

Welcome to our Annual Parish Meeting for 2017. Tonight, we welcome two Cornwall Councillors, Dominic Fairman, our Cornwall Councillor and Rob Rotchell, Cornwall Councillor for Camelford as well as being a Camelford Town Councillor.

Since his election last year and re-election this year Dominic has been assiduous on our behalf and your Parish Council has built up an excellent working relationship with him and we look forward to this continuing over the next 4 years and beyond.

Rob Rotchell is chairman of the Camelford Network, of which St Breward is one of its 17 parishes. He has worked tirelessly in promoting better health care in our network area. Tonight, he is going to tell us of the progress that has been made and what the future holds.

Celeste Powell our new Parish PCSO is unable to attend because of work commitments but has sent a report.

Last year I assured this meeting that despite many false dawns, the Chyryn Drive development was definitely, going to take place, and thankfully it did, just!

I have written to Ordnance Survey asking them to amend their map for this area to include Cornwall's latest Tor. I suggested calling it Joe's Folly, but the OS were not keen.

Two Councillors retired just prior to elections; Jane Hanscomb, who thinks she had been a councillor for almost 20 years and Babs Kendall. I thank them both for their hard work. The other 8 councillors were prepared to stand for re-election and as there were no further candidates all 8 were returned unopposed. Consequently, we have 2 vacancies for which we will soon be advertising. Not having an election saved your Parish £2,000.

I would like to thank all our councillors for their dedication throughout the year. A special thanks to Anita Cornelius, our Clerk, who's professionalism, integrity and friendliness have made St Breward Parish Council one of the best in Cornwall.

Your Council's year has been busy with big changes happening to St Breward.

Chyryn Drive is going to deliver 21 affordable homes, all for rent or shared equity. Your parish Council has fought hard for extra parking spaces and are pleased to say that there will be 42 spaces, two for each home. We tried to have the number of homes reduced by 2 to allow for even more parking but failed, despite appealing direct to the planning committee. We are still hopeful for some material benefits for St Breward, from the developers.

If you, or someone you know wants to stay or live in St Breward, I urge them to get on the housing register as soon as possible.

You will all be aware of the imminent closure of your village shop here in Row. Nine months ago I informed the Parish Council that Christine & I had no option but to close the shop and Post Office, as we had failed to attract a buyer. We were delighted when a parish councillor stepped into the breach. After a lot of effort and a considerable amount of money, Darren Wills has your

new shop and Post Office ready for opening. It has been a difficult gestation period (9 months), but we are hoping for an easy birth. A big thank you to Darren and we urge you all to support the new venture. None of us like change, but the alternative would have been unthinkable – No shop. No Post Office.

We have agreed a 2-year lease with Dr Garrod, so the Surgery will stay in Row until 28th April 2019.

Your PC has taken on the maintenance of the 3 urban footpaths, the triangle at Lank and the visibility splay on B3266 at Tinten. This should end visibility problems at these junctions.

Footpath 13 is still causing us severe problems especially in wet weather. FP 13 runs, or sometimes flows, from the square at Churchtown down to the school and in the past, was the Parish's principal footpath. Councillors have spent many hours trying to restore it. Some years ago, we were successful in securing £40,000 to rebuild the Cornish hedges, install drainage and improve the path surface. Cornwall Council assured us that the money was 'ringfenced' but when we asked for it, a change of personnel at Cornwall Council meant that it had disappeared. Since then we have patched bits of the hedges, but run-off from the farm and fields, collapsing hedges and rampant brambles make it almost impassable. Normally all public footpaths cross someone's land and the landowner has a duty to keep public footpaths open. FP 13 was downgraded from a 'Green road' in the 1950's and no one claims ownership.

With the relocation of the shop and Post Office to Churchtown, FP13 will once again become an important path in our village, and your council is determined to bring it up to an acceptable standard. As our precept is £15,000 you can see that we cannot afford to spend £40,000 on this.

We will check with Land Registry re ownership, have it surveyed and then prepare an estimate for the cost of the works. We will then seek help with fundraising to carry out these works. If you want to help in any way please let us know. Maybe we need to organise a "barn raising" type of event, where the community comes together to offer their skills and labour to provide a much-needed resource for our village, in return for a street party or BBQ to celebrate the finish of the work.

St Breward is a great community. Let's work together to make it better.

Denis Lusby

Chairman St Breward Parish Council

22nd May 2017