



28<sup>th</sup> April 2021

## MINUTES

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 6.45pm via Zoom.

**1. PRESENT:** Mrs Judith Evans (Chairman), Mr Jon Brookes, Mr David Carr, Mr Geoff Hollow, Mr Leslie Hollow, Mrs Annie Philip, Mrs Emily Fraser (Clerk). **APOLOGIES:** Mrs Jenni Thomas-Davey, PCSO Terry Webb.

**2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING HELD ON 29<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2019:** None

**3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT:** The Chairman read out her annual report which is attached as an appendix to these minutes.

**4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** There were two members of the public present. A member of the public thanked the Parish Council for all their hard work and spoke of the positive link that had been forged between the Parish Council and the PCC.

**5. ACTION REQUIRED ON MATTERS RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 6.55 pm.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Chairman's Annual Report – Annual Parish Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> April 2021

2020/21 with the COVID-19 pandemic has without a doubt been a most challenging and horrendous year both globally and locally.

Towednack Parish Council should be very proud of themselves for being the first parish in Cornwall to conquer a Zoom meeting. We have continued, with Emily our Clerk's IT skills and the passion and loyalty of Councillors to meet every month. My grateful thanks to Councillor Hollow Jnr for who stepped in when I was unable to chair and to Emily who was thrown into the deep end and bobbed up smiling.

Towednack finally had the rubber stamp put on the bid to unite Nancledra under the new parish boundaries as part of the Community Governance Review. We welcome the residents in those properties that are joining our parish. The community supported the parish council's position and the new maps now reflect the boundary change. Planning applications in the new area will be considered by Towednack Parish Council from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021. Responsibility for additional footpaths and bridleways will transfer to Towednack from May 2022.

Along with Zennor, our neighbouring parish, we are one of only 2 parishes in Cornwall which have no vacancies for councillors. The parish council will need new blood however, so I urge anyone interested to consider joining.

The Community Shop and its success is an incredible asset to the community and the Parish Council would like to thank everyone involved.

The working partnership with our parish church remains strong and productive thanks to Ellen Carter who represents the church committee at meetings. Church Road which also leads to the Parish Council's cemetery as well as the church will shortly, we hope, no longer be full of potholes as work to resurface it has been agreed.

The Parish Council supported and donated to the beleaguered Nancledra pre-school. With dedication and hard work, the pre-school has survived and we hope, will flourish for future generations of the parish.

Cllr Hollow Jnr also enabled us to protect access to the defibrillator in the old telephone box by siting bollards. Steve Fuller has kindly continued to carry out the checks and maintenance on the defibrillator. Thank you to both.

The Council's flood plan worked well when the village of Nancledra was at risk due to persistent heavy rain this winter. The height of the river by the bridge was monitored and the elderly resident at risk was checked on. The images of the river at the time were frightening.

Whilst litter and dog excrement remain a problem, the kindness of those that have helped to clear it has to be admired.

At least three parishioners are part of the COVID vaccination programme and volunteers are helping to cook and deliver free meals on a Tuesday night from the Gilbert Hall. Their community spirit must be acknowledged.

Jock Hunter's memorial bench and plaque has been placed within sight of the garage he spent decades at and which was the centre of the village for many. We are lucky to now have a new car body repair business at the site, and we wish Carlo Musto well with his venture.

Potholes, poor road surfaces poor traffic furniture and planning issues remain challenging but we soldier on. We try particularly to protect the AONB.

Speed through Crippleasease and Nancledra is an ongoing priority but all these issues happen "dreckly".

We welcomed Councillor Jenni Thomas-Davey to the Council this year and what a whirlwind in all that she takes on. Thank you.

Sadly, despite our best efforts, the Parish Council could not resolve the parking issues at the Gilbert Hall. Hours have been spent on looking at all possibilities.

Part one of our parish plan which will be written and ratified this year is to make Cledry Meadow a more interesting and biodiverse space. Councillors Brookes and Thomas-Davey are leading this effort. Donations of a picnic bench, log seats and native trees have been offered. We hope in due course, everyone in the parish will offer ideas, help or small donations to support this effort.

Thank you to all councillors who voluntarily give up their time to attend the monthly meetings and others such as the Community Network Panel, Gilbert Hall Trustees, Police Liaison Committee. Thank you to our County Councillor for his support and advice. Special thanks to our Clerk. All in all, despite everything the pandemic threw at us, it was a good year.