

St Buryan, Lamorna & Paul Parish Council

St Buryan, Lamorna and Paul Parish Council Annual Report 2024/25 (May 2024 to April 2025 inclusive)

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 better access for the public if they wish to attend our meetings. Parish Councillors are also available to talk to members of the community once a month at St Buryan Village Market.

Planning

A total of 25 planning applications were brought before the Parish Council this financial year. We made 17 recommendations to Cornwall Council for approval, 5 recommendations to approve with conditions and we objected to 3. Our opinions were agreed with in the vast majority of decisions made by Cornwall Council, who have the final say on all planning matters. In the rare instances that us 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 includes an option to recommend for Committee consideration which we took on one occasion.

Parish Council donations from the S137 grant fund

Local groups or organisations can make a written application to the Parish Council requesting funding that has a direct benefit for the area or for some of all of the residents. Details on how to apply can be found on the Parish Council website stburyanlamornapaul-pc.gov.uk.

The Parish Council gave the following donations during the period May 2022 to April 2023 inclusive:

- £500 for St Buryan Men's Football Club
- £528 for Tregothnan Estate for the purchase of 2 Christmas Trees
- £250 for the Cornwall Air Ambulance
- £2,700 for St Buryan Village Hall for works in the garden at the back of the Hall
- £620 for the Friends of Buryan School to purchase equipment for their Early Years class
- £100 for YMCA Penzance for their Replace the Roof fund
- £650 for St Buryan in Bloom
- £96 for Royal British Legion
- £234.18 for Keep St Buryan Feast Alive!

Our Priorities

1. Traffic Calming Measures: reduce the speed of traffic through St Buryan Village

Previous data from the Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) shows that on average only 63% of drivers kept 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 are looking at making 20mph the default speed limit for all villages.

Our Parish Council Highways group continued to meet with Highways throughout the year to discuss and consult about the proposed Traffic Calming Measures until work began last September 2024; signage concerning the reduced 20 mph speed limit.

Cornwall Highways began work on the remainder of the work (build outs to secure additional safe parking, signage and markings etc.) in March 2025 and although the parish awaits some additional signage requested, the work outlined within the proposal is now complete.

This priority has been achieved

2. Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) questionnaire and community led Steering Group

The Chairperson resigned during 2025; a replacement is currently being sought.

Current membership of the NDP is:

- Cllr Stephen Gough- Secretary
- Ian Groves- Treasurer
- Tamsin Butterfield
- Dave George
- Rachel Hood
- Derek Hughes

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government issued a revised National Planning Policy Framework together with new house-building targets. Local Authorities were informed that Local Plans (including those already approved) would need to be revised to reflect these changes. In January and April 2025 Cornwall Council issued interim Policy Position Statements outlining the impact of the new Government policy and guidelines.

It is unclear how these changes will impact the neighbourhood policies in the NDP currently being developed for the parish. The advice from Cornwall Council is that the status quo should prevail until the new Cornwall Local Plan is published, but this is unlikely to be soon. Members of the Steering Group are monitoring developments and will feed back to the Parish Council when informed.

The initial analysis of questionnaire data is now complete.

The Parish Council wishes to express their thanks to the ongoing hard work involved in the facilitation of the NDP.

This priority is ongoing.

3. Secure transfer of land at Kew Pendra for community use

Heads of Terms are currently in the process of being approved; SBLPPC had previously been granted guardianship of this area enabling work such as tree planting and general maintenance.

Ongoing use of this land was the focus for discussion at the Village Market in April 2024. Several suggestions and proposals were put forward including one from a couple relocating to number 34 Kew Pendra who have offered to volunteer their services to keep the area cut (this has been paid for by residents until now) and to generally oversee the community area.

This priority will continue 2025-26

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

- The Parish Council received a grant from Cornwall Councillor, Thalia Marrington, in order to host a free to attend D Day Community Tea Party to celebrate the 80 th Anniversary of D Day

- Reported the parking issues at Parc an Cady to Live West who are accountable for parking there and plans have been approved for off street parking
- Sanctuary Houses agreed to the siting of a dog waste bin sited in Meadow Rise which was provided by the PC who also manage its ongoing management and emptying
- An additional bin was also provided outside the Children's Play Area at the Playing Fields
- Continued monthly attendance at the Village Market
- Refurbished the benches on the green area opposite Londis in the centre of the village
- Representatives attended the Licensing of Rev. Adam Thomas, the new Parish Priest
- Agreed to buy Christmas trees for St Buryan and Lamorna from Tregothnan
- Explored possible grant funding to continue the refurbishment of our public toilets

The Parish Council is also trying to clarify whether the current responsibility for clearing of footpaths will change from being the Parish Council should Natural England take on land as part of a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) since a designation of SSSI means the public no longer have an automatic right of access.

Councillors Nicola McWilliam and Vicky Edwards both resigned from position during last year due to ongoing family and work commitments. Cllr.s Barton and Kitchen stepped down at the end of their term of office, as did Cllr. Care, having served on the parish council for circa 30 years.

We thank them all for their dedication and many contributions whilst in office.

Additional Information

A total of 25 members of the public attended the twelve PC meetings.

The precept for 2023/24 was agreed at 3%.