

## **St Buryan, Lamorna and Paul Parish Council**

### **Chair Annual Report 2023/24**

Parish Council monthly meetings continue to be split between St Buryan Village Hall (eight meetings) and Lamorna Village Hall (four meetings), so we are able to provide access for the public from our three parishes if they wish to attend and contribute to our meetings.

Parish Councillors also attend the St Buryan Market each month to answer queries, provide information and report any issues raised back to Full Council Meetings.

### **Planning**

A total of 28 planning applications were brought before the Parish Council this financial year.

We made 15 recommendations to Cornwall Council for approval, 4 recommendation to approve with conditions and we objected to 9. Our opinions agreed with the vast majority of decisions made by Cornwall Council, who are decision making body on all planning matters. In the rare instances that the Parish Council and Cornwall Council were not aligned on an application, we were able to provide further feedback prior to their final decision. The feedback included an option to recommend for Committee consideration. We did not take up this option in the past year.

### **Parish Council Grant Awards from the S137 allowance**

Local groups or organisations can make a written application to the Parish Council requesting funding in the interests the area, or for some of all of the residents. Details on how to apply can be found on the Parish Council website

[stburylanlamornapaul-pc.gov.uk](http://stburylanlamornapaul-pc.gov.uk).

The Parish Council have agreed the following donations during the period May 2023 to April 2024 inclusive:

£500 for Jubilee Pool to support Under 16's Swimming

£1000 for St Buryan in Bloom

£336 for Christmas Lights Committee

£554.40 for Christmas Trees at Lamorna and St Buryan

£620 for Friends of St Buryan School to purchase play equipment

£150 for St Buryan Feast activities May 2024

£46 for Royal British Legion

### **Our Priorities:**

## **Complete works to transform St Buryan Playpark**

The Parish Council had previously recognised that with the significant increase in housing numbers (and children) the playground no longer provided a high quality outdoor recreational space and therefore embarked on a project to transform the playground to provide a safe and stimulating area that promotes good health in children and also provides a welcoming area for parents to come together and socially interact.

The Parish Council worked with Community House, Sanctuary Housing/Classic Builders and with Cornwall Council to fund improvements to St Buryan playground area that took place in three phases.

Upon completion in July 2023 the playground was given an overall risk assessment of "**Low Risk**" with a **score of 10** on the assessors Risk Matrix, meaning there were no major issues to urgently address. The statutory Annual Safety Inspection this year, however, has highlighted a number of low level concerns that we hope to address as soon as possible with the help of the playground equipment installers, South West Play. Parish Councillors are also now performing monthly visual checks of the playground and reporting back to full council meetings.

This priority has been delivered.

## **Reduce the speed of traffic through St Buryan Village**

Historical data from the Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) shows that on average only 63% of drivers keep within the 30mph speed limit. Statistics from the Department for Transport give a pedestrian survival rate upon collision with a moving vehicle as 95% at 20mph; 55% at 30mph and 15% at 40mph. There is evidence of 40+% reduction in collision rates in areas where 20mph has been introduced and hence why Cornwall Council have supported local consultation and will be introducing the proposed 20mph speed limit within residential areas of St Buryan Village.

A Highways Working Group has met on seven occasions since 2022 with the team from CC Highways to discuss ways to reduce speeding through St Buryan village and some good ideas were generated during the walkabouts which were noted.

A final collaborative planning meeting was held in January 2024; recommendations were to be taken back to the design team at CC where it was to enter the formal design phase before returning to the parish council for ratification. Unfortunately some miscommunication has resulted in the final plans for the scheme being published without local consultation. Some minor amendments have been suggested and are currently being worked upon. It is hoped that the full scheme will be delivered soon.

This priority is ongoing and focus will continue in 2024/25

## **Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)**

### **Facilitate formation of community led Steering Group**

2023 March Terms of Reference approved

2023 March to October

Steering Group familiarisation and background research conducted

2023 October

Designation of Neighbourhood Area approved by Cornwall Council

2023 November

Funding grant for 2023 to 2024 application submitted

Steering Group document server set up

Public questionnaire design started

2023 December

Grant funding of £1633 approved

First draft of the Public Questionnaire

2024 January

Plot questionnaire drafted with Parish Council

2024 March

Questionnaire and supporting leaflets printed

2024 April

Website launched

### **In addition to the above three priorities, the Parish Council:**

- Reported the parking issues at Parc and Cady to Live West who are accountable for parking there; they now have plans in place to address this ongoing problem
- Have provided 2 additional Dog Waste Bins sited in Meadow Rise and outside the children's play area at the Playing Fields
- Repaired the bench on the green area opposite Londis and the bench at Crows-an-Wra

- Attempted to track the landowner of the area of land at the bottom of St Buryan Hill in order to reduce the height of the sycamore trees currently obstructing the vision of upcoming traffic and consequently causing an unnecessary hazard
- Have contacted the CC Countryside Access Team about flooding in Galligan Lane
- Considered ongoing flooding issues in the Trevore, Rissick, Crows-an-Wra area
- . Some low level vandalism at the toilets in St Buryan resulted in necessary repairs which are now almost complete.
- Continued to increase involvement at Lamorna and Paul. It has been agreed to continue to hold every third FCM at meeting at Lamorna Village Hall and to support the upkeep of the Millennium Triangle.

**Status: Ongoing**

**Community Links: Plan full day of events to celebrate the 80th Anniversary of D Day on 6th June '24**

8am: Reading of Declaration on SB Church steps

11am: Reading of School Poem at St Buryan Academy

2-4pm: 40s themed Afternoon Tea Party (sponsored by CC Thalia Marrington)

6pm: Peal of Bells ay St Buryan Church

9.15pm: Beacon at Chapel Carn Brea

Status: Aim to complete on 06.06.24

Finally Councillors Bolitho, Jeffery, Prowse and Yeates have resigned since our last Annual Meeting. The Parish Council would like to thank them all for their continued support and many contributions during their time in post. Thanks also to all councillors for their ongoing help and support during this year and Councillor Barton as Vice Chair.

Councillors Corley-King, Edward, Gough, Passmore and Thurstans have been co-opted onto the council.

A total of 52 members of the public attended the twelve PC meetings.