



Chairmans Report 2023-24

Ponsanooth Parish Council enters its third year under its new name and the extended boundary. The Network Area Partnership consists of 9 town and parish councils around Falmouth and Penryn. This change means that funding is managed differently, and that the parish are more involved in the decisions about projects.

The Road Safety Group continue to meet regularly and has now invited neighbouring parishes, ie. Stithians, Gwennap, Perran-ar-Worthal and Mabe to review traffic issues and other methods of travel etc. The mobile camera next to Ponsanooth Hall is monitored by the Group and also the Ponsanooth Speed Watch Group meet to monitor speed on the A393 through Ponsanooth. The data collected by these projects is forwarded to the appropriate authorities. The aim of the Speed Watch Group is educational and a deterrent to lower speed through the village.

The Parish Council was awarded a Foundation Award which was presented by Sarah Mason of the Cornwall Association of Councils. This recognises that the council is operating lawfully and according to standard for councils.

The Neighbourhood Development Plan steering group continue to work towards completing this important document for examination by Cornwall Council. When adopted it will ensure the Parish gets the housing it needs and also protect our environment and deal with other important issues. There will be another consultation on this at Ponsanooth Fair day.

The parish Council has acquired the two open spaces situated in Forth- an-Cos which means these will be protected as Open Spaces with emphasis on a wildlife theme.

The Parish Council applied for a project for an accessible path on the playing field under the Community Levelling Up Fund from central government, under the Shared Prosperity Fund which is aimed to deliver clean and inclusive economic prosperity, often referred to as Good Growth. We did not expect this project to get the funding.

The paths on the field were opened for use on May 27th, 2024, and were immediately christened by toddlers on their bikes and an adult skateboarding. Since then, there have been others using this facility especially wheelchair users and parents with buggies.

The Playing field Association have ordered new goalposts which will be repositioned on the field. The Playing Field Association and the Parish Council also support the Street Games programme on the field, where a large number of young people have football coaching and play other games appropriate for the age groups. The football sessions on the field will be under the Speak



Out United theme, and it is envisaged there will be frequent sessions on the field which will contribute to health and wellbeing.

The Parish Council carried out some remedial work on the Commons Lane, but this lane needs more work and the Council will have to take advice on how best to preserve this historic thoroughfare.

The Parish Council has supported the publication of the new Ponsanooth post newsletter and hope that the community find this interesting and helpful.

The Paris council was consulted on many planning applications within the Parish. The Council has taken its responsibilities seriously and each application has been considered on its own merits and in the wider context of the area in which it is situated.

Councillors attendance

The council held 12 full council meetings this year. The Finance Committee also met 3 times. Councillors also give their time to the Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering group, Working groups for Road safety, Chapel Project and speed watch. Members of the council do not receive payment for duties carried out within the parish and there were no claims for travel and subsistence. In addition to the above meetings members represented the council on the Falmouth and Penryn Community Area Partnership meetings.

Attendance at Full Council, Finance Committee Meetings 1st May 23 – 30th April 24

Councillor	Full Council (12)	Finance Committee (3)	Notes
Cllr M Ferris	100%	67%	
Cllr D Willcocks	92%	100%	
Cllr M Beckett	92%	75%	
Cllr S Carlyon	67%	NA	
Cllr C Daly	100%	66%	
Cllr L Jackson	75%	100%	Co-opted 11/7/21
Cllr H Davies	50%	NA	Co-opted 11/7/21
Cllr I Robson	83%	NA	Co - Opted 12/7/21
Cllr D Udy	100%	NA	Co-opted 11/4/22
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