

## **Annual Reports from Annual meeting of Kea Parish Council held on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

### **Chair**

The first Kea Day hotly followed the AGM last year and was a very successful event with participation by a large number of local businesses, societies and groups. Much effort was put in by Councillors and, in particular, our 'new' Clerk, Emma Jenkin and the day was enjoyed by all who attended. Much the same formula is being employed for this year's event due on 26 May and, fingers crossed, it should prove just as popular. Footpaths in the Kea ward have been surveyed by Cllr Nigel Baker who has spent a tremendous amount of time and energy in ensuring the maintenance and longer term well being of our extensive footpath network. That work should be completed this year with the weather always an issue. The really big project we have been involved in is the skate park renewal and the new play equipment. The Council has invested a considerable amount of money, time and effort into these areas, helped by the significant amount of Section 106 money received from the 'Piskey Farm' development. Whilst the final landscaping has been delayed considerably by the appalling wet conditions our contractor (and several councillors!) found themselves working in the, the work is nearing completion and should provide a top quality facility for local children. Special thanks go to Cllr Ross Treseder and, of course, our ever vigilant Clerk, Emma Jenkin. We look forward to the grand opening in the coming weeks, when the new grass has had a chance to grow. All the usual Council functions have been supported over the year and we go into the next year in a strong financial position. Another excellent year for Kea Parish Council. Many thanks.

Steve Chamberlain

Chairman

Kea Parish Council

15 May 2018

### **Clerk/ Responsible Financial Officer Annual report May 2018**

The accounts for 2017/18 have been internally audited by Mrs Helen Hood and no issues were raised. The annual return will be signed at this meeting and then submitted.

We finished the financial year over budget but this was mostly due to the work on the park which has mostly been paid for by Section 106 money. We have finished the year with total cash carried over of £37558.37. The reserves have been reduced by just over £5000, this was planned for.

This is split as follows:

£27536.91 in the deposit account

£10011.62 in the current account

£9.84 in petty cash

We have raised the precept slightly this year to £30031, some of which will be accounted for by the revenue from the new homes in Piskey Meadow which are now fully occupied. .

The major spending this year has centred around the park, with tree works carried over from last year, the new play equipment and works to the skate ramp. We have also installed a dropped curb and carried on cutting the footpaths and maintaining the bus shelters. We also took on the maintenance of 2 benches in Coombe.

We have received Section 106 money from Cornwall Council – a total of £29980.

## **Highways Report**

Highways issues continue to cause concern in the Council. Many potholes have been reported and certainly the worst have been filled in but lack of resources within Cormac and the very strict guidelines they follow means that potholes have to reach a certain depth before they will take action. Traffic Regulation Orders are expensive to initiate and see through. The Parish Council has a short list of outstanding issues and hopes to lump a number together before submission to keep costs low. The latest initiative by Cornwall Council to allocate one free TRO each year to each Community Network Area and £50k in funding might see some of our previous rejected TROs resurrected - we shall see! The Parish Council paid for a reduction in kerb height behind the petrol station and this seems to have been well received. Road resurfacing to the Punchbowl and beyond also seems to have finally started after years of urging!

Steve Chamberlain  
Chairman  
Kea Parish Council  
16 May 2018

## **Paths Report May 2018**

By the beginning of 2018 I had walked all the rights of way on the east side of the A39 together with Path 1 from Higher Kea to the A39. I drew up a detailed report for all these paths with many photos and maps indicating both where signposts, way markers, stiles etc existed and identifying where work was required on these paths.

The surveys were passed on to the clerk and should prove useful in future years with the management of the paths.

In February the clerk, chairman and myself met with Penny Hodgson of Countryside Access for advice on a way forward. Following on that meeting we have now identified the owners of the land where there are issues, identified what the issues are, supplemented this with detailed photos and asked Penny Hodgson to write to these landowners giving them a time frame for the work to be completed. We are still unsure if those letters have been sent.

We have identified sites where signposts to paths from the highway need to be replaced, informed Penny Hodgson of these and she has agreed to ask Cormac to replace them.

We have identified sites where waymarking posts need to be replaced, Penny Hodgson has agreed to supply us with the posts required, we await delivery of the posts.

As well as the above the major issues are the remaining obstruction of the right-of-way at Old Kea (Path 5), now also in the hands of Penny Hodgson, and the dire state of the bridge on Byway 4 between Treloggas and Higher Lanner, now in the hands of Cormac.

Path 1 has been reopened and an excellent new bridge built near California Lodge.

The paths have again been very well trimmed by EHS. Having walked the paths we are now in a better position to make some minor alterations in the trimming programme.

Much progress has been made from work done by the parish council but I remain very frustrated by the inaction from Penny Hodgson at Countryside Access and by Cormac.

My thanks to the clerk for all the support given.

Nigel Baker

May 2018

## **Kea Parish Council Playground Committee Report**

May 2018

It has been a busy year for the Playground and I would like to start by thanking everybody for their support this last year without this support we would not have achieved half as much as we have.

The year started with an ongoing court case when a member of the public injured themselves on the skate park and required hospitalisation, this has been resolved through our insurers.

We then went on to carry out the following works

1. Repairs to the skate park
2. New signage
3. Tree work
4. Drain Survey and repair (the community centre sewer running to the front of the park)
5. New Play equipment to the central area (ground mats to be completed on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May)
6. New drainage to the central area leading to a soakaway to the rear of the park.

This years Rospa report was largely favourable however due to the ongoing work on the new equipment the it was not able to be inspected. One issue picked up was the uneven mats under the "Trafalgar" unit we have asked EHS to quote for this.

Looking forward to the next 12 months the paths around the park have taken a hammering over the elongated build period for the new equipment and may need re -surfacing. The skate park needs ongoing repairs and there is some rubbish to remove from the entrance to the playground and it may also be prudent to look at the road entrance we have discussed more stone for this it may be worth doing. I suggest we discuss these items at the next meeting.

I would like to thank everybody for their support without the prompt responses we have had some of the above would not have been possible this year.

Ross Treseder

## **Kea and District Community Centre Report to the Annual Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

The Centre's monthly calendar is now available on several parish notice boards, together with a list of all 22 organisations which use the Hall regularly. We usually have to say no to the casual use of the Main Hall during the week. On Saturdays and Sundays we take 'one-off' bookings. The Stockley meeting Room may also be available for such bookings.

Following the installation of the defibrillator on the outside wall, a training session was arranged in its use. We still hold some funds in excess of those required for this defibrillator. As yet nowhere else in the Parish has been identified as a suitable place for another one.

The lights throughout the main rooms have been upgraded to LED. A baby changing system has been installed in the disabled toilet.

Kea Day on May 20<sup>th</sup> was a great success with the centre being visited with many people who hadn't been in before!

A clothes recycling bank has been placed in the carpark. This is in aid of the Charity Bosom Buddies.

We were obliged to close the Centre for 3 weeks in August in order for the replacement kitchen to be installed. This is now complete and much admired. The new equipment includes an industrial high speed dishwasher.

The clearing of leaves and rubbish by the Community Payback Scheme arranged by the Probation Service was carried out in November. Two local boys have also been tidying around the carpark. The outside drains were cleared after a blockage in November.

On December 15<sup>th</sup> the Annual Village Carols were well attended, and singers were well fortified with apple punch and mincepies. £50.00 was sent to St Petroc's Society.

After many years of dedicated and reliable service we were sad to lose our caretaker Howard Burrows at Christmas. He also resigned from the Management Committee. We were pleased to welcome Peter Strevens, one of the Truro Folk Dance members, in his place. We were also sad when Mandy Prior offered her resignation from the Committee. She has been a steady member for several years.

Before Christmas we interviewed several candidates and finally appointed Shane Dudding from Playing Place as cleaner. There have been many positive comments about the present cleanliness of the building and the helpfulness of Shane. His hours are similar to Howard's previously. The number for the key box is being changed regularly, and those given the number are reminded not to let anyone else know!

The current hourly rents for Kea residents are £5.75 for the Main Hall and £4.00 for the Stockley Room. For those outside Kea Parish the charges are £8.50 and £5.50.

These rates are set to increase slightly from September 2018. These rates will be confirmed at the AGM on June 5<sup>th</sup>. When the Community Centre annual accounts will also be available.

**Illegal use of footpaths group report 2018**

This group was set up last April after several parishes communicated their worries about the illegal use of footpaths and bridleways by a few inconsiderate motorbikes and four by four owners. The consequence of abusing paths meant only for pedestrians or on horseback is severe erosion and in a small number of incidents intimidating and anti social behaviour.

Inspector Ian Thompson from Falmouth and Mike Eastwood the countryside access officer from Cornwall Council are part of this group as well as members of Chacewater, Gwennap, Carharrack, Lanner, St Agnes and Kea Parish Councils, and the neighbourhood watch tea, from St Day who report to Carharrack Parish Council. The clerk of Kea Parish Council takes the minutes and organises the meetings as well as collating information.

The area covered is over three separate policing areas, the North coast, Camborne and Truro/Falmouth.

The police are now collating the reports of these areas together to show the pattern of problems, this is done by email rather than phoning 101 so that there is a paper trail.

The police carried out an operation during the winter including VOSA and Cornwall Council Countryside Access Officers to try to target and identify motorbikes with no number plates using footpaths and bridleways. Although this had limited success, due to social media, the illegal use of red diesel was identified. Another such operation is unlikely to take place due to limited resources

At the most recent meeting held at KCC, the police officer(?) present suggested that we make a 4point plan to present to County Councillors, Cllr Chamberlain is also going to raise the issue at the next Truro and Roseland Community Network panel and the other members of the group are going to do the same with their local network groups.

Thanks to Emma Jenkin for all the work that she has done with this group.

Jayne Spenceley May 2018

## **Truro and Roseland Network Panel Report May 2018**

Standing items A390 Truro western corridor

Other topics covered, speed watch, social prescribing, strengthening community networks, general highways queries.

July meeting probably the most successful and well attended with the outcome of delaying of changing the roundabout at the top of Arch Hill to traffic lights.

<http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/media/29117471/draft-truro-roseland-cnp-notes-18-07-17-v4.pdf>

In November South West Water were taken to task about no back up power to the pumping station at Calenick and the ability of the works at Newham to cope with all the new proposed housing.

<http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/media/30373675/draft-truro-roseland-cnp-notes-14-11-17v2.pdf>

We eagerly await the outcome of raising the illegal use of footpaths as an agenda item by Cllr Chamberlain in the upcoming meeting of Tuesday 15th May - all are welcome!

Jayne Spenceley 12/05/2018

### **2018 Annual Parish Report**

**For Kea**

**John Dyer**

Cornwall Council member for Chacewater, Kenwyn and Baldhu

To all residents of Kea Parish, particularly those who live in the Baldhu Ward.

It is always good to start a report with positive items and to say it was a pleasure to be able to make a grant from the local members grant fund to the Scouts and Guide at Tomperrow Camp site in the Baldhu Ward, to help boost their play equipment.

The recent changes to the electoral system might be considered by some to be an improvement but the local council recommendation from the Boundary Commission is that Cornwall Council be reduced to 87 elected members in 2021. This will effect Kea Parish having, after the next election, one Cornwall Council Member representing the whole parish (and not two as at present), the current ward I represent will change to cover all of the Threemilestone village, the


Greenbottom ward of Kenwyn Parish and all of Chacewater Parish including Twelveheads which at one stage was talked about being included in Kea Parish.

Today as I write, Cornwall Council decided to back the Stadium of Cornwall proposal with 69 votes in favour and 41 against with 7 abstentions with also as a grant of £3 million pounds to help their funding. I was one of the 41 members that voted against the proposal because the local residents were practically unanimous in their opposition for four main reasons:

- the traffic levels on the A390 is already too heavily congested and not coping with the volume of traffic today
- the impact the additional traffic and development will have on the Royal Cornwall Hospital at Treリスケ (access for ambulances etc)
- that the effluent disposal will be discharged into a very large tank and then pumped out by tankers - although the supporters would not explain how it was to be disposed of, but I assumed then spread on agricultural land which I found totally unacceptable on the grounds of smell and the fly population for local residents. I was also concerned that if the tank failed all the effluent would seep into the River Kenwyn and end up in Victoria Square in Truro and the consequences of that did not bear thinking about.
- when the original planning permission was given to the site, Cornwall Council overwhelming voted that the permission would only be granted if there was to **no** public money put into the project and this proposal was contrary to that council decision.

So in conclusion out of 123 Members with the ability to vote on the Stadium proposals it went through with a majority of 18 – many of which on a regular basis do not travel along the A390 road or wish to know anything about the sewage system being enforced on us.

The mundane work from day to day will continue e.g. fly tipping, potholes, planning permissions and I will continue to help and support the people of Baldhu ward to the best of my ability. My thanks go to Kea Parish Council for their warm welcome when I attend meetings – which I enjoy and to the Chairman and Clerk for their efficient running of your Parish.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Dyke', with a long, sweeping flourish extending from the end of the name.

April 2018

**Councillor Martyn Alvey**

**Cornwall Council Member for Feock and Playing Place**

**Annual Report to Kea Parish Council – 17 May 2018**

I have thoroughly enjoyed being your Cornwall Councillor for what has been a busy 12 months. Being a new Councillor has really lived up to expectation, although there are certainly 'highs and lows' to the role and you soon get to learn what you can actually 'do', what you can 'influence' and the things that you are powerless to change. Party Politics only plays a minor role in the day to day work of a Councillor; I work closely and share many interests with members in all the other groups at County Hall.

My role as a Cornwall Councillor broadly falls into three areas: Firstly, it's to represent the interests of one's constituents and undertake casework on their behalf. Casework can involve any of the myriad of issues for which residents are reliant on Cornwall Council, ranging from Social Housing and Social Care needs to Planning, Pot Holes and Waste Collection. However, from time to time I am also asked to advocate on matters important to residents outside the direct control of the Council, such as with South West Water, the Marine Management Organisation or The Environment Agency. In these instances, I have a close working relationship with Sarah Newton MP who can often carry more sway. I receive a small annual budget of £2000 (known as a Community Chest) which I can allocate to local groups or projects to enhance their facilities or kick-start community initiatives. By way of an examples, I was able to allocate some of my 2017/18 Community Chest towards the purchase of Children's carpet Bowls for the Carpet Bowls Club, A coach trip for the Monday Club and decorating costs for Kea Parish Hall. Applications are now open for the 2018/19 Community Chest.

Since being elected, the majority of my casework locally has been planning related. Primarily the Parish Council and residents seeking support in objecting to planning applications or complaining that an individual has breached a planning condition or damaged protected trees. Whilst I have no authority to overturn a planning or enforcement decision, I often ask officers to review and reconsider their recommendations and can call planning matters before a committee of elected Councillors to have the final word on the matter. Other matters I have dealt with in the Parish have included: Antisocial behaviour, inconsiderate parking, overgrown hedges and of course 'pot holes'!

The second role of a Councillor is more strategic and requires me to participate in the work of a number of Council committees. I have been selected to sit on the Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Central Planning Committee and the Standards Committee. I am also a member of the Shadow Cabinet, shadowing the Environment and Public Protection portfolio and represent the Council on two outside bodies – The Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Partnership and as a trustee of the Cornwall Community Flood Forum. I am also currently leading an Inquiry to recommend a future strategy for Cornwall Council's 99 x tenanted 'County Farms'.

The third role of a Councillor is to have an overview of all work of the Council and participate and vote in those matters for which the whole Council has a collective decision-making responsibility such as the setting of the budget. However, it should be understood that many important matters are decided by the Cabinet of 10 Councillors made up from the Independent/Liberal Democrat coalition administration and as a Conservative, I am a member of the 'opposition'. Nonetheless, I have participated in a range of debates including the 2018/19 Budget, the funding for a Stadium (which I supported) and the form that our new kerbside waste collection will take from 2020. Over the past 12 months I have recorded a 100% attendance record, the only meetings missed being those where I have been 'double booked' with other Council duties.

I look forward to another 12 months representing the residents of Feock and Playing Place at County Hall.