

St. Gluvias Parish Council

Chairman's Report 2020 - 2021

The past year of 2020/21 had been a difficult time for everyone including the Parish Council. The Covid 19 Pandemic impacted on the way the Council conducted business, and we had to move to using Zoom for all our meetings. This took time to organise and we relied heavily on the Parish Council's Clerk, Mary Gosling, to guide us through and giving us support, for which we are very grateful.

The challenge of Covid on the community has been enormous and the Council is proud of the way people have supported those who had to isolate and were vulnerable, also for the way individuals worked in a team effort to support people. I would like to acknowledge the sterling work taken on by the Vice Chairman of the Council, Cllr. Darren Willcocks, in helping to coordinate this, especially the collection and delivery of prescriptions, and of essentials for everyday living. A great job, well done.

The Parish Council's name will be changing in May 2021 to Ponsanooth Parish Council and our boundary will extend to Pelean Cross. We welcome the residents in this area and hope that this change will be beneficial to all.

The Parish Council acquired the land at Trevonnen Road, added a bin to the area and is working towards forming a resident's group to work with the PPFA who now manage the land on behalf of the Parish Council.

The new community building now houses Ponsanooth preschool. The Parish Council emergency reserves this year supported the PPFA and preschool to remain viable. The challenges of the coronavirus restrictions throughout this year have prevented celebrations of this new community asset, we look forward to planning how the community can benefit from the community side of the building.

A new bench has been installed on the playing field in memory of Councillor Colin Smith. With thanks to County Councillor Peter Williams for supporting this with Community chest funding. An additional bin has also been installed on the playing field to support demand.

Unfortunately, some trees have needed works and removal on the playing field due to Ash dieback. In addition to this general tree pruning for safety reasons.

The new maintenance partnership with Cornwall council to manage the footpaths has already seen some improvements. A report on the footpaths is on the Parish website.

In 2020- 21 the Council was consulted on 20 planning applications within the Parish. The Council has taken its responsibilities seriously and each application has been considered on its own merits and in the wider context of the area in which it is situated.

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Progress has been made to secure funding for traffic calming measures on Commercial Hill. We await a start date for this.

As a consultee on the road upgrade and pedestrian crossing for Ponsanooth. We have supported the consultation of the community to ensure the project is the most appropriate. The upgrade will come with vehicle activated speed cameras which are partly financed by the Parish Council.

The Neighbourhood Development Plan steering group hope to have the plan submitted to Cornwall Council for examination within the year. When it becomes adopted, it will control what housing the Parish needs as well as protect our environment as well as other issues such as parking and provide footpaths.

Working groups have been set up to look at several issues in the Parish: these included arranging a leat survey, the results of which will feed into our emergency flood plans, a group to look at converting the Chapel for community use and we are working with Cornwall Council and the Wildlife Trust to improve parking near Kennall Vale Woods.

We are consulting with Cornwall Council to have some of our ancient street lighting replaced and adopted to modern standards. To eventually release the financial burden of the Streetlights from our budget, despite all the work the Parish Council are doing we are good value for money and Council Tax is the second lowest in the area.

Residents may have noticed the new seat by Kennall Vale school. The original bench was commissioned by South West School Boys Scramblers Club. This seat is in memory of Micheal Beard, a 16-year-old resident of Ponsanooth, who tragically died.

Cllr Marilyn Ferris - Chairman

Precept Each year

The Parish Council sets a budget for the following financial year. The precept (the parish council's share of your council tax rates) for the period of 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021 was £28,674.00. The Council also hold a community fund for grants for local organisations. During the financial year we gave £100 grant to Cornwall Air Ambulance. For information on Section 106 and Community Infrastructure Levy income expenditure please see separate report.

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How your money is spent

Income and Expenditure for – 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021

Income	Amount	Expenditure	Amount
Brought Forward	£77,785		
Precept	£28,673	Administration	£17,264
Interest	£56	Councillors' allowances	£0
Grants	£11,179	S106 – new building car park, fencing and legal fees	£18,288
Unspent grants returned	£918	Community projects and Grants	£1358
Council Tax Support grant	£629	Parish maintenance	£12,908
VAT returns	£4291	Parish Street lighting	£7202
		Emergency fund	£5192
Total	£45,747	VAT	£4687
		Total	£66,899
		C/fwd funds	£7,546
		C/fwd reserves	£16,400
		C/fwd Community Solar panel fund	£32,687
	£123,532		£123,532

Councillors attendance

The council held 10 full council meetings this year on the virtual meeting platform Zoom, plus four extraordinary meetings, (the meetings in April, May and June were cancelled due to the Coronavirus pandemic.) The Finance Committee also met 4 times.

Members of the council do not receive payment for duties carried out within the parish and there were no claims for travel and subsistence. In addition to the above meetings members represented the council on the Falmouth and Penryn Community Network Panel meetings and the area network climate group.

Councillor	Full Council Remote meetings and (9)	Extraordinary Remote meetings (4)
Cllr M Ferris	100%	100%
Cllr D Willcocks	100%	100%
Cllr M Beckett	100%	100%
Cllr E Williams	78%	89%
Cllr S Carlyon	56%	0%
Cllr C Daly	100%	100%
Cllr C Trewern	100%	50%
Cllr I Robson	78%	100%