

**WINTER
2012**

Stepping Stones

BRIEFINGS

Lerryn River Stores

Deanna and Nigel O'Connell wish to retire and last year they put Lerryn River Stores and the associated holiday cottages up for sale. Naturally this has caused concern in the two parishes because the shop and post-office are seen to be a key resource in our community. St Veep councillors have met with Nigel and Deanna who are keen to ensure the continuity of the shop and they were very helpful about the possibility of a Community Store organisation taking on a lease should a commercial buyer not come forward. This February councillors met Nikki Mills of Cornwall Rural Community Council who gave them a briefing on the various options open to the community and the help which can be given. These options are being investigated and will be presented at a public consultation in the Spring. Councillors feel that it is essential to measure public interest and commitment so that a realistic contingency plan may be put in place.

Bus Shelter for Lerryn View

For some time the WI has been liaising with St Winnow Parish Council and the National Trust over the provision of a bus shelter near Ethy Gate. Mr Paul Walton of Cornwall National Trust assures the PC and WI that progress is being made and planning permission is being applied for. It is hoped to go out to tender with local builders in the near future.

News from St Veep and St Winnow Parish Councils

NEW COUNCILLORS for St Veep—in December Patrick Clark from Collon Field was appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Ken Hoskin. In January Flynn Pearce from Trevollard and John Hancock from Mixton were appointed to fill vacancies caused by the departure of Shirley Eddy and Tracey Fowler from the parish. The Parish Council was delighted that a good number of public-spirited people put their names forward and hopes that this bodes well for the council elections in 2013. A full list of current councillors is overleaf.

Parish Plan Update

The first phase of the joint Parish Plan Analysis, the analysis of the questions, was finished around Christmas time. The second phase, the collation of all of the comments onto a single questionnaire, was a singularly slow process and was completed at the end of February.

Thereafter the first draft conclusions will be drawn from the results and updated by the Parish Councillors to take account of any new regulations or changing situations. A public event will be held to allow parishioners to comment on these. Following this the plan proper will be drawn up.

The Governments new planning regulations may require us to prepare a "Neighbourhood Plan", possibly with other adjacent Parishes. This would not replace the Parish Plan as it concentrates only on Housing and Planning issues but it will require us to accept, as a minimum, any new housing/development which the Cornwall Core Strategy allocates to us. This is all a little hazy as yet but we will hopefully be able to clarify the position as the regulations come into law.

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations Beginning of Half-Term week Saturday 2nd, Sunday 3rd, and Bank Holidays Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th of June

In early February St Veep parish council arranged a meeting of representatives from various community groups to start planning our local celebrations for the Queen's diamond jubilee. The co-ordinating group is planning local events that will fit around the national televised events. So far it is hoped to hold a children's festive tea on the green, a river procession and picnic, a firework display and to plant oak trees. It is also hoped that young people will each receive a commemoration mug and a Carnival procession is being looked into. On the Sunday special prayers for the Queen and the royal family will be offered from St Winnow and St Veep Churches. If you would like to contribute or offer help please contact David St John 873373

Recent Planning

PA1104235. Listed building consent to carry out works at "Notts Mill", St Winnow. Supported by Parish Council and approved by Cornwall

Application PA11/03561. Consent to build lean to garden shed at "Tregonning", Lerryn. Supported by SW Parish C and approved by Cornwall.

Application PA11/09093. Installation of Solar PV panels generating up to 50Kw at "Greymare Farm". Supported by Parish Council.

SW council will be considering the following applications at their March meeting. Application PA12/00460, Construction of extension and modification to parking area at Trevanson, Lerryn.

Application PA11/08604. Installation of 32 Solar PV Panels (2 rows) at "Bosmaugan Farm".

Application PA11/05737 Penn Cottage Lerryn, reconstruction of outbuilding as dwelling and garage not supported by Parish Council but granted by Cornwall subject to conditions on vehicular access.

FAREWELL

At the November meeting St Veep parish council said good-bye to Councillor Shirley Eddy who has served as a councillor for the last 15 years. Shirley was thanked for her long and loyal service to the community and given best wishes for her move to Somerset.

Ice and Snow Plan in Place

The joint Ice and Snow plan for St Winnow and St Veep now incorporates Lostwithiel. This means that there should be cleared routes linking our rural communities with the trunk roads and the railway. During snowfall and freezing temperatures the grit spreader is ready at Manelly Farm and will commence spreading operations after taking advice from County Highways and local council contacts. It seems that having a plan in place guarantees a mild winter!

Solar PV Installation for Langunnett

Kronos a German solar power company hopes to put a low-level (2m high) photovoltaic array on two fields which they will rent just to the east of Langunnett Farm. Kronos held a brief consultation with the public on the 8th February and are now working up the scheme for the planning permission process. When the papers come to St Veep Parish Council there will be an opportunity for the public to look at the detailed scheme and comment. Please do read notice boards and check the Lerryn website.

Tree works at Mill Corner

This winter St Veep council carried out tree lopping and clearance at Mill Corner in Lerryn. Trees on parish land were growing dangerously near buildings in the Mill complex and urgent remedial lopping was necessary. Also it has come to notice that drivers following sat-nav instructions have attempted to drive up Mill Lane to the school. The parish council has placed a notice on its land advising drivers that this route is not suitable for vehicles.

IN MEMORIAM

Ken Hoskin Chairman of St Veep Parish Council died last summer after a long illness. Ken served on the council for forty five years and was a LA governor of Lerryn Primary School for forty years. Dedicated to the place he loved Ken was a wise and popular servant of the community. He supported the acquisition of the Red Store and the work of the Royal British Legion. The council has placed a bench in his memory on the Green facing the view he loved so much. Shortly after Ken's death Lawson Turpie of Highgate Farm died. Lawson served on St Veep parish council for 14 years after his semi-retirement in 1997. Like his old friend Ken, Lawson brought a huge amount of local knowledge and experience to public affairs.

WAITING FOR COUNTY

Lerryn Car park- update

Consultation with Cornwall Council continues as the issue of car parking at county level is debated. St Veep PC is still pursuing ownership of the Lerryn Car park and legal officers in County Hall are trying to sort this out. Meanwhile we enjoy the status quo.

Speed Limits-update

Arrangements for setting a speed limit through Lerryn are still moving slowly; too slowly! But CC Gavin Shakerley has elected to spend his budget on this and all indications are that 20mph speed limits will be in place before next October.

Lerryn Public Toilets -update

Having already agreed that it would willingly accept the offer to take over the running of the public toilets in Lerryn, St Veep PC has been told by Cornwall Council that there will be a further delay in the hand-over. This is because the committee at County Hall which is responsible for toilets throughout Cornwall wishes to revisit its plans and start again. However there is no indication that St Veep will not eventually get control and receive a start-up grant.

Potholes- Beware!

The Parish Councils are very concerned about the deep potholes in our country lanes. The Highways Department is regularly contacted but so far nothing has been done. Between Lerryn and Couch's Mill is particularly dangerous and cyclists in particular are urged to take care. Do back up our complaints by emailing fixmystreet.co.uk.

CO-OPERATION PLEASE!!!

Dog Mess Local and visiting dog owners are asked to take more care in cleaning up after their animals have defecated on public highways and public spaces. This winter has been particularly dire and owners are reminded that it is a punishable offence not to remove their dog's faeces from places where the public has access.

Rubbish & Recycling. Second Home and Holiday Cottage owners are reminded that it is their responsibility to make arrangements to put rubbish and recycling bags out on the appointed collection days and not before.

Your Parish Councillors St Veep

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Cllr David St John (Vice Chair)
Cllr Penny Philp
Cllr Patrick Clark
Cllr Flynn Pearce
Cllr Rob Briggs
Cllr John Hancock

St Winnow

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FOR INFORMATION OR TO RAISE AN ISSUE WITH YOUR PARISH COUNCILS

Please contact the Clerk. The Public may attend parish council meetings and speak during 'public participation'. St Veep PC meets at 7.30 on the second Thursday of each month. St Winnow bi-monthly on the 1st Tuesday at St Winnow School. (next meeting May) St Veep Council has a page on the Lerryn website www.Lerryn.com and a notice board by the Lerryn Memorial Hall.