

Chairman's Annual Report 2021/2022

The year started with us still under the covid restrictions, gradually we have worked through all of this and now have normal meetings face to face. We started with a new elected council. Some other changes made at the time by Cornwall Council were that we now have 3 Cornwall Council divisions with three Cornwall Councillors within the parish representing their own areas.

Boundary changes also came into force, affecting the Nancledre and Rose-an-Grouse areas, Towednack and St Erth parish councils gained small areas which had formerly fallen within the Ludgvan parish.

July saw the neighbourhood plan accepted by the public by a good majority. I thank everyone involved for years of work getting this accepted and now in force.

July saw HRH the Princess Royal visit Trink Farm and Dairy. Myself and the clerk were fortunate to attend that occasion in early August.

During the year work has progressed on updating the parish council-run cemeteries with a focus on the Crowlas cemetery building, along with the boundary walls that need repairing, also relevant policies brought up to date. With a lot of work our allotments have now a 100% occupancy, and we still have a waiting list!

The auditors have again approved the parish council accounts and processes and all is in good order. The council receives monthly finance reports at each of its meetings, where Cllrs are able to raise questions and assure themselves that everything that needs to be done to ensure that the council acts prudently, is done.

The parish council is consulted on planning applications within the parish, and often members of the public attend to speak during the public participation period at the start of council meetings, and to hear the councillors debate and make decisions. During the year, the council has considered 68 planning applications.

Grants to local organisations have been paid out as in previous years, and the public rights of way (footpaths and bridleways) have been maintained under an agency agreement with Cornwall Council.

The parish council is taking on and improving more facilities for the benefit of the local parish:

In Long Rock the beach public toilets have been closed for many years. The parish council is seeking for the facility to be devolved to the parish council with the aim of re-opening a public toilet facility at this location. If possible, putting the lease out to tender will aim to find a way of covering some or all of the costs of providing public toilets.

Also in Long Rock, the parish council has taken over as Trustee of the charity responsible for the Long Rock Memorial Institute. The memorial institute building is currently unsafe and so it cannot be used. The parish council will look into how best

to use the property, and the input from local residents to help decide the future of the site will be welcome.

At Crowlas Cemetery, the chapel building (built over 100 years ago) is viewed as part of the heritage of the cemetery and has the potential for future use ancillary to the cemetery. The building is currently in a state of disrepair and so the council will be putting funds towards it's restoration, also assisted by funding from the Castle An Dinas quarry as part of their ongoing contribution towards local community projects in the parish.

Ludgvan Parish Council has affirmed its support for a bypass for Crowlas and this has been notified to our MP who is working on getting decisions on this.

My thanks to the following:

- the contractors who work for the parish council, keeping the rights of way and cemeteries well maintained
- our Cornwall Councillors for their support and advice
- members of the council old and new, I must give particular thanks to, for their support and expertise in many different aspects
- and finally thanks to our clerk for holding everything together and advising us on all aspects of council work, thank you Louise.

Cllr Roy Mann

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