

# ROCHE PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD

### IN THE MAIN HALL OF THE ROCHE VICTORY HALL

ON MONDAY, 13<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024 AT 6.30PM

Present	Cllr. D. Inch (Chairman)	Cllr. D. Yelland Cllr. M. Edyvean	Cllr. G. Rowe (Vice-Chairman)
	Cllr. Mrs. S. Tippett	Cllr. P. Kent	Cllr. B. Kretowicz
	Cllr. M. Taylor	Cllr. Mrs. L. Harrison	Cllr. Mrs. H. Retallick
	Cllr. Mrs. A. King	Cwll. Cllr. P. Guest	PCSO S. Tibbles
	1 Member of Public		

98/24	<b>Welcome and Opening of the 2024 Annual Meeting:-</b> Chairman opened the 2024 Annual Meeting and welcomed all.	
99/24	<b>Apologies for non-attendance:-</b> Clerk.	
100/24	<p><b>Annual Report Cornwall Councillor:-</b> Councillor P. Guest sent his report for the Roche and Bugle Division 2023-2024 as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Another year gone by, where does the time go? I would like to start this report off for thanking you, the Parish Council for your hard (and often unsung) work throughout the year. It can be a thankless but also a very rewarding task, residents tend not to realise that you are volunteers serving the community in your own time.</li> <li>• I have kept in close contact with both the Chair and the Clerk and attended as many monthly meetings as possible. I have also kept you all up to date with my monthly written reports and my regular article in the Roche Newsletter. Despite all this, my mantra remains unchanged, please do not wait until the next meeting, if something crops up that you think I can help with, get in touch straight away.</li> <li>• It has been a busy year. I suppose one of the main items of note for this Parish is the successful roll out of the new waste collection system. Being the first area of approximately 52,000 households did bring its teething problems, but in general these were soon resolved and lessons have been learnt from us 'Guinea Pigs' which will make the current roll out in South East Cornwall much smoother.</li> <li>• These are exciting times within the Electoral Division, there is a lot going on and the 3 major projects that I would like to mention are the A30 Link Road to St. Austell, which is now back on schedule following a delay due to the horrendous weather that we've experienced recently. The Mid Cornwall Metro Link which will deliver improvements and enhancements to both Roche and Bugle stations and Cornish Lithium which should bring economic prosperity and jobs to the area.</li> <li>• The new indoor skate park (TR7) has opened in Roche and we currently have 2 grant applications going through to build a Village Hall in Whitemoor and build a new community activity park in Bugle. These projects are being funded through the shared prosperity fund and the donkey work is being done by our new Clay Country Community Area Partnership of which this Parish is a member and I would encourage you to come along to our meetings as your input is important to us, especially if there are any local projects that you feel may benefit from funding.</li> <li>• Within the Division, I was pleased to get the decision to not open the Ebenezer Polling Station for the recent Police &amp; Crime Commissioner election reversed.</li> </ul>	

	<p>I did pop in at lunchtime on the day to thank the staff on duty, they said that it had been a quiet start but hoped that it would pick up later on in the day. I have asked Electoral Services for the turnout number out of curiosity, although it is irrelevant, if just one person was able to cast their vote there, it justifies having the Station in place. Also, on the day, I made a point of dropping in on all the Polling Stations in our patch to thank the staff on duty for their efforts, before pulling an all-nighter at Bodmin verifying the count, followed by an early start and long day at Carn Brea for the actual count.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Talking of elections, I was heavily involved with the Cornwall Youth Council elections and the subsequent first sitting. I am always inspired by the young people involved and their fresh outlook or different take on the issues they face. This term I will be mentoring the group dealing with feeling safe and safe spaces. We've met once so far, and I have been bombarded with loads of good ideas and have been given plenty of homework.</li> <li>• Casting my net even wider, Armed Forces Day centred around Falmouth was a great success. Given my service background, it was a given that I would be heavily involved with it and it was heartening to see Cornwall turn up in numbers to support our Armed Forces.</li> <li>• With my Vice Chair of Cornwall Adult Education hat on I was pleased to meet the Minister for Education Gillian Keegan MP recently to discuss the devolution of the Adult Education budget to Cornwall Council and the opportunities to offer job training and apprenticeships to our residents.</li> <li>• You will have been kept up to date throughout the year by my monthly reports, a lot has been achieved, but there is always so much more to do.</li> <li>• Once again, thank you for your efforts this year and I am looking forward to working closely with you in the year to come.</li> </ul> <p>Chairman thanked Cornwall Councillor P. Guest for his report this evening.</p>	
101/24	<p><b>Annual Report from Police:-</b> Report received from PCSO Steve Tibbles for 2023-2024 as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• St. Austell Neighbourhood Team currently comprises 8 x Police Officers known as Neighbourhood Beat Managers, 5 x Police Community Support Officers, and 3 Tri-Service Safety Officers covering 3 geographic patches of St, Austell-East, Town and West teams. Staffing changes for the last 12 months include an additional 2 NBM's to join the team over the next couple of months. Sergeant Ian Chambers has temporarily moved to an Acting Inspector role, with NBM Will Chesterfield taking over as Acting Neighbourhood Team Leader in his absence. Inspector Matthew Trevivian remains Sector Inspector for St Austell.</li> <li>• The team covering Roche includes NBM Steph Tann, PCSO Steve Tibbles, and PCSO Ally Relf. There will be another NBM joining this patch very soon as part of the additional 2 officers.</li> <li>• Three Tri-Service Safety Officers are based in Fowey, Lostwithiel and St. Dennis Fire Stations. Their role is to provide early intervention, prevention, and an operational response. They work collaboratively with Devon and Cornwall Police, Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service, South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust, and Cornwall Council's Anti-Social Behaviour Team.</li> <li>• The TSSO role provides the three emergency services with a presence in otherwise hard to reach communities. The early intervention work that the TSSO's carry out reduces demand and impact on the 3 emergency services. There are plans to open further TSSO locations in the near future.</li> <li>• St. Austell Neighbourhood Team also works closely with Cornwall Council Anti-Social Behaviour Team, and the ASB Caseworker Katherine James is responsible for St. Austell and outlying areas, utilising the Local Authorities specific powers to work with the Police to combat Anti-Social behaviour.</li> </ul>	

- Roche Parish ASB Data: 2023-2024** - 241 x Crimes in total reported, with no specific trends. This is a slight reduction from 261 crimes the previous year and is in keeping with other parishes in the locality. 18 x ASB reports for this period, some including neighbour vs neighbour disputes which are not necessarily ASB but reported as such. Police have received 107 intelligence submissions for the Roche parish area during this year, and St. Austell Neighbourhood Team would like to remind members of the public of the importance of reporting incidents, crimes, and submitting intelligence. Intelligence can help Devon and Cornwall Police to build a picture on crime in the area, including organised crime groups (OCG's) and County Lines Drug Supply. Using this information from the public, Devon and Cornwall Police target known suspects and carry out proactive work to disrupt crime. Aside from the additional methods of contacting Police, such as 101 telephone, email and webchat, Crime Stoppers is an excellent method of reporting information via their website, or their telephone number **0800 555 111**. Important to note the source of the information is protected and never revealed to the subject.
- Significant Incident – 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024** – Arson, Treneague, St. Stephen -This is a report of a high value arson, damage so far totalling approximately £85,000, whereby a cow shed has been set on fire. Inside the closed shed were 23 cattle, estimated value of £2000 each. At this time, no cattle have been harmed/destroyed but were endangered, a neighbour was able to release the cattle from the shed before they were destroyed. Offender has left the shed on fire without releasing the cattle. Residential properties were nearby on the other side of the road, no further than 20 meters from the fire. It has had a larger impact on the community, with the fire covering the majority of the village with smoke. No injuries/harm to life has been identified at this time. Enquiries into this crime remain ongoing, and St. Austell Police would like to appeal to any potential witnesses that have not already come forward, who may be able to provide valuable information on this incident. Please contact Police quoting reference 50240084035.
- St. Austell Neighbourhood Operations 2023-2024** – Op Sceptre – Begins today 13<sup>th</sup> May – This is a weeklong intensification period to draw public attention to knife crime. Various activities will be undertaken in the Force area to target those who are unlawfully carrying knives, or using knives in crime.
- Some of the activities undertaken by St. Austell Neighbourhood during 2023-2024 – May 2023 - Closure obtained at an address in St. Austell following persistent ASB at the address and following an Affray involving a large knife. This court order prevents any persons from accessing the property for an initial 3-month period, whilst the housing organisation later obtained full possession of the property. December 2023 - Drug intelligence received relating to drug supply in the nighttime economy. Drug warrant obtained and executed by St. Austell Neighbourhood Team, a quantity of drugs located and significant cash seized from the address. December 2023- 'Op Limit' - This was a pro-active Traffic Operation targeting drink and drug driving during the festive season, in partnership with the No Excuses Team and Safety Camera Partnership. Numerous traffic offences observed and drivers reported. Driver arrested for drug driving. January 2024 and March 2024 - Closure Orders obtained at Cornwall Magistrates Court against 2 individual properties in St. Austell due to persistent Anti-Social Behaviour. These remain closed at this time. March 2024- 'Op Scorpion' intensification week. Op Scorpion is Devon and Cornwall Police's force-wide response to drug related crime. Within St. Austell, Safeguarding checks were carried out to victims of cuckooing, known drug suppliers were targeted for checks, several persons were arrested for drug offences and successful drug warrants were executed in the St. Austell area.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Police.uk” site a very useful tool and can get exact figures of incidents and is fairly up to date.</li> </ul> <p>Chairman thanked PCSO Steve Tibbles for his annual report and for attending the meeting this evening.</p>	
<p><b>102/24</b></p>	<p><b>Chairman’s Annual Report:-</b> Clerk circulated report prior to the meeting for 2024 as follows: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I would like to start by thanking you all for continued support and, hard work and dedication to be part of this Parish council, with you we would not make any progress and help to maintain out village stands and influence new ideas and growth.</li> <li>• I am hopeful this year will see the majority of Link Road be completed, after a very difficult start, part of the next development and closure of this project will be the improvement plans within the village, all of which will need your input helping to ensure we do the best we can. Further improvements I am sure will be seen, as the 20mph speed limits gets put into place helping to improve the safety and the environment within our village.</li> <li>• Once again, we have continued to use our Neighbourhood Plan to help us present the right commentary on planning permissions and we have all contributed to the still ongoing application for the Barratt development, which we understand is now coming to a close. Over the next 12 months, as we all know we will have many more opportunities being presented, I am sure, all of which we take our time to consider.</li> <li>• I am pleased to say we have purchased new play equipment with in our moved on in our recreation area. Over the next 12 months is our plan to cover this area with CCTV, be it, this is in the early stages, but we know this will help maintain the high standards we try to maintain.</li> <li>• The Village continues to look well-presented which I commented on last year, I would like to thank Councillor Michael Edyvean for his help and advice he has given me this year, Mr. David Edwards I also thank on behalf of us all, as your knowledge of our footpaths is so valuable. The further work within the Duck Pond, will only enhance that area more.</li> <li>• We have continued to keep on top of all our tree inspections, making sure all are in a safe condition and where needed we have replanted for the future.</li> <li>• Our Community Emergency Plan has been updated and is now published.</li> <li>• Our spending plans last year and for the new year are clear and robust and we manage our budget extremely well and I know the service and facility we support are done well. This is down to us all.</li> <li>• My sincere thanks to Members for their dedication and support, I would like to thank Councillor Graham Rowe for his support as Vice Chair. Thanks to Councillor Matthew Taylor for all your guidance within planning, Also, thanks to the Litter pickers – your hard work does not go unnoticed excellent job!</li> <li>• And finally, as always, my sincere thanks to our Clerk, Julie Burdon, she does a brilliant job.</li> </ul> <p>Dan Inch - Chairman to Roche Parish Council.</p>	
<p><b>103/24</b></p>	<p>There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 6.40pm</p>	

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Chairman

Date: 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024