

Chairman's Annual Report 2011-2012

♦ Gwinear-Gwithian Parish Council:

- ♦ met 31 times in 6 venues in the Parish of these there were:-
 - 20 Ordinary Meetings
 - 8 Parish Plan Committee Meetings
 - 1 Elizabeth Sampson Playing Field Committee Meetings
 - 1 Annual Parish Meeting
 - 1 Annual General Meeting
- ♦ considered and observed on 53 planning applications
- ♦ attended 2 planning site meetings
- ♦ commented on 1 planning appeal

- ♦ have representatives on 18 outside bodies & community groups:
 - i) Gwithian Green Advisory Group: Cllr Roberts & Cllr Pocock
 - ii) Connor Downs Residents Association: Cllr Marks
 - iii) Gwinear Hall Committee: Cllr Pascoe
 - iv) Gwithian Residents Association: Cllr Pascoe
 - v) Towans Partnership: Cllr Roberts
 - vi) Hayle Day Care Centre Trust: Cllr Marks
 - vii) Hayle Area Plan Partnership: Cllr Slade-Elmes
 - viii) Rural Transport Partnership: Cllr Young
 - ix) Penwith Access and Rights of Way Forum: Cllr Marks
 - x) Over 50's Forum: Cllr Mrs Slade-Elmes
 - xi) Walkers are Welcome group - Cllr Spence
 - xii) Discover Hayle Working Group - Cllr Spence
 - xiii) Community Network Panel - Cllr Pocock with Cllr Marks & Cllr Slade-Elmes substitutes
 - xiv) Pen Tye Residents Association – Cllr Slade-Elmes & Cllr Roberts
 - xv) Reawla Working Group – Cllr Pocock
 - xvi) Carnhell Green Christmas Lights Committee – Cllr Rowe
 - xvii) Cornwall Council Beach Management Advisory Group (Hayle) - Cllr Homes
 - xviii) Community Action Through Sport – Cllr Cupples

- ♦ with members also attending:
 - ♦ Police Authority Liaison meetings
 - ♦ Cornwall Assoc of Local Councils meetings
 - ♦ Gwithian Church remembrance service
 - ♦ Gwinear Church remembrance service
 - ♦ Reawla working group
 - ♦ Wall Hall renovation project
 - ♦ Planning low carbon workshop
 - ♦ Local Council planning forums
 - ♦ Cornwall Council budget event
 - ♦ Cornwall Council pre-application training
 - ♦ Cornwall Council Devolution meeting
 - ♦ Section 106 training
 - ♦ Building Community Planning Camp
 - ♦ Neighbourhood Design Toolkit Cornwall

- ◆ Local Council pre-application task group meeting
 - ◆ Private Beach Owners Meeting
 - ◆ Beach Owners Advisory Group meeting
 - ◆ Cornwall Landscape Character Best Practice Guidance Launch
 - ◆ Hocking Trust meeting
 - ◆ Councillor Training Day
 - ◆ Cornwall Conversation event
 - ◆ PHA Annual Review
- ◆ has received:
 - ◆ 11 Neighbourhood Beat Police Reports
 - ◆ 4 Community Pride Officer Reports
- ◆ has responded to consultations on:
 - ◆ Cornwall Council Core Strategy
 - ◆ Cornwall Council draft waiting restriction at Telcarne Rd and Mutton Hill
 - ◆ Cornwall Fire & Rescue Service - new community fire stations for Camborne, Pool, Redruth & Hayle areas
 - ◆ Crowan Parish Council's affordable housing project
- ◆ has reviewed:
 - ◆ Cornwall Council - Public convenience review
 - ◆ West Cornwall Rural Transport Forum
 - ◆ Cornwall Council - Off Street Parking Places Order 2012
 - ◆ Boundary Commission's Review of Parliamentary constituency boundaries 2013.
 - ◆ Cornwall Council - Residents parking permits at Gwithian Towans
- ◆ has approved & adopted:
 - ◆ Equal Opportunities Policy for the Parish Council
 - ◆ Parish Council risk assessments
 - ◆ Lease of new unit for parish office
 - ◆ Staff Grievance Procedure
 - ◆ Staff Disciplinary Procedure
 - ◆ Personal protective equipment risk assessment
 - ◆ Annual Return Statement of Assurance
 - ◆ Forward budget on the essential maintenance of Gwithian Green for 2011-2013
 - ◆ Draft memorandum of agreement between Cornwall Council and GGPC regarding the management of the Higher Level Stewardship Scheme (HLS) for Gwithian Green LNR
 - ◆ Schedule of Maintenance for all Parish Council owned property
 - ◆ Schedule of Inspections for all Parish Council owned property
 - ◆ RoSPA General Risk Assessment report for the Elizabeth Sampson Playing Field
- ◆ is reviewing:
 - ◆ Parish Council cemetery fees
- ◆ has nominated:
 - ◆ Councillor Consultation Officers
- ◆ has co-opted:
 - ◆ Councillor Crocker on to the Parish Council for the Gwithian ward
 - ◆ Councillor Spence on to the Parish Council for the Gwithian ward
 - ◆ Councillor Homes on to the Parish Council for the Gwithian ward
- ◆ has awarded:
 - ◆ Best worked allotment to Mr and Mrs Broad
 - ◆ Best kept allotment award to Diana Rowe

- ◆ Best overall allotment award to Dave Curtis - this was presented to Dave's wife as Mr Curtis had passed away before the award ceremony - the shield will be commemorated to Dave Curtis from now on.
- ◆ The Kelvin Jenkin Community Achievement Award to Mr Roland Thomas for his efforts on behalf of the Gwinear Football Club
- ◆ received presentations on:
 - ◆ "Fire changes" by the Chief Fire Officer, Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service
- ◆ has taken the lead in:
 - ◆ ongoing commitment to a Community Pride Officer in partnership with Cornwall Council the CPO's duties include litter picking, reporting fly tipping, broken signs, drainage problems and street cleaning, he is responsible for maintenance of parks and open spaces, maintenance and cleaning of bus shelters, litter/dog bins, benches and signs and grass cutting and planting within our Parish. The Community Pride Officer spends three days a week in our Parish, the idea of a CPO was partly this Parish Council's and he is the first of his kind within Cornwall.
 - ◆ preparing a Parish Activity Trail guidebook to be published in the near future
 - ◆ community clean up days within the Parish
 - ◆ provision of a new Parish website
 - ◆ undertaking two Parish consultation days, one in each of the Gwinear and Gwithian wards to highlight projects and seek parishioner's views
 - ◆ steering a project for Streetscape improvement works in Reawla
 - ◆ facilitating discussions for affordable housing within the Parish
 - ◆ project to renovate the Parish Council's fingerposts
 - ◆ project to provide new Parish boundary markers
 - ◆ consultation on future plans for Gwithian
 - ◆ provision of a parish directory to support local businesses
 - ◆ seeking the recruitment of a volunteer Youth Worker for the Parish
 - ◆ provision of new street lighting in Angarrack Lane
 - ◆ researching other successful community projects within the County
- ◆ has supported other agencies and groups in:
 - ◆ continued access to Public Rights of Way within the Parish
 - ◆ investigating the needs for provision of youth and community facilities in Reawla and taking these forward by working with partners to progress the Real Base scheme and the Reawla Park Improvement project
 - ◆ prioritising enforcement issues with Cornwall Council Enforcement Team
 - ◆ liaising with local organization in providing local health care provision
 - ◆ the creation of a Housing Needs Survey for the Parish
 - ◆ progressing a project to provide open space on waste land at Horsepool Road
 - ◆ working with Connor Downs Residents Association in providing new play equipment for the Elizabeth Sampson Playing Field, Connor Downs
 - ◆ Investigating the support for a walking bus for Gwinear School
 - ◆ providing Fire safety events in Reawla
 - ◆ giving support to Penwith Radio
- ◆ has remained vigilant and sought improvements regarding:
 - ◆ unauthorised developments
 - ◆ planning conditions not being met
 - ◆ missing or damaged street signs
 - ◆ car parking issues on the Parish coastline and Nature Reserves
 - ◆ public consultation regarding road closures
 - ◆ antisocial behaviour throughout the Parish
 - ◆ speeding issues across the Parish
 - ◆ the condition of public rights of way

- ◆ made financial contributions to 9 local community groups:
 - ◆ Busy Bodies Pre-School – Paint drying rack & storage unit - £200
 - ◆ St Gwinear Parish Church – Refurbishment of notice board - £200
 - ◆ Connor Downs and Gwithian Women’s Institute – Refurbishment of hall & kitchen £300
 - ◆ Pen Tye Residents Association – Ipod nano & docking station for youth group - £200
 - ◆ Wall Music Festival – General running costs - £200
 - ◆ Wall Methodist Church – Central heating for hall - £150
 - ◆ Gwinear Football Club – Start up costs for forthcoming season - £100
 - ◆ Community Action Through Sports – Setting up and purchase of sports based rewards - £300
 - ◆ Gwinear Pitch and Putt – Reawla youth golf tuition and tournament - £420

- ◆ provided both Connor Downs Primary School and Gwinear Primary School with Christmas Trees
- ◆ provided equipment and new bins at the Elizabeth Sampson Playing Field and has undertaken and responded to play area safety inspections
- ◆ provided financially towards the Community Network Panel to ensure one CNP meeting is held within the Parish this year
- ◆ to provide Diamond Jubilee mugs for children at schools, pre-schools and nurseries in the Parish
- ◆ provided 2 Parish Council notice boards within the villages of Gwinear and Reawla
- ◆ maintained the lane serving the cemetery
- ◆ working with organizations to progress the speedwatch initiative within the Parish
- ◆ reported the removal of a sewerage outlet vent pipe in Gwinear to SWW
- ◆ refurbished the cemetery gates at Connor Downs cemetery, Gwithian Road

- ◆ has received grants of:
 - ◆ Gwithian Green Local Nature Reserve Rural Payment Agency grant for 2010
 - ◆ Local Maintenance Partnership-Cornwall Council, maintaining rights of way
 - ◆ Hayle Area Partnership – fingerposts, boundary markers, Horsepool road project - £5000
- ◆ continues to seek grants from:
 - ◆ Low Carbon Solar - Community grant

- ◆ has been successful in securing Section 106 monies of £200,000 towards community projects within the Parish and has already received the first tranche of this money of £100,000

- ◆ has supported:
 - ◆ Vintage Rally
 - ◆ CDRA
 - ◆ PAROW
 - ◆ Walkers are Welcome Group
 - ◆ Camborne Town Council
 - ◆ Discover Hayle Map Project
 - ◆ PCDT – PEAT project
 - ◆ Cornwall Council’s – Empty Housing Strategy
 - ◆ GDVA – Newsletter for the Gwinear Ward
 - ◆ CDRA – Newsletter for Gwithian Ward
 - ◆ Pen Tye Residents Association – Community Notice Board

- ◆ has responded to local concerns and tackled other agencies about:
 - ◆ debris & litter deposited on roads and in hedges
 - ◆ dog fouling in public areas and provision of dog waste bins
 - ◆ graffiti
 - ◆ fly tipping throughout Parish
 - ◆ missing public footpath, road and directional signs

- ◆ drainage issues
- ◆ anti-social behaviour and vandalism throughout the Parish
- ◆ speeding issues
- ◆ coastline issues – car parking measures and accessibility
- ◆ dilapidated telephone kiosk within the Parish
- ◆ road surface issues
- ◆ overgrown hedges on public footpaths and highways
- ◆ illegal parking
- ◆ closure of Camborne bus station information office
- ◆ highway issues for new developments – Connor Downs
- ◆ street naming
- ◆ noise pollution
 - ◆ Frequency of bird scarers, Rosewarne
 - ◆ Drug issues, Reawla,
 - ◆ Criminal damage ESPF, Connor Downs
 - ◆ Dog Fouling – Higher Goneva Lane, Rosewarne Road to Gwinear School
 - ◆ Sewerage issues at Gwithian
 - ◆ complaint motorcycle event adj. to Parish cemetery
 - ◆ dirt bikes using public footpaths
 - ◆ buses stopping in Reawla
 - ◆ uneven surfacing at Gwinear crossing – report to network rail
 - ◆ Car parking at Henvy Gardens
 - ◆ Parking issues Gwinear village
- ◆ continues to:
 - ◆ manage the cemetery and 22 allotment plots
 - ◆ support both the Reawla Youth Group and the Connor Downs Youth Group in continuing their activities by finding a Youth worker for the Parish
 - ◆ endeavour to provide a permanent Parish office
 - ◆ secure funding for maintenance and implement annual works at Gwithian Green LNR
 - ◆ manage Elizabeth Sampson Playing Field in partnership with Connor Downs Residents Association
 - ◆ drive forward the aims and objectives of the Parish Plan
 - ◆ endeavour to provide community facilities for use within the Parish
 - ◆ drive forward the possible management of land within the Parish for development
- ◆ Review of the future Challenges facing the Council as set out in last year's Chairman's Report
 - ◆ Decide priorities and implement the Parish Plan 2010-2015. The Parish Plan has 31 Objectives. During the year 6 were substantially completed, 17 have made good progress and are “work in progress” and 8 have yet to make progress – mostly because they are linked to the Objectives currently in hand. A major task completed has been the creation and launch of the Parish Website www.ggpc.org.uk . Many thanks to all those who have and continue to contribute to this website which is for community use.
 - ◆ Provide an office base for the Clerk and additional clerical support. The PC has secured and kitted out a new base for the Clerk at Bosproval Farm which is suitable for council business and a proper office for the Clerk and Assistant.
 - ◆ We welcomed our new Assistant, Claire Thomson, to the Parish where she will provide much-needed support for Vida – as can be seen from the list of activities above.
 - ◆ Be active in the Cornwall Council initiative to regenerate Reawla. In conjunction with our Cornwall Councillor, Ray Tovey, we have secured the standing of this project as an exemplar of “best practice” so final plans for changes to streetscape, play area and youth / community facilities are well developed. This project is now approaching its final consultation before implementation.
 - ◆ Decide priority infrastructure using the Rosewarne Section 106 money. As the first 12 units have been sold, £100k has been deposited with the PC. This is budgeted to be spent on Reawla regeneration (see above) with £10,000 having been spent on street lighting. Parish communities will need to come

forward with ideas for spending the balance of Section 106 money (about another £100K) when it arrives.

- ◆ Fill Councillor vacancies. By co-option all but one of the vacancies has been filled. Cllr Spence has decided to stand down due to pressure of work and I would like to thank him for his hard work and contribution to the Council this year. Our long-term Councillor Duncan Thurnell-Read retired having served on the Council for many years. His contribution, especially to detailed analysis of the many formal policy documents from Cornwall Council and central government, was highly valued and underpinned many thoughtful responses from our Council. We wish him well in his retirement – although it is doubtful if he will ever properly “retire” from involvement with Council matters!
- ◆ Pursue Quality Council Status. With the implementation of the website, we are now closer to applying for QCS.

Challenges for 2012-13

- ◆ Develop use of the website as a key means of connecting Parishioners
- ◆ Implement the planned improvements to Reawla streetscape, play area and community facilities
- ◆ Continue to action Gwinear-Gwithian Parish Plan -especially housing needs/locations and projects to maximize the community benefit from the balance of the Section 106 money.
- ◆ Work on plans to achieve “joined-up thinking, planning and delivery” with adjacent Parish and Town Councils.
- ◆ Continue to engage with Cornwall Council as a “can-do” Parish Council and derive benefit thereby.
- ◆ Move closer to Quality Council status.
- ◆ Review the choices available to tackle speeding issues in the Parish.
- ◆ Consult with Gwithian residents about planning and facilities issues on the Towans (car-park, planning rules, toilets and possible Neighbourhood Development Order)

Finally.....

Having now completed 2 full years as Chairman, some thoughts

Firstly, to all parishioners who have given time, energy, ideas and contributed generally to all the achievements above – a really big Thank You!but we would like to see more of you attend PC meetings!

Secondly, to all our Councillors and the Vice Chairman, Lionel Pascoe who all work tirelessly behind the scenes – researching information, meeting people, doing zone planning visits, actively implementing the plans – another big Thank You – you are the “engine-room” of the PC !

Thirdly, we are hugely grateful to our Cornwall Councillor Ray Tovey for his contribution. Teamwork between us has helped establish Gwinear-Gwithian PC in the eyes of those at County Hall as “punching above our weight” and as a consequence a suitable place to implement exemplar and iconic projects. As many of you will know, Ray has been taken seriously ill and has had to stand down from some of his roles in County Hall but continues as our local Councillor. We send our best wishes to him – and his family

Lastly – and unarguably most importantly –a huge Thank-You to our Clerk, Vida Perrin who runs a really “tight ship” with impeccable administration and solid advice – even if the content does not thrill us sometimes! And a big thank-you also to Claire Thomson for her hard work since she arrived with us.

So let me remind everyone of

Our Vision for the Parish

- **A place where people take pride in where and how they live.**
- **A community with good quality housing for all those wishing to live here, and with a local connection.**
- **A community where we see a leveling out of built development to enable us to elevate areas historically over-developed and suffering social consequences.**
- **Villages that develop to meet the needs of a wide mix of people.**
- **A Parish that has vibrant village centres, with thriving shops and post offices, and is innovative in supporting new and existing businesses.**
- **A community that embraces tourism to our collective advantage.**

- A community that is safe: from anti-social behaviour, speeding traffic, and the fear of crime. ■ A community that engages and supports its young people.
- A connected community- physically; and mentally: addressing problems of spatial distance and the very different nature of our diverse community groups.
- A place where the Parish Council is at the heart of the community, shaping and driving change.
- A community that has access to quality local health care services.
- A healthy-eating community, enjoying opportunities to grow their own produce.
- A community that has good local access to a variety of quality sporting and leisure facilities.
- A community that responds positively to the challenges of climate change.

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Brian Pocock (Chairman)

16th April 2012