiastically giving the role her total commitment. Last May we sadly lost former member Chris Rowe after a lengthy illness. He was an active member of Treverbyn Parish Council since its formation in 1983, being elected Chairman from 2005 -2012, also serving as County Councillor for Penwithick ward, a true supporter of local government and having a genuine care for the local community.

During the year there have been frequent discussions with officers of Cornwall Council in respect of the Devolution of at this stage principally three play-areas within the Parish those being Charles Street in Bugle, Trethewel Park and Stenalees play-area, the latter of which has meant involvement with the Bowls Club (who are also looking to make major improvements to the playing rinks and the pavilion). Together with this work has started in improving the Old Molinnis Institute site at Red Lane, Bugle; the upgrade of the Lower Molinnis play- area with the pond area in desperate need of attention; the land at Hallaze Road, Penwithick will be available for improvement once the final treatment for evasive plants has been completed. This together with the various alternative ideas being muted to transform the Skateboard Park at Bugle. Sadly, this area continues to have anti-social behaviour issues, in particular litter which is a continual nuisance and frustration to not only the Council but to the neighbouring properties. Our grateful thanks to the people of the village who litter pick the area on a regular basis and it is hoped can be resolved with a follow-up on suggestions made at a recent Parish Council meeting to form our own Litter watch team. This area gets a lot of negative comments and it would be good to secure the appropriate funding, support and commitment to transform the site.

At this point I would like to thank A1 Tree & Grounds for their work in maintaining our footpaths, grass areas plus the cemetery and church yard at Treverbyn and our maintenance man, Andre Fernandes, who has taken responsibility for the urgent maintenance issue. We have decided to use a new local contractor for the coming year and it is hoped that they can give us the expected standard of service. The StARR project has been completed but sadly most of the work is further down the river away from Lower Molinnis Moor and the repair of the bridge on our footpath that links the Parish and Luxulyan Parish has been further delayed.

In November we held a well-attended and informative public consultation with the residents of Trethurgy following the findings of the survey by the officers of Cormac to resolve the village's traffic issues. It is likely that the village will become one of the first to be involved in the new 20mph speed limits being introduced in the County together with a new virtual footpath. This proposed scheme will be introduced on a number of roads through our villages and hopefully these together with the completion of the new A30 Link Road will decrease the speeding traffic problems. The link road is now beginning to take shape and is back on the suggested timescale. Whilst we are sympathetic at the adverse weather conditions that they have experienced I think we are all fed up with the traffic lights. The formation of a Resident's Association at Trethewel has led to increased dialogue on the possibility of more preventative calming and enforcement measures being introduced along the B3274 White River Valley.

Also, in November despite appalling weather the Service of Remembrance was well attended, in particular by many school children accompanied by parents and members of staff. A suggested thought for this year's service is that we can provide a cross to each of the children prior to the event so they can personalise and decorate them with their own design. Grateful thanks to the Reverend Michael Molano, David Michael, Ian Powell and Andrew Rose, who took part in the service and Treverbyn Community Hall for providing a welcome tea and refreshments following the event.

The on-going growth of the West Carclaze Garden Village continues with the work now concentrating on the area around Great Treverbyn Sky-Tip. It appears that the introduction of the new school has again sadly been delayed for a further year and with more properties now being occupied one must wonder where the children will be educated. As far as all the other original promises we hear nothing now about the proposed Community Hub, shops, numerous other facilities and following original consultations the Health Strategy now also seems to have been forgotten. One wonders just how much more is expected of our current infrastructure.

One of the main highlights in the Parish year is the Annual West of England Bandsmen's Festival held always on the third Saturday in June. Over the years the Parish Council have supported various projects to assist the committee. This year our involvement will be more personal with our Deputy Clerk again leading St Dennis Band in the Championship section, having won the Royal Trophy for the past two years. We wish him and all participating bands a successful day and hope that the weather will be kind to them.

Councillors have undertaken a number of interesting site visits during the past year including The Eden Geothermal Rum distillery, Sky Primary & Eden Nursery, Imerys Pit to Port tour, Cornish Lithium and British Lithium.

My thanks to PCSO Steve Tibbles for his continued valuable assistance whilst covering an ever-increasing Clays area. He regularly attends the CAP meetings and frequently calls in on our Clerks providing updates and mutual dialogue on happenings within the Parish.

A food for thought on aims and targets for councillors to contemplate that could be progressed during the forthcoming year and it is hoped that more councillors can find time to assist with some of these projects:

- Replacement notice boards, sign-posts, litter and dog waste bins.
- Neighbourhood Plan.
- Devolution programme.
- Transformation of Bugle Skateboard Park and the open space at Beam Lane.
- Upgrade of Lower Molinnis play-area and Molinnis Institute site.
- Conversion of land at Hallaze Road, Penwithick into a community asset.
- Improvement of Bugle car park.
- Creation of a new parking area at Carthew.

I offer my sincere thanks to my Deputy Chairman Max Shand, and fellow councillors for their work throughout the past year. Finally last but not least my grateful thanks to the two Clerks, David Stevens and Darren Hawken for all their advice, support and assistance throughout another testing year.

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