

# Annual Report from the Parish Council Chair 2024-2025

St Keyne & Trewidland Parish Council  
Cllr Kevin Shovelton

## **Welcome**

Our former Parish Councillor and Vice Chairman, Peter Higgs sadly passed away in January this year. Peter was best known for his leadership of St Keyne Village Hall and he freely gave his time and energy to the local community over many years. Our sincere condolences are with his family and friends. Parish Councillor Roger Cook resigned in September, and we wish him well with his other volunteering ventures. We also welcomed Martin Cluer to the Parish Council in November, ensuring we maintain a full complement of nine Councillors. We are now at the end of the four-year election cycle and the election of our Parish Council has been declared 'uncontested' – that is, not requiring an election – because the number of nominated candidates is not greater than the number of seats.

## **Road Safety**

Liaison has continued with Cornwall Council to improve the safety of road users in the Parish. This regular liaison has produced several safety improvements on the B3252 between Horningtops and Bylane End, including: new warning signs on the roadside and on the road surface; speed monitoring exercises by Cornwall Council and the Police; consideration of further safety measures; and a commitment to continued joint discussions.

We also promoted and responded to the Cornwall Council consultation on implementing 20mph zones. We hope many of you also responded! We supported the need for 20mph zones through both St Keyne and Trewidland villages. Keeping roadside hedges trimmed back before spring is an important safety consideration on our narrow lanes and although most landowners have done so this winter, it is disappointing that a few remain uncut.

## **The Informer**

Our community magazine is now well established – you may well be reading this now in Edition no7. It has proved to be a valuable source of information and celebration of many aspects of our community life. Informal feedback shows that you enjoy reading articles on a wide range of topics and it's great that there are plenty of people volunteering articles – keep them coming! A big thank you to our Editors, Patricia Hopwood and Lindsey Ellis.

## **Local Infrastructure**

The Parish Council has invested in several items around the Parish including, among others, a new bench for Jubilee Park; a contract with Biffa to empty public bins; a portrait of King Charles III for each Village Hall; spring bulbs for the grass verges and a 'soldier silhouette' sculpture for the war memorial (in partnership with the Garden Club) and a contribution to the purchase of solar panels for St Keyne Village Hall.

### **Footpaths**

Two new Kissing gates have been installed on the footpath from Lower Town to Lake in Trewidland, in partnership with the new landowner. We are applying to Cornwall Council to amend the 'Definitive Map' of Cornwall by designating a 'Public Right of Way' on a short section of footpath – which we believe has been mistakenly omitted - where it exits onto the road near Lower Reedy Mill. Statements of evidence are being collected from residents who have historically used the footpath. A big thank you to local residents Nikk and Caroline for their help with this.

### **Housing and Development**

Cornwall Council consult the Parish Council on planning matters and we spend a lot of time considering all applications. We have considered eight applications in the past year, plus eleven others which were 'for information'. We also looked at the Cornwall Council 'Call for sites' for the Cornwall Local Plan 2030-50 and responded in detail to their consultation.

### **Green Team**

A 'Green Team' was launched by the Parish Council for everyone in the community who is keen to 'increase biodiversity, improve our use of local and natural resources, connect with nature and tackle the challenges of climate change'. Fifteen people attended the first meeting and a couple of little projects are being developed. The recent successful screening of the acclaimed film, "6 inches of soil" at St Keyne Village Hall, was an idea first discussed by the Green Team.

### **Finally . . .**

Your Parish Councillors also carry out many other little individual tasks in the community too numerous to mention here. We also work with other volunteers and helpers across our community who freely make a huge contribution to community life through their efforts – thank you everyone!

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