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The Minutes of the Annual Parish Virtual Zoom meeting, held on Monday the 9th of March 2021 at 7:00pm.

**Present virtually: Councillors:** Chair Cllr Steve Medway. Vice Chair Cllr P Brooks. Cllr L Jenkins. Cllr D Lester. Cllr W Evans. Cllr Ian Court. Parish Clerk Mrs N. Gray. 1 member of the Public joined.

## 1. APOLOGIES. None

The Chair led a 1 minute silence, to mark the passing of HRH The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

## 2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Mrs G. Kennedy had sent an email request, asking that thanks be given to Mrs Angela Harvey and Mr. John Cameron, who have been litter picking in all three villages every Saturday.
- A note of thanks was given to Mrs Julie Bates and Andrea Evans for clearing the flowerbed at the cross, Crafthole and replanting it. Also, to the Sanders family children, that kindly helped to weed out the thread roots within the earth.
- The Garden club wanted to inform all members and potential future members that it hopes to resume meetings when circumstances allow.
- Cllr Brooks noted that they had been fortunate to continue with preschool, in the Memorial Hall, through lockdown.
- The Clerk to Sheviock Parish Council thanked Cllr Evans and Cllr Medway for the time and effort they had both put into creating the new Finnygook walk, permissive footpath, which is now open and is a great asset to the parish, both for linking to the coastal path as well as linking the villages of Crafthole and Portwrinkle, enabling pedestrians to use a safer off-road route.
- Mr J Candy, previous Caradon Cllr 2009, current Clerk and Cllr for St Dominic's Parish Council wanted to note that he was pleased to see the parish looking tidy and well cared for. Noting the developments of the 20mph zone, and the play park and the Community Shop.
- The Chair noted that the Community shop and its staff/volunteers had been a great asset for the parish, and a lifeline during the lockdown/pandemic that was greatly appreciated.

## 3. ANNUAL REPORT 2021, CHAIR OF SHEVIOCK PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman's Report 2021

We started this financial year in Lockdown and only now in April 2021 does it seem that we might, at last, be emerging from this unprecedented period.

Following Cornwall Council advice, we had no council meetings from April to June. This was not to say the Parish Council went into hibernation – far from it. We instigated the emergency plan and organised a network of volunteers to look out for each other. Difficult decisions were made regarding the use of our assets and the safety of our staff.

Meetings from July have been conducted through the Zoom online platform and it must be said, they have been a success.

During the first lockdown the toilets and the play park were closed to the public. Following a thorough range of safety reviews and risk assessments, they re-opened until the second lockdown in January, when the toilets were again closed. The toilet upkeep team, however, decided to put their term of enforced layoff to good use and spruced up the toilet blocks – well done. The car park remained open and taking fees throughout as it was felt this could be safely achieved with no risk to staff while still maintaining an income.

The organisation of zoom meetings, along with managing the closures and the additional communications from Cornwall Council increased the clerk's workload which was absorbed in an admirable manner.

We welcomed a new Councillor in Ian Court representing the Sheviock corner of the parish.

The Finnygook Lane footpath has finally been signed off, the signs erected and now in regular use. Come the return of more normal times we'll have a proper opening ceremony.

We have achieved funding for a permanent Speed Activated sign to be installed on the eastbound carriageway at the gateway to Sheviock, and part share of a mobile speed activated sign outside the Memorial hall. Thanks, should be given to all involved, especially the volunteers past and present on the Parish Community Speed Watch Team.

The parish elections are due next month, so these will be the final months of this council.

We have managed to keep our precept at last year's rate which considering rising costs of staff, legislation, defibrillator upkeep et al, is a laudable achievement.

So, I'd like to conclude by thanking all our councillors, who have contributed immensely to the running of the council; our team of staff who have worked on to keep the parish moving; to the volunteers who made themselves available to render assistance to anyone in need; and to the volunteers and Warren who worked so hard to make the footpath a reality. And finally, thanks to Nancy our clerk, who has done so much to keep us going.

I commend this report to you.

Steve Medway Chairman Sheviock Parish Council

April 2021
The chair closed the meeting at 19:13

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