



# CARN BREA PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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## Chair's Update

Firstly, I would just like to offer my condolences to anyone who has lost a member of their family or suffered hardship as a result of this awful pandemic. I fear that our lives will take a long time to come back to anywhere near normal in the near future but the community spirit has been fantastic and I hope that this continues.

Despite COVID 19 and the initial lockdown it has been business as usual for the council but with the added complication of holding all meetings via zoom and some staff having to work from home. Our ground staff are about to start trimming the hedges in the parish which is a good sign.

It has been positive on the whole but COVID 19 has halted a lot of the ideas that we had in the pipeline for 2020. We were hoping to get the parish to join us in celebrating the VE celebrations and to involve the local schools in our gardening competition but unfortunately, that was not to be. We are looking forward to 2021 and hoping that some of the projects we've missed this year will be accessible next year.

The Neighbourhood Development Plan steering group, which consists of councillors and members of our community, are working with renewed energy after delays due to changes in leadership and Covid - 19 on our Neighbourhood Plan which will really benefit the future of our parish. Currently, they are consulting with Four Lanes on development boundaries, finishing the local landscape character assessment and are beginning to draft policies.

I've enjoyed spending time with my family and getting to speak to a lot of the community when I've been in my garden. With a lot more people using their exercise time to walk around our parish, it's been lovely to catch up with you all. One thing that has come out of this is that we really need to spend a lot of time in the near future planting some trees and some wildflower areas to encourage wildlife including bees. It's so important to promote this especially as we declared a climate emergency and we are exploring opportunities to support more wildlife such as bat and bird boxes.

*Cllr Dannielle Wills*

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## Amenities and Projects – Cllr MacDonald

We continue to maintain the land which we are responsible for, which includes Moorfield open space and Wheal Fortune Park. As ever, if you see anything which concerns you, please do contact the Parish to let us know.

Recently, councillors had an evening stroll around Wheal Fortune park to consider improvements and develop a long term plan for the park. This is being worked on at the moment and we are always interested in your ideas about how the space could be improved and better used. The higher level of fencing that was overgrown with ivy by the railway track has been removed to make it safe and we are looking into the possibility of bird boxes on the exposed posts and ways in which we can highlight and share the history of the space with users.

We have also been considering ways in which we can celebrate the community of Pool and it's history. Ideas include developing Christmas lights – as there are already many residents putting on a great show! – a notice board and floor plaques which would mark out significant places for people walking through.



*Cllr MacDonald, Cllr Moyle and Cllr Carlise on their walk around Pool*



## Dust off those trainers ... Runway Runaround is back for 2020

Last year over 600 people took part in Cornwall Air Ambulance's Runway Runaround. Those that did will surely remember the 5am start on a rainy Sunday morning in November and that incredible moment of crossing the finish line.

Due to the impact of Covid-19 on events, Cornwall Air Ambulance has decided to run the event virtually this year.

They are asking supporters to run, walk or cycle either 5k or 10k in a location of their choosing, on the weekend of 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> September. It costs £10 to sign up and all participants will receive a medal.

More information can be found on [www.cornwallairambulancetrust.org](http://www.cornwallairambulancetrust.org), or you can contact Steph on [steph@cornwallairambulancetrust.org](mailto:steph@cornwallairambulancetrust.org) or 01637 889926.



## Celebrating Volunteers!

Whilst Covid-19 has provided us with many and varying challenges, there have been some positive outcomes: reduced traffic and air pollution, more time outdoors and in the local community, better links between neighbours and pulling together.

Volunteer Cornwall have done a fantastic job at linking up those who need support with those who are able to get out and about during the period of shielding and are continuing to support members of the community now, continually adapting what is on offer. If you need support, or are able to offer support, please contact them on 01872 265305



***We also want to celebrate our Chair – Cllr Wills's – achievement in making over 10,000! Wow!***

## A3407 Pool – Redruth – Eastern Strategy Review – Opportunities, concerns and consensus



Carn Brea Parish Councillors were invited to a virtual meeting with Cornwall Council officers and Cormac engineers to discuss this report. At the heart of the report is the desire to reduce the amount of traffic along the old A3047 Agar Road and Trevenson Road. The provision of the new route through the industrial estate to Dudnace Lane and then through to Tescos via the link road has apparently proved less attractive than desired and there are some short term funds available to encourage greater use of the new route and to make the old route more “village like”.

With the limited short term funds, it was proposed that money be spent on getting a better understanding of what traffic actually did now. Things have changed since last surveys with more catering outlets at East Hill junction and a significant food hall nearby. The Parish council supported this, although Philip Desmond CC seriously questioned the proposed costs.

Another major cost was the build outs on one side of Barncoose Terrace to make a limited amount of on street parking, narrowing the carriageway and hopefully lowering speeds. Green infrastructure flower beds and planting at various locations was met with limited enthusiasm, as in most cases flowerbeds or verges already exist - it is simply the funding to maintain them that is required.

There was greater enthusiasm for appropriate street art on things like BT Cabinets etc, particularly if it involved local school children. Signing and lining on the new route was proposed but a clearway (no stopping) was viewed by the report as challenging and complex.

The general feeling was that because of the need for traffic to turn North toward Illogan, Park Bottom and Tehidy, and the number of destinations in the Pool area, shifting traffic is not going to be easy.

The idea of a Dutch style free for all with no pavements was mooted as was a 20mph speed limit. Major changes involve major expense and it is critical that they are based on current and future reality not on questionable historical information. Cycle lanes that cease to exist at traffic pinch points are not viewed as being helpful. Good road markings and clean road signs in good condition would be nice.

At the end of the meeting the question was put by the senior CC official, did the Parish Council support the idea of short term expenditure (the funds would disappear if a scheme was not approved and implemented by March 2020).

On those terms the councillors agreed, but subject to the comments made.

*Cllr Peter Sheppard*