

Parish of St Keyne

Annual Parish Meeting

Date: Tuesday 14 May 2019
Time: 7pm
Location: St Keyne Village Hall, St Keyne PL14 4RF

Chair: Cllr Sally Lewis
Clerk: John Hesketh (Parish Clerk).

Members of the public: 6

The public meeting commenced at 19.00 and finished at 19.15

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Chair's Welcome & Housekeeping

The Chair of St Keyne Parish Council welcomed residents to the meeting, and explained that her annual report would set out the council's achievements for the past year. There would be time for questions from residents at the end of the meeting.

Annual Report 2018/19

(Full transcript is available from the council's website)

The Chair thanked her fellow councillors for their support during the past year, and welcomed Cllrs Richard Dorling and Frances Lewis as the latest co-opted members. She also thanked Loveday Carlyon for her work with the parish council over the past 11 years, and wished her well for the future.

Her key points were:

- Councillors are taking on extra responsibilities within the parish. Cllr Dorling is a Cornwall Tree Warden; Cllr Frances Lewis is the link between the council and St Keynines Dog Club; Cllr Shovelton is working with Cornwall Council to improve access to the footpaths in the parish.
- The parish now has a defibrillator located outside the village hall. Training has been made available to councillors and residents.
- Our survey of residents to understand how they use Jubilee Park has been invaluable in helping councillors understand by improvements and new facilities are needed.
- The parish council is compliant with all aspects of the Data Protection Act 2018: residents can view the council's General Privacy Notice on the front page of the council's website.
- In November last year, Mr Paul O'Brien, Chair of the Cornwall Association of Local Councils presented the council with its LCAS Foundation Level award. This is a major achievement for the parish and demonstrates that the council has achieved a recognised standard in its management and governance that residents can rely on.
- The parish tax (precept) was reduced from £16,000 to £12,000 in the past year.

Issues from residents

- Thanks were made to the parish council for its financial support for the installation of higher speed broadband that has enabled the village hall bar to accept cashless payments. This is important not just because of the convenience it gives customers, but enables residents to draw cash during opening hours.

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End of meeting

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The Chair thanked everyone for attending the meeting which ended at 19.15

St Keyne Parish Council

Chair's Report 14th May 2019

Firstly, and most importantly, thank you everyone for coming along tonight and for all your help and work over the past twelve months, and a special note of gratitude to the Councillors and our excellent Clerk, John Hesketh.

We have had a busy year but sadly had to say goodbye to Loveday Carlyon who left the Council due to ill health, she is sadly missed and had contributed so much to the Parish Council in the past, not least through her work as the Chair.

But since then we have been so lucky to welcome two new members to our team, Richard Dorling who joined us in June 2018 and very recently Fran Lewis. Richard has been appointed as a Cornwall Council Tree Warden and has been very closely involved in the work with The Gardening Club with the planting of trees and shrubs and installing bird and bat boxes. Fran has already helped with the official opening of the play equipment in the Park and has been working with dog owners in the Parish to set up St Keynines. There will, no doubt, be much more information about this group and what they want to do in the near future.

The other Councillors have also been busy – Kevin has been liaising with local landowners and is working on a project to enhance our Parish Paths. He has also overseen the project to purchase and install the new play equipment. Another big thank you has to go to Geoff and Simon who did so much research into what was needed, talked to many organisations and suppliers, made comparisons about the viability and cost of the play equipment and reported back regularly to the Parish Council. I'm sure you are all aware that the play park was officially opened by Phil Seeva at a Parish Picnic at Easter – a lovely occasion in wonderful weather and it was so good to have so many parishioners and their families there to enjoy it with us.

Earlier in the year we had the defibrillator installed and many people were able to enjoy the training on its use. We are hoping to offer more of the same in the future but need a few more volunteers for that. Thanks to Min who has checked the equipment regularly with the help of Eric.

Jane has diligently checked the open areas of our Village every week and picked up more rubbish than we could dream of each time. She inspects the equipment and the state of Jubilee Park, the Lawn Cemetery and Longlands and reports back to the Council each month to make sure that all is in order and safe. We commissioned a RoSPA inspection last month and they have reported that there are no issues to be addressed at this time

Charley has been representing us regularly at the Cornwall Council Community Network Meetings and is such a useful contact for us with Council matter and, of course, with Trewidland School and St Keyne Church.

Min is our Vice Chair and is such a support for me especially and has been involved with her neighbours in considering and consulting on the planned housing development in the fields adjacent to their homes.

Our Clerk, John, has kept us all in line and has sorted out the website, the paperwork for the Lawn Cemetery, made sure we were compliant with GDPR from the first day, sourced training opportunities for us and provided training himself on our new planning process. He also helped us to the LCAS Award – what an asset to us he is – Thank You, John.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say a special thank you to our Cornwall Councillor, Phil Seeva, who has attended many of our monthly meetings and has been an incredible source of information and help throughout the year – it is all very much appreciated.

The survey about Jubilee Park in the autumn was useful and informative and we might do something like that again in the future – the responses were very important to us and you will have seen the summary of the results on our website.

We have reduced our precept for this current financial year from £16k to £12k but we continue to support the Village Hall with an annual grant of £1,000 and payment of the broadband and WiFi fees for the Hall and with the offer to help with other project costs as and when needed. We have made £50 grants to Cornwall Air Ambulance and to CRUSE and would like to remind everyone that grants are available for local groups and charities as well – more details are on our website.

So, all in all, it's been a busy and productive year and next year could bring even more ideas to the fore. We've been asked to consider more seating in both Jubilee Park and around the Village and would welcome ideas for other projects that we could consider. St Keynines have loads of suggestions and hopefully we will be able to support them to improve the access of dogs and their owners to walking and exercising opportunities.

We have recently been talking with Dobwalls and Trewidland Parish Councillors – their Chair John Dunne and also their Ward Councillors, Mhairi Mackie and Hugh Francis, with a view to changing the boundaries of our Parish to include Trewidland with us. There will be a public meeting in Trewidland on the 29th of this month to see what the public reaction to that might be – the two Ward Members representing Trewidland have been very helpful and supportive of this idea.