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# Annual Report 2017-2018

## GWINEAR- GWITHIAN PARISH



### Gwinear-Gwithian Parish

The Parish of Gwinear-Gwithian lies in the west of Cornwall, in the former Penwith District. The Parish covers 2,977 hectares, and stretches from the coastline at Godrevy Point down to Fraddam, incorporating the villages of Gwithian, Gwinear, Connor Downs, Carnhell Green, and the hamlets of Fraddam, Wall, Reawla, Roseworthy, and Upton Towans. The Parish is bordered by Camborne Parish to the north-east, by Hayle Parish to the west, St Erth Parish to the south-west, and Crowan Parish to the south. The civil parishes of Gwinear and Gwithian were combined to form the parish of Gwinear-Gwithian in 1934.

### Chairman's Report



The year has been very busy with some projects now coming to fruition. As noted on the back page, the Neighbourhood Plan went to referendum in September and has now been 'made' by Cornwall Council. Defibrillators continue to be installed across the Parish. We now have them in most of the villages. We have received tremendous support from the Ronnie Richards Memorial Charity during this project and thank them and the community for their support for this very worthwhile project. It is hoped that work on the refurbishment of Reawla Park will commence this year so that it becomes the community area much needed. The project has been phased with the toddler/mid range area being undertaken first. Further fundraising will take place for the rest of the park which we hope will include a bespoke skate park area. In September last year we held our second 'Parish Tea' event at the Wall Hall. Cream teas were served by the staff and Councillors and their families and members of the community who are recognised for their help to the Parish Council were invited to attend.

We were able to award the 'Kelvin Jenkin Community Awards' to both Mrs Mary Tipton and Mrs Diane Richards for the outstanding contributions they have both made to their respective communities. The Council undertook weed spraying with works carried out in August and October and a new bench was installed at the cemetery. Streetscape Projects – following public consultations, works to try to reduce speeding and help pedestrians cross the roads have been carried out in Connor Downs, Carnhell Green, Gwinear School, Upton Towans & Roseworthy. With works from Cornwall Council we have also seen improvements to the bus services offered with a new hard standing at a bus stop at Reawla, and two new and one re-located bus shelters installed in Connor Downs. I would also like to thank our Clerk and Admin Assistant for their constant hard work. Thanks also to our Parish Councillors for their continued commitment, including long standing Cllr Micheal Roberts who retired in December. Lots of work goes on outside of the Parish Council meetings that is not seen and hopefully this Annual Report will go some way to showing the community what we do all year!

*Cllr Steve Rowe (Chairman)  
April 2018*

## How the year shaped up

### Annual Meeting of Gwinear-Gwithian Parish Council held on Monday 8th May 2017

Cllr Steve Rowe was elected Chairman and Cllrs Michael Roberts and Mike Smith Vice Chairman.

### Membership of the Council

The council consists of twelve councillors, with six members representing each of the wards of Gwinear and Gwithian. Parish and Town Council elections were held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017 and six Councillors were elected to the Gwinear Ward, and four to the Gwithian Ward. Two councillors were co-opted to the Gwithian Ward in June. One Councillor retired from the Gwinear Ward in December.

**The Council** met 24 times in 5 differing venues in the Parish; of these there were :

22 Ordinary meetings

- I Annual Parish Meeting
- I Annual Parish Council Meeting
- Considered/observed 70 planning applications
- Received notification of 2 planning appeals; submitting additional representation when necessary
- Received 2 planning appeal decisions
- Attended 1 CC Planning Committee Meeting
- Attended 1 Cornwall Council Planning Site Meeting

### have representatives on 12 outside bodies & community groups

- i) Gwithian Green Advisory Group: Cllr Burt
- ii) Connor Downs Residents Assoc: Cllr Smith
- iii) Hall for Gwinear Committee: Cllr Homes
- iv) Gwithian Residents Association: Cllr Homes
- v) Towans Partnership: Cllr Burt & Cllr Smith
- vi) Hayle Day Care Centre Trust: Cllr Cupples
- vii) Wall Hall Committee: Cllr Negus
- viii) Over 50's Forum: VACANCY
- ix) CC Beach Management Group: Cllr Burt
- x) Community Network Panel: Cllrs Homes,

Lawrence & Bawden

- xi) Pen Tye Residents Assoc: Cllr Tovey & Norman
- xii) Speedwatch : Cllr Cupples
- xiii) Police Liaison Group : Cllr Lawrence

### with members also attending:

Gwithian Church remembrance service  
Gwinear Church remembrance service  
Neighbourhood Planning events  
Carnhell Vintage Rally  
Carnhell Green & Connor Downs Streetscape Meetings  
Civic ceremony in Camborne  
CC planning workshops  
CC West Sub-Area Planning Committee Meeting  
Reawla Park Working Group Meetings  
Reawla Park Skate events and Fun Day  
Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group meetings  
Neighbourhood Planning Consultations  
Code of Conduct Training  
Bus Service Improvement meeting  
Ronnie Richards Memorial Charity event  
Defibrillator Working Group Meetings  
Kernow – Atlantic Coasters Launch Event  
Cornwall Council Localism Summit  
Cornwall Council Electoral Review Meetings  
Towans Partnership Sub Group  
Local Council Planning Conference  
ESPF working group meetings  
Morrops Field development meetings

### with staff attending:

VAT Training  
Safeguarding Training  
Audit & Finance Training  
Cornwall Council Localism Summit  
Cornwall Council Electoral Review Meetings  
CC – Community Network Panel Meetings  
Health and Safety Training  
SLCC Quotes, Contracts & Tendering webinar training  
GDPR webinar training  
HMRC webinar training

## Awards

This year the annual allotment awards were held at the Parish Tea.

The winners were:-

- Best Kept – Jill Gregory
- Best Overall – John & Sharon Broad
- Best Newcomer – Kevin Smitheram
- Best Newcomer – Mr & Mrs Rawlings

The 'Kelvin Jenkin Community Achievement Award' was presented to both Mrs Mary Tipton and Mrs Diane Richards for the outstanding contributions they have both made to their respective communities.

The Council presented a Golden Wedding Anniversary bouquet to Mr & Mrs Dustow from Connor Downs in January 2018:-



## Streetscape

The proposed works to various villages have been completed in the past year.



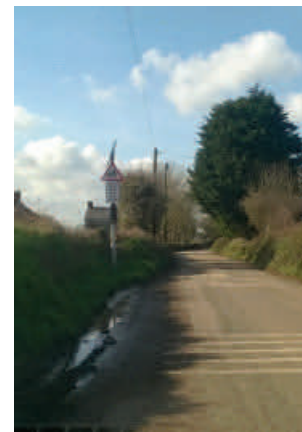
- Carnhell Green with a new build out and bollards on Station Road

Much needed footway widening on Penhale Road to ensure those with disabilities or pushchairs can get to the local shop/Post Office safely:-



- Chicane on Station Road, slowing vehicles down entering the village

New Wigwag lights at either side of Gwinear School -



At Connor Downs there are new pedestrian refuges to help cross the road as well as widened footpaths and yellow lines to help with visibility:-



### The Parish Council continues to:-

- Manage the cemetery and 20 allotment plots
- Secure funding for maintenance and annual works at Gwithian Green LNR
- Manage ESPF in partnership with CDRA & Reawla Park with the Working Group
- Drive forward the aims and objectives of the Neighbourhood Plan and Parish Plan



### This year the Parish Council has supported:-

- Our allotment holders with an annual meeting, awards and welcomed new tenants Gwinear/Connor Downs Primary Schools, PTRA/CDRA supplying Christmas Trees GDFBA
- PTRA with the Easter Egg hunt event at Reawla Park
- GVA – Newsletter for the Gwinear Ward
- CDRA – Newsletter for the Gwithian Ward
- The advertising of Affordable homes across the Parish
- The Towans Partnership with funding for the Ranger Project, signage and a project to link the SSSI across Gwithian & Godrevy
- Defibrillator Project – installing defibrillators across the Parish

## New Community Facility - Reawla

The community facility adjacent to Pen-Tye is being delivered by a housing developer, the facility comprises a community hall, kitchen and two toilets one with disabled access. There are also two offices and a reception area.



The completion of the community facility is

dependent on sales of open market properties within the development in line with the legal agreement imposed by Cornwall Council.




Once completed the community facility will be transferred to the Parish Council for community use.



## Project Updates - Bitesize

PROJECT NAME	INFORMATION	PROGRESS REQUIRED/NOTES
BT Telephone Kiosks	<p>The PC received a consultation on removal of BT kiosks and agreed as follows:-</p> <p>Carnhell Green 01209 831421 (1 call in the last 12 months) <b>pc to adopt if under threat of removal</b></p> <p>Gwithian 01736 752066 (76 calls in the last 12 months) <b>pc urge BT to keep phone as vital to village</b></p> <p>Angarrack Lane 01736 752580 (2 calls in the last 12 months) <b>no issue with removal</b></p> <p>Connor Hill 01736 753256 (71 calls in the last 12 months) <b>pc urge BT to keep phone as vital to village</b></p> <p>Just outside our parish in Crowan parish:-</p> <p>Pilgrims way 01736 850344 (1 call in the last 12 months) <b>pc to adopt if under threat of removal and Crowan pc does not want to adopt</b></p>	<p>BT advise Carnhell Green kiosk unlikely to stay in situ, cost implications of PC moving it are too high so PC agreed not to pursue further. BT has agreed that Gwithian kiosk will not be removed due to pressure from PC and residents</p> <p>Angarrack Lane is actually kiosk in Angarrack village matter referred to Hayle Town Council by GGPC.</p> <p>BT has agreed that Connor Downs kiosk will not be removed due to pressure from PC and residents.</p> <p>GGPC has corresponded with Crowan PC and the Fraddam kiosk has now been adopted by the Community Heartbeat Trust, GGPC will look at raising funds for a defibrillator to be fitted inside.</p>
Cemetery extension	<p>The PC owned Connor Downs Cemetery (off Gwithian Road) will only cater for another 20 odd plots. Going on current interment rates at this cemetery, could last up to 5 years.</p> <p>Parish Cllrs to consider allotment space being included (or a contribution made towards space) within planning apps coming forward depending on their size.</p> <p>PC approved a strategy in Dec 2016 to look at possibility of extending the cemetery into the allotment.</p>	<p>Allotment area to be used for cemetery extension to be cleared this year ready for use as cemetery when required.</p> <p>GGPC to make an application to the Secretary of State.</p>
Defibrillators (for full update see page 7)	 <p>Cllr Tovey &amp; Bawden are the project leaders. PC has been given £10k grant from Big Lottery towards project.</p> <p>The CPO will be responsible for maintaining &amp; reporting on the defibs.</p> <p>First defibs are up and running at Reawla Stores and Mole Valley in Carnhell Green</p> <p>PC gave delegated authority to the project leaders to install each defibrillator one at a time to reduce costs.</p> <p>Ronnie Richards Memorial Charity (RRMC) chosen to supply defibrillators and manage reports with Ambulance Service.</p>	<p>Another defib has been installed outside the Red River Inn at Gwithian Village by the PC as well as one outside the RNLI hut at Gwithian Towans and one at the Atlantic Coast Holiday Park at Upton Towans.</p> <p>All the GGPC defibrillators are 24/7 public access equipment linked to the Ambulance Service through RRMC</p> <p>The CDRA have a further 2 defibs in Connor Downs.</p> <p>More info on this project can be found at - <a href="http://www.ggpc.org.uk/defibrillator-project/">http://www.ggpc.org.uk/defibrillator-project/</a></p>
Elizabeth Sampson Playing Field (ESPF) Connor Downs equipment	<p>The intention would be to replace the diminishing wooden teen equipment, A basket swing has been installed further up but there is still room for further equipment.</p>  <p>- Very little of This remains today</p>	<p>ESPF working group spoke to around 25 young people regarding their needs within the Park. Various suggestions, 2 strongest being an assault course and a roofed chill out area.</p> <p>Cllr Lawrence has joined the working group and they continue to work with the CDRA to look at grants for the project.</p>
Neighbourhood Planning (see back page for more details)	<p>The Examiner gave a report on the plan in May 2017 and the plan went to referendum in September.</p>	<p>The Gwinear-Gwithian Neighbourhood Plan was 'made' in October 2017 and the Parish Council now uses the plan when commenting on applications within the Parish.</p>

## Project Updates - Bitesize continued.....

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Reawla Park (see back page for more details)	<p>Parish Council successful in park being devolved to Parish level from Cornwall Council in August 2016. Working Group (WG) has invited reps from local groups and organisations who can help with project. WG consists of PC reps, CPO, GVA rep, PTRAs rep, CC rep &amp; PCDT rep.</p> <p>See up to date info via - <a href="http://www.ggpc.org.uk/reawla-park-refurbishment/">http://www.ggpc.org.uk/reawla-park-refurbishment/</a></p> <p>Please friend/share our new facebook page for the park just search for 'Reawla Park'</p> 	<p>Fun day a great success with a small youth group being formed to look at the Skate area once some of the other phases are complete. Working Group successful with two grants from SITA Cornwall Trust and the Gwinear-Gwithian Sustainable Community Fund amounting to over £56,000 towards the project.</p> <p>Works will take place on the toddler and mid age range areas by Cormac to be completed this year.</p> 												
Service Delivery	<p><u>Community survey results from Dec 2016</u></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Keep things same</th> <th>PC to manage</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Sign Cleaning</td> <td>44%</td> <td>56%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Village Verge Management</td> <td>35%</td> <td>65%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Village Highway Weed Control</td> <td>31%</td> <td>69%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Keep things same	PC to manage	Sign Cleaning	44%	56%	Village Verge Management	35%	65%	Village Highway Weed Control	31%	69%	<p>PC to continue monitoring sign cleaning and report to CC</p> <p>PC to monitor Gwithian Toilets</p> <p>PC undertook weed control in various villages across the Parish in 2017 and this appears to have made a difference.</p> <p>Verge management to small hotspots of certain villages will start this year.</p>
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Community Facility - A new facility which will include a hall, kitchen and toilets as well as 2 offices is due to be built as part of the development behind Pen Tye in Reawla (off Relistian Lane). Once built the facility will be transferred to the PC.		<p>The community facility is in the final stages of being built and the Parish Council are awaiting information from the developers regarding the transfer of the facility.</p>												
Connor Downs S106 project	<p>The parish has access to £10,000 of S106 contributions from a development in Connor Downs. We wanted to know where the people of Connor Downs would like this contribution spent, the contribution can only be spent on Highways, Education or Open Space.</p> <p>Survey showed 67% felt money be spent on highways, 15% education and 18% open spaces.</p>	<p>Within the INA for Connor Downs the only critical issue at present is the use of speed visor equipment, this is a parish wide issue. PC agreed that as a number of measures have been taken in Connor Downs already to deal with speeding, temporary speed equipment would be put up to see if there is still a problem. PC awaiting equipment from CC.</p>												

*These projects are updated every month and reported at the second Parish Council meeting of the month*

### This year the Council received presentations from :

Cornwall Wildlife Trust on the Hayle Estuary Nitrate Reduction Project  
James Huxley - replacement dwelling design proposal No 8 Gwithian Towans

### raised concerns over:-

Cancer facilities being moved from Truro to Plymouth  
Morrops Field development from Gwithian Towans residents  
Planning matters supporting Hayle Town Council  
Timing of road works with Cornwall Council  
Telephone kiosk adoption with BT  
Closure of Gwithian Toilets with Cornwall Council  
Closure of Connor Downs Post Office with PO Counters  
Traffic Calming in Carnhell Green with Cornwall Council  
Access to cemetery with landowner & Cornwall Council

Electoral Review with Cornwall Council, Local MP & the Boundary Commission

### has adopted:-

Social Media Policy  
Whistle Blowing Policy  
Lone Worker Policy  
Gwinear-Gwithian Neighbourhood Plan  
Assisting the adoption of Fraddam BT Kiosk by Community Heartbeat Trust with Crowan PC

### have successfully received grants from:-

CC Community chest - £800 for new Community Facility  
Sita - £35,000 for Reawla Park  
GGSCF - £21,500 for Reawla Park  
HLS grant - £1400 for Gwithian Green Local Nature Reserve

**GWINEAR-GWITHIAN PARISH COUNCIL - Income & Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31st March 2018**

<u>Previous Year</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>£</u>
	76192.00	Precept		80583.00
	5422.47	Council Tax Relief Grant		4443.53
	673.84	Bank Account Interest		247.70
	1320.64	VAT		3087.19
	360.96	Allotment Rent/Costs		333.81
	1911.00	Cemetery		3134.00
	6970.00	Local Maintenance Partnership (LMP)		4303.00
	0.00	Gwithian Green Local Nature Reserve		2455.95
	0.00	Elizabeth Sampson Playing Field (ESPF)		0.00
	595.00	Defibrillator Project (S137)		0.00
	43.20	Neighbourhood Planning		109.27
	132.89	Administration		48.34
	32210.00	Reawla Park Project		97.00
	792.75	Petty cash in		604.15
	0.00	Community Facility		800.00
	0.00	Election mileage		14.40
	0.00	Grants/donations s137		197.00
	0.00	Awards & Ceremonies		36.12
	950.00	Streetscape		0.00
		Petty Cash		1.62
	<b>127574.75</b>			
		<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>100496.08</b>
		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
	872.31	Petty cash out		618.80
	2658.17	Hall Hire/Office Space		3991.53
	34789.34	Staff Wages/PAYE & NI/Pensions		41093.82
	6078.53	Administration		6712.72
	14569.23	Recreation/Street Scene		15773.73
	1493.54	Burials		1486.49
	0.00	S 137 Grant Payments		397.00
	850.00	Other grants		400.00
	4028.00	Local Maintenance Partnership (LMP)		3945.00
	404.03	Service Delivery		1446.46
	1296.00	Gwithian Green Local Nature Reserve		1530.10
	16.85	CLL Allowances/Expenses		0.00
	500.00	Towans Ranger Project		0.00
	1153.97	Reawla Park Project		7571.33
	1941.80	Defibrillator Project (S137)		7558.61
	120.00	Christmas Trees (S137)		295.00
	683.30	CLCA Training		0.00
	0.00	CDRA Horsepool Project		206.00
	0.00	Election expenses		440.74
	171.65	Awards & Ceremonies		303.54
	23528.55	Section 106 Streetscape		63785.52
	126.91	Neighbourhood Planning		1024.46
	<b>95282.18</b>			
		<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>158580.85</b>
	14.65	Petty Cash balance		0.00
	<b>95296.83</b>			<b>158580.85</b>
		Balances as at 1st April 2017:		<b>185213.72</b>
		ADD Total Income		100496.08
		DEDUCT Total Expenditure		158580.85
		Balances as at 31st March 2018:		<b>127128.95</b>

## Improvements to bus services



In May Cornwall Council's Transportation Services contacted the Parish Council to discuss possible improvements to bus services within the Parish. Cornwall Council wanted to install two new bus shelters on either side of the main road running through Connor Downs. This would include the replacement of an existing bus shelter owned by the Parish Council. After negotiation the Parish Council managed to

also secure a new hard standing at the far end of Reawla Lane leaving the village. This bus stop was very dangerous previously with no where for parishioners to stand when waiting for a bus. It is now much safer. The Parish Council also managed to negotiate that the new bus shelters would have seating, sides to protect from wind and community notice boards for advertising locally.

We also managed to negotiate with Cornwall Council that the existing bus shelter owned by the Parish Council would be re-used at another site within the village. The Parish Council owned bus shelter is now situated outside the Ocean Housing development adjacent to the railings. This now means there are four bus shelters in Connor Downs two on each side of the road.

## Defibrillator project

The Parish Council continues to install life saving public access defibrillators across the Parish. The two newest defibs are located at the Lifeguard hut at Gwithian Towans and at Atlantic Coast Holiday Park at Upton Towans, these are remote locations so this life saving equipment could make all the difference to the residents and holiday makers visiting and living there. This brings the total defibrillators installed by the Council in the Parish to 5 with a further 2 defibs in Connor Downs provided by the CDRA. Our 3 other defibs can be found in Reawla outside Reawla Stores, in Carnhell Green outside Mole Valley Farmers (formerly Gwinear Farmers) and in Gwithian Village outside the Red River Inn. A big thank you to all the businesses within the community that have supported this project to date. All the defibs within our parish are 24/7 public access defibrillators. All our defibrillators are monitored by the Ronnie Richards Memorial Charity and they have a dedicated website ([www.rrmch.org.uk](http://www.rrmch.org.uk)) showing the location of all defibs supplied by them. If you have an emergency where you think a defibrillator is needed phone the emergency services and they will guide you to your nearest defib if they think it is required.



### Grant Awards from the Parish Council

- Christmas trees were donated to both Primary Schools as well as the Residents Associations in Connor Downs and Reawla.
- Busy Bodies Pre-School was given £200 for the purchase of a portable bookcase
- Wall Music Festival was given £250 towards a professional adjudicator
- Wall Village Hall was given £150 for purchase of a replacement larder refrigerator for the kitchen
- CDRA Horsepool project was given £206 towards repairs to the footpath



If you need funding for a small community project contact us for a grant form or visit our website.

## Reawla Park Project

The Parish Council held a skate fun day at the park back in June and a number of local youths agreed to join a youth group for the skate area. The Reawla Park Working Group (RPWG) took the youth group to Mount Hawke in November to get an idea of what they like and what they thought other local youths might want for Reawla Park. Once the Council has finished some of the other phases they will look at raising funds with the Youth Group for the skate area.

The RPWG have been working really hard behind the scenes to set everything up for the refurbishment.

Throughout the year they have applied for several grants and now have enough financial support to start works on the Toddler/Mid Age Range areas.

Works should start on site around May 2018 and be completed by August 2018 for these two areas.



The RPWG has also been working in conjunction with the Probation Service to get some of the equipment that will stay as part of the new project refurbished. The swing set between the Toddler/Mid Age Range area was refurbished in October.

This project is funded by grants from:-



**Gwinear-Gwithian**  
Sustainable Community Fund

## Neighbourhood Planning

The Parish Council is delighted that all the hard work carried out by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and other volunteers involved in the process has culminated in the plan being 'made'.

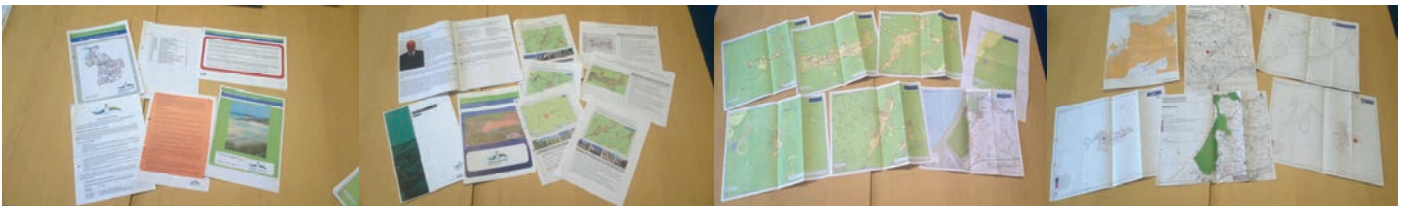
The vote in September 2017 resulted in the number cast in favour of a 'Yes' being 626 and the number cast in favour of a 'No' 83.

The plan was implemented by Cornwall Council on the 26<sup>th</sup> October 2017 being only the 10th Plan out of 121 parishes currently engaged in the stages of neighbourhood planning process to be 'made' in Cornwall.

Neighbourhood plans form part of the statutory development plan for the area that they cover and this is the starting point for assessing new planning applications.

Gwinear-Gwithian Neighbourhood Plan will now form part of the Cornwall Local Plan and applicants thinking of submitting applications to Cornwall Council will need to be fully aware of the legal planning documents they need to consider when submitting a planning application which include the Gwinear-Gwithian Neighbourhood Plan.

To view the adopted plan and appendices visit our website at [www.ggpc.org.uk/neighbourhood-planning](http://www.ggpc.org.uk/neighbourhood-planning)



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