

Kenwyn Parish Council Report

May 2023

It has been another challenging year for the Council and like several other organisations are still recovering from the effects of the Covid situation, though there must come a time when we cannot keep referring to that relating to current problems.

Our Audits for 2021-2022 have again passed without any untoward issues being raised though the Clerk has made us aware on numerous occasions that we are currently holding a large sum of monies in our reserves, this is due to several initiatives we had set up pre-Covid which unfortunately we were not able to carry through, hence the current problem.

I will like to issue a thank you on behalf of Kenwyn Parish Council to the Clerk, Karen Harding, for her hard work for our parish both this year and the past 23 years.

At the time of writing Truro and Kenwyn are voting on the referendum of the Truro and Kenwyn Neighbourhood Plan to be included in all Cornwall Council planning decisions for our areas, as I write the results have come through with a very healthy 'Yes' for the plan to be used in future decisions on Planning in our areas. We are also in the early stages of forming a working party with Truro City Council on the Langarth Garden Village.

The Council has for some time now been down on our membership and have struggled with only 9 members, but, contrary to some thoughts we are not in disarray but are resolute in providing the best service for the best cost to our Parishioners. I am pleased to say that we are lucky to have recruited two new Councillors to our ranks and are only three members short for our full complement, we will of course endeavour to fill these posts as soon as we can though recruitment has been one of our issues in the past.

I do not wish to tempt providence but throughout the year we have been plagued again by incidents of mindless vandalism in a few areas.

We are still experiencing issues at our Chyvelah Ope play area where incidents of drug related issues are taking place, these have been followed up with the College and the Police are aware. We have intermittent issues at Threemilestone play area, that said we have just come through the Autumn and Winter months which historically are quieter, we now have the lighter evenings upon us so we will need to be more vigilant for the safety of those who use our facilities. Shortlanesend play area hasn't escaped but I am pleased it hasn't been more serious. The Watts Nature Reserve has had the Dog Bin taken off its stand and has 'disappeared' and this has been added to the list for attention.

We have for a period been without one of our main assets in the Council and because of this we were placed in a very precarious position where we could have been in a great deal of trouble had any serious problems arisen. I am pleased to say

that we now have the services of Graham Harding again and thankfully he is looking after our play areas, Graham has made a start on the backlog of issues we have had build up but he is working his way through the list.

On a more positive note, we have now had the Football and Rugby posts installed at Threemilestone Play area and I would like to thank Cllr Jones for the help and assistance he has provided in having these installed.

Through the hard work of the Clerk and the Finance and General Purposes Committee, we have held our precept budget yet again at the same cost as the last two years. We believe that in this time of the cost of living crises, it is important to our parishioners to keep costs to a minimum whilst maintaining our high standard of services provided.

We have installed more Dog Bins around the Parish and are also in the process of installing new Grit Bins we have purchased, currently we are looking for the best sites for these to be placed in.

We are in the early stages of forming a working group with Truro City Council to deal with issues around the Langarth Garden Village development which we believe would be represent the needs of both parishes.

We have installed wheelchair friendly benches in our park at Threemilestone which we are pleased to see are being well used.