

CHACEWATER PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2019

2018/19 has been an exceptionally busy year for the council and I must pay tribute to the hard work done in various forms by all of our councillors, in addition the exceptional work done by our local neighbourhood development plan team the majority of which are members of our local community, although it is good to see that two of the team have since joined the council. The LNDP is now coming to its final stages, at present it is under examination and that looks good at the moment. Again well done to all those involved, quite an exceptional effort.

Last Autumn we were able to get rid of the leylandii in the car park because they had become out of control and dangerous. I believe that over the last two years, perhaps a lesson has been learnt and in future we must learn to manage our trees and not let them get out of hand. And whilst talking about trees I must mention that in the storms over the winter we did unfortunately lose our coronation oak at the top of the steps in the car park.

Clean up work was carried out at the far end of the recreation ground by some of our councillors and local volunteers together with some welcome help from the staff at Highways England.

Funding has now been applied for to place two VAS's (vehicle activation signs) at either end of the village, and these hopefully will be approved and installed shortly.

The Parish Council have now taken on the lease of the playing fields at Twelveheads and have recently secured a £5,000.00 grant towards tidying it up and fencing it to make it safe. Work there is already well underway.

Unfortunately we have lost Charlotte Bearham as our clerk, and must thank her for all her hard work whilst she was with us. She has ably been replaced by Christina Shepherdson who is settling in successfully to the job, and thanks to Charlotte for her involvement in contributing to a smooth hand over.

We continue to have issues with Cornwall Council, such as pot holes and fly tipping although to be fair to them their online reporting system has greatly improved and on the maps provided it is easy to identify the offending sites. Hopefully the speeding problems in the village will improve once the

installation of the VAS's are approved and completed. Planning is another area we have concerns about and take seriously and would ask Cornwall Council to pay more attention to local views and knowledge when considering local planning applications, something they will be legally obliged to do once our Neighbourhood Development Plan is finally in place.

We will continue to pressure Cornwall Council into doing things for the benefit of our Parishoners.

Looking to the future we have started to put together plans for rebuilding the pavilion and improving the facilities there and making applications for grant funding. I know that car parking is a concern for many in Chacewater, we have set up a working party to look closely at various options, and in particularly the misuse of the car park, and any future possibility of expansion.

We continue to talk to Tregothnan about the future of the Wheal Busy area amongst other things, hopefully we will eventually see things improving there in the fullness of time.

I am pleased to report that the Parish very much continues to thrive in many areas and the future looks very exciting.

We have over the year almost achieved our full complement of Councillors, but unfortunately for one reason or another some have decided to move on, and we now have 2 vacant seats which we would love to have filled, and would appeal to anyone who might be interested to come and join us.

Finally I must extend my grateful thanks to all my fellow Councillors who have supported me over the last twelve months that I have had the honour to be your Chairman.