

Parish Newsletter

March 2021

From Sally Lewis, Chair St Keyne Parish Council

I'm both delighted and sad to be sending out this newsletter. Delighted because it gives me the opportunity to pass on some of the good news about events in our parish, but at the same time, a little sad because this will be the last time I write as the Chair of St Keyne Parish Council. If you've been following our news, you'll know that from Monday May 10, there will be a new parish council that takes in the village of Trewidland into our boundary. So from that time, there will be a new council and new councillors. I'm sure that there will be many familiar faces in the new council, and I'm looking forward to welcoming them into our group.

In the meantime, if you have any questions about the new parish or any of the services we offer, I'm available, along with our Clerk to help you. Our contact details are printed at the end of this newsletter.

Welcome to Trewidland residents!

And following on from that elections news, we'd like to welcome all the residents from Trewidland who'll be joining up with us after the elections. Your councillors in Dobwalls have been meeting regularly with the ones from St Keyne to talk about your village, your village hall and some of the things you'd like to see changing. Already, the new parish council has agreed to divide its public meetings between the two wards, and we know from your new neighbourhood plan what matters most to you. Easiest way to keep up to date with the changes is to visit our website or follow St Keyne & Trewidland Community Notice Board on Facebook.

Goodbye Longlands Recreation Ground – closed from 31 March 2021

Twelve years ago the Parish Council and a local landowner agreed a lease on part of the field at Longlands, opposite the Church. This enabled an enthusiastic group of parishioners to successfully apply for grants to turn an agricultural piece of land into a play area, with football goal posts, a basketball hoop and plenty of room for ball games for the more energetic young people. The area was used in the past for carnivals and fetes and many other forms of outdoor entertainment. Sadly the lease has now expired and is to be taken back for agricultural use. The land will no longer be the responsibility of the Parish Council although the hard standing is going to be available for parking for the Church. Thank you to everyone who developed this amenity in the first place and to all of those who have helped to maintain it since, with special thanks to Sharon and Peter Clemens who kindly allowed us to have use of their field.

Election 2021

We hope you've noticed that there will be local elections held on May 6. This is an opportunity to elect not just your parish councillor, but your Cornwall Councillor and the Police & Crime Commissioner for Devon & Cornwall. First thing – are you on the electoral register? If you're not or not sure, call the Clerk's Office and he can confirm if you are. You need to be on the register to be able to vote – deadline for registration is 19 April and you can do it online. If you prefer to use a postal vote, you can register now and have up to 20 April to apply. Easiest way is to do this is to call Cornwall Council on 0300-1231 115.

Ever thought of becoming a parish councillor? If you'd like to be a voice for your community and be part of the decision making that affects you and your neighbours, why not stand for election? The newly enlarged parish of St Keyne & Trewidland is looking for 9 councillors, and you could be one of them. If you'd like to know more, visit our website and follow the links on the front page. We've produced 4 Quick Guides that explain how the council works and what part councillors have in that. If you're elected, you'll receive full training in how a councillor works as part of the council team. Why not attend the next public meeting on 13 April to get a taste of how it all works? Full details of how to join in are published on our website, or call the Clerk's Office.

Clean & Green in St Keyne

The recent grass-cutting and hedge trimming have certainly neatened up the local roadside and the spring flowers have added a good splash of colour even on the dullest of days, but the odd discarded coffee cup, plastic bag and coloured wrappers are now more visible along the main road. Although they are few in number they are a blot on our beautiful countryside and a timely reminder to us all to dispose of our rubbish responsibly. The Parish Council waste bins situated around the village are well used and help to keep the village clean and tidy.

As we move into the summer months and we are able to be out and about much more, incidents of dog mess tend to increase. Please use a poop scoop and/or a bag to clear up after your dog so that other people can confidently walk along the pavement, especially when it gets dark.

During last summer, used crockery and cutlery were left on one of the patio tables outside the village hall; unclaimed after a few days they were thrown away. Over Christmas, three children's jackets were left in Jubilee Park. After a month they were still there - they have now been washed and are ready to go to a charity. This is not littering, this is money being thrown away - please check that your children return home with everything they went out with.

Cleaner & Greener in Jubilee Park

Last year, the council trialled some changes that allowed dogs to be exercised in Jubilee Park. We are happy to tell you that our dog owning residents have made sure that the park stayed clean and there have been no complaints since early summer last year. Dog owners have appreciated at having somewhere where their dogs can run freely. So the great news is that we can continue access for at least another year.

If you're taking your dog into the park, please keep them under control, don't allow them into the play area and don't forget to pick up and dispose of all waste properly. Thank you for your continued co-operation in keeping our village clean and tidy.

Looe Valley Trail

A new online community space for the Looe Valley Trails project has been launched to give residents and businesses an opportunity to share their thoughts and ideas about proposals to create a local network of trails for walking and cycling. It looks as though the Looe to Liskeard section will pass through our parish. This would be a combination of largely traffic free sections and a section along quiet country lanes. It will be an accessible route to be used by everyone, offering opportunities for health, engaging with the environment and enjoying what south east Cornwall has to offer.

Search online for Let's Talk Looe Valley Trails to get updates and give feedback on the project to link Looe, Liskeard, Bodmin and the Rame Peninsula in Cornwall.

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