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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Kenwyn Parish held on Monday 13th May 2024 at Threemilestone Community Centre at 7pm

AGENDA

1. Apologies

Cllr. Gammon & Cllr. Penhallurick

2. Chairman's Report

KENWYN PARISH COUNCIL

Chairmans Report 2023/2024

It has been a year like no other, I am sure like me it was a 'rabbit in the headlights' moment when we heard of the illness the Clerk had sustained back in March last year, the second thought was how on earth do we carry on!

But carry on we did, our thanks must go to Mark Harry for jumping into the breach as he did, he kept us moving and we are grateful. I would also like to thank Mark as I know it was a difficult situation to be in running the pub and latterly taking a position at Sainsbury's, I am not sure just how many of us would have been able to cope with the pressure he was under. I would also like to thank him for his support as my Vice Chair, again another role he carried out in keeping the Council moving forward.

I would like to also thank our other employees, Sue Chapman - Grounds person, for keeping the playing fields at Shortlanesend and Threemilestone tidy and reporting any incidents of vandalism, also for looking after the bus shelters in the Parish and keeping the centres of the villages clean and litter free. Em Mclary – cleaner at

Shortlanesend Village Hall and looking after the bookings at the Village Hall she has also kept us informed when things needed attention.

Lastly, I would like to thank Graham Harding for his continued support where matters of vandalism and repair needed attention within the Parish. Graham has had a busy time looking after Karen and her rehabilitation as well as responding to requests for items that needed attention. Graham has apologised and has been the first to admit he has not covered all aspects over the last year, and nobody would argue the point that family come first every time. That said he has rectified numerous issues of vandalism particularly at Threemilestone and less frequently at Shortlanesend, he has also been repairing the boardwalk at the Nature reserve. We had another car in the summer roll down the car park at the Village Hall and crashing into the wall, luckily damage was minimal, Graham has now positioned stumps in the gaps between the flower beds to hopefully stop any more incidents. I am pleased to report that Graham is collating a list after he carried out inspections over the weekend of the play areas of work still outstanding.

I would like to inform you all that we have Karen back at work, albeit on a phased return, this must be managed very carefully because of the nature of her illness. It has been a long road to recovery, but Karens determination has played a big part in her reaching the state of wellness she has achieved, not least aided by the care and attention of her family, we wish her well as she improves daily.

We have been very fortunate in employing HR Support consultants to advise and manage Karens return to work to make sure we have the right support and as employers have everything in place to support Karen. Karen's working hours have been increased each week with weekly meetings to discuss how things have gone and what needs to be clarified. Karen will be working her full hours as of next week and her first Council meeting will be the date in June. We wish Karen well as she takes up the role of Clerk.

We have been able to secure a locum Clerk to assist Karen in bringing everything up to date across the board. As we move forward, we will review how the structure will look in keeping the Council up to date.

Ian Holroyd

May 2024

3. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in April 2023

Agreed Proposed by Cllr. Green and seconded by Cllr. Hilton

4. Matters arising from the 2023 minutes

No matters arising to discuss as have been discussed during the year.

5. Accounts for the year ending 31.03.2024

6. Precept 2024/2025

7. Cornwall Councillor's Reports

Cllr. D Harris

KENWYN PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCILLOR REPORT

There are various matters about which I could go on forever! I will just highlight a few issues.

1. Shortlanesend traffic calming, the 20 mph zones are in the course of being introduced. I am most grateful to the person who pointed out the stupidity of putting 20mph signs up which were hidden behind trees etc. We have now received detailed plans for some more proactive measures including putting raised "tables" at both ends of the village on the main road of which I am fully supportive.
2. Centenary Way, ridiculous parking! We are in a Catch 22 position here as until the road is adopted police etc cannot "look at" some of the incredibly selfish parking that goes on but Cornwall Council's roads adoption team seems to work to a different timetable from the rest of us. I am pushing for results here.
3. Roads generally. The state of our roads is not good, it is little comfort but I can tell you that overall Cornwall's roads are in a much better state than many parts of the country. One thing that does bother me is the way priorities are set here and am taking this up on a more general approach. Please keep reporting potholes.
4. Langarth development, overall this is a scheme that will be going on long after I have departed this earth! Eventually it will deliver something like 3000 houses all of which sit within Kenwyn Parish and I would be happy to talk in more detail about this. One area that is now being looked at is the Stewardship of this Garden Village and, from our point of view, how this effects Kenwyn Council. I welcome the contribution from Kenwyn Councillors to the Stewardship Review Group and would just echo some of their comments in relation to how long this process is taking; this is an issue that I will be trying to drive forward in the current year.

More generally in my role as Cornwall Council Portfolio Holder for Resources I would just repeat what many people will have heard before. Cornwall Council is doing its best to live within budgets but rising demand for some of our services and the increase in the cost of those services will, without greater support from Central Government, inevitably lead us to bankruptcy in the medium term.

David Harris

May 2024

Cllr. D Tudor

Langarth Garden Village.

KPC will have received update this evening. KPC Members attend the (now) regular forum meetings as well as Cllr Harris and I receiving monthly updates from Officers.

From my point of view the ongoing projects I'm supporting and trying to make the best they can be for our community are the **Community Football Pitch**, the **LGV Community Centre** the **Stewardship Organisation** and the **Skate Park**.

Re the Skate Park a public consultation earlier in the year garnered more than 200 responses, many from students at Richard Lander School and the skate park is on track to be delivered in the next 18 months.



Moving on to projects for Threemilestone Village TMS projects which are being delivered as part of or because of the LGV development.

Threemilestone School Hall.

Cornwall Council was the grant funder of the project to the tune of £888K and were not project managing or delivering the scheme as they would with other things that we are actually building ourselves. The history goes back to the early days of Langarth conversations and the worry about the impact of Langarth on the school, and to that end the Council's Cabinet made a decision to make the grant available, and then progressed to a funding agreement – so ultimately it does come down to the school being the organisation who actually has to progress it.

However this week I was told the designer for Truro & Penwith Academy Trust has been pulled away to concentrate on urgent work so the Council's Education Capital Programme

Manager Paul Renowden has jointly agreed that the design will be brought back 'in house', and has already instructed the PFI team to get on with it as soon as they can.

No public consultation would be required from an education perspective as we are not increasing capacity of school places, But there will be the normal planning application. It goes without saying that since the original grant was confirmed, costs have gone up so potentially less square metres will be built but the benefit of a studio hall means it doesn't need to be of a specific size for a particular sport for example so it is flexible. The PFI team is now prioritising this project as it's been around for a while!

Heather Vean Car Park.

The land at the Heather Vean site has been transferred to Cornwall Council. Utilities have been disconnected. Arcadis has been engaged to manage the demolition later this year and temporary car park project work.

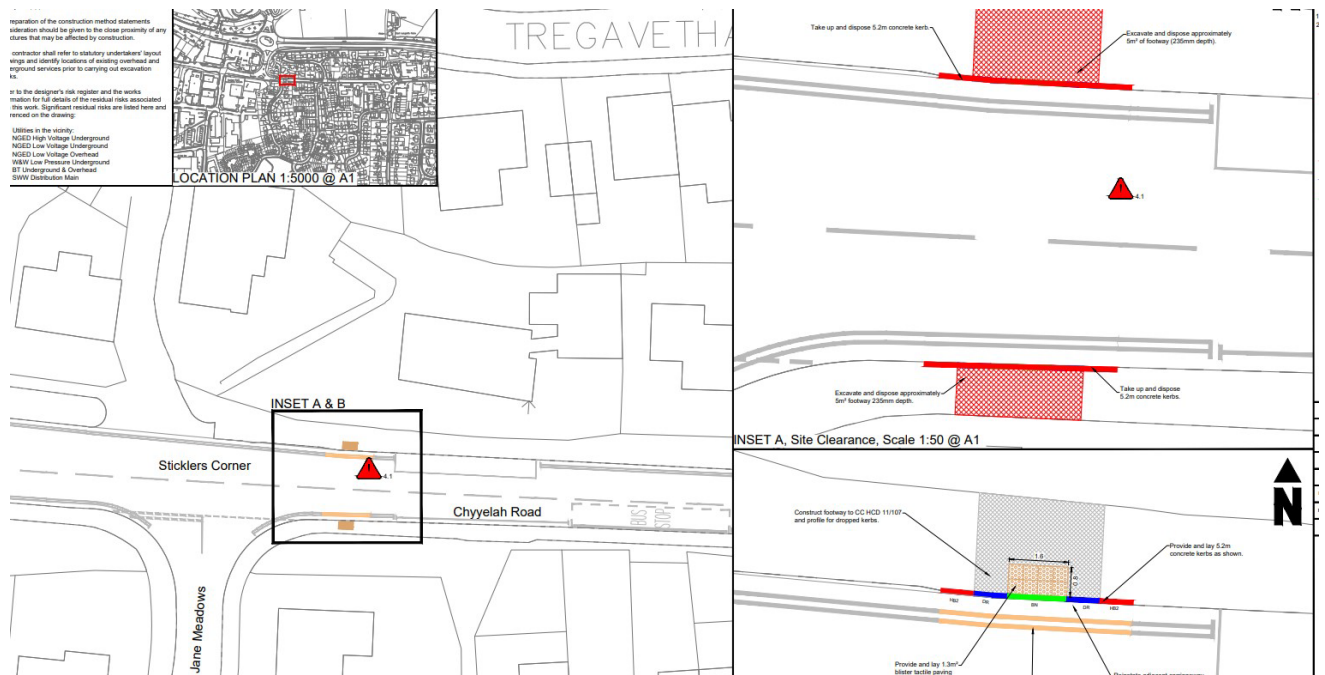
Transport improvements – TMS

Threemilestone has benefitted from schemes to improve transport links to and from Langarth and Truro.

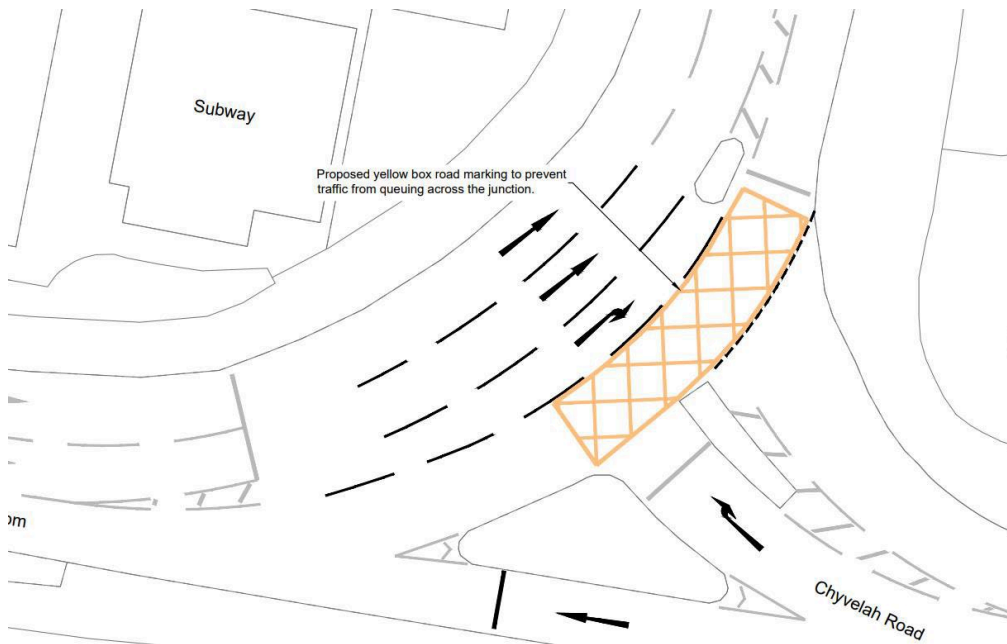
- 1) Installation of a Fernbank Bus Shelter (see photo below) and hardstanding adjacent to the bus lay-by along Higher Besore Road, to the east of Chyvelah bus gate.



2) Chyvelah Road Uncontrolled Crossing – Installation of dropped kerbs and tactile paving to provide an uncontrolled crossing for pedestrians to support movements to Threemilestone industrial estate, Langarth P&R and local bus stops



3) . Installing a yellow box road marking a the junction between Greenbottom and Chyvelah Road to ensure clear access for vehicle movements in or out of Chyvelah Road at all times and prevent vehicles queuing across the signalised crossing.



20mph zone TMS

Signs are up and the 20mph rollout for TMS village has been implemented. I welcome the scheme in TMS because it included 3 roads where people have been asking me for 20mph speed limit for years. Chyvelah Rd, Lower Polstain Rd and Victoria Rd.

The next job is to gather enough volunteers for a Community Speed watch Group, get us trained up by the police and then go out and be able to be a visible presence a couple of evenings a week to be in the speed limit and maybe catch a few speeding drivers.

Works at the Fishing lakes.

Run off from the LGV works during the recent heavy rainfall has effected the water supply into the fishing lakes and we were scarily close to a situation where muddy water could have flowed into the lakes killing the fish.

The Council carried out a site inspection, completed some quick fix solutions , ditch clearance, bunds and pipe realignment. And have also put an action plan in place to protect the long term future of the lakes in the event of further bad weather.

Medium term priority - replacement Dam/Weir

- A like for like replacement of the watercourse structure removed some time ago requires emergency works consent and landowner consent.

Longer term priority - Bridge & related culvert silting

- Cormac Structures have been instructed to carry out a structures survey to assess issues and options (causation and costs) so we have a more granular understanding of costs and work up the business case to authorise spend on the appropriate fix
- There is CC strategic client willingness to undertake necessary repair works, in a way which complies with all relevant laws and addresses the ownership issues.
- The Cormac Team have also compiled and circulated an emergency action plan which supplements details approved under the drainage management condition attached to the NAR planning permission.

Yellow Lines

Double yellow lines have been installed at the entrance to Wheal Jane Meadows. This was funded through a bid into the Community Area Partnership Highways Scheme.

Funding for schemes in my Division for next year have already been accounted for in Chacewater.



8. School Reports

Threemilestone School

No report

Shortlanesend School

Shortlanesend Primary School Parish Council Report – May 2024

On behalf of the children and adults of Shortlanesend Primary School, it is my pleasure to present the following report:

The previous 12 months have seen a period of significant evolution and change at Shortlanesend School. After many years of minimal movement of staff and increasing numbers of children, we have said goodbye to a number of loved and established members of our school community. We have had teachers move on to new adventures away from the classroom and said an emotional goodbye to Mrs Holroyd, our heartbeat, although Mrs Holroyd remains part of the school via her support and attendance on our annual Year 6 camp to The Isles of Scilly.

Shortlanesend School's numbers have stabilised at 160 currently, although like the rest of the country and especially in Cornwall, our intake numbers are lower than previous years looking at September 2024. In September we will be seeing twelve children from our nursery transition into our reception class. This is wonderful and makes our efforts in campaigning for and establishing nursery care in our village even more worthwhile.

Results from the national tests indicate that our phonics education is successful with 86% achieving the required score in national tests. Our Year 4 are above average in recalling their times tables nationally. Our Year 6 children scored a very impressive 78% in Reading. Whilst Maths and writing saw pleasing improvements too.

It is not all about numbers and data. Our ethos of Smile – Learn – Excel has been firmly established throughout our school, as noted in our OFSTED report from November 2023. The report also praised the school for the following:

Pupils enjoy coming to Shortlanesend School. They attend regularly. The values of 'smile, learn, excel' are at the heart of the school. Staff know pupils well. They take the time to build positive relationships with pupils to help them to be successful.

The school provides many opportunities to support pupils' wider development. For example, pupils attend clubs such as choir and athletics. The school plans experiences to enhance the curriculum for pupils. This includes them visiting Geevor Tin Mine to learn about Cornish heritage. Pupils value the opportunity to work with peers from different age groups through 'house' events and as reading buddies. This helps them to develop a sense of community.

The inspectors were unable to fully declare the school as good due to the nature of the inspection – so we will be pleased to welcome them back next year where we will demonstrate the vision, drive and capabilities of our team in addressing the areas highlighted for further improvement.

The school remains an active member of the Truro hub of Aspire Multi-Academy Trust, and indeed the Trust itself. We have been part of Aspire for nine years in September. Our school was featured significantly on BBC Spotlight as part of the Aspire Connect 40 Challenge – allowing our children and some adults to be TV stars for a few seconds.

The school has continued its steadfast commitment to develop the whole child, by offering many themed and immersive learning experiences, which provide all children the opportunity to experience a range of learning activities that increase their social, moral, spiritual and academic development. These events include:

Theatre visits to Hall For Cornwall

Visits to Nancarrow farm

Visits to Newquay Zoo – With our Nursery and EYFS Children.

Residentials to Carnyorth, Okehampton and The Scilly Isles.

The annual school sports day was held with excellent attendance and inspiring performances from the children. Our House System has also seen an art challenge and the wonderfully inventive decorate a Christmas Tree Challenge. We still have our performers and engineering challenge days to come.

The school PTA (FOSS – Friends of Shortlanesend School) are still, along with staff, actively supporting for the school. Events run this past year include: Discos, workshops of Circus Skills, Bingo Night and the May Fair. We were also grateful to Mark and Ian from the pub for the money raised as well as Kenwyn Parish Council for their generosity with grants allowing for our TIS Shed to be built, sited and equipped with heating and light and for the development of our sensory garden. We thank you for this, along with your patience while we navigated PFI procedures, to allow for the above to happen.

The school has also held a number of fundraising events through the past year supporting: MacMillan, The Royal British Legion, St Petroc's (Truro), Children In Need and Epilepsy Action.

Looking ahead, we would like to explore opportunities for our School Council to meet with the Parish Council to discuss projects in our school and outside in our community, and look forward to forging a partnership which allows the children's voices to reach fully out into the community.

Thank you for allowing the school to present this report.

Warmest regards.

The children and adults of SLE School

Richard Lander School

No report

9. Threemilestone Community Centre Report

The Centre Management ask that the Parish Council consider providing a financial contribution to the maintenance and cleaning of the public toilets. The current cost is £11 per day 7 days per week. Cllr Holroyd agreed that this would be discussed at a future PC meeting

The Centre also reported that Cornwall Council still have not transferred ownership of the recent extension.

10. Shortlanesend Village Hall Report

Another car has rolled down the car park and into the building. Further barriers have been installed.

11. Any Relative Business