

ROCHE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD

IN THE MAIN HALL OF THE ROCHE VICTORY HALL

ON MONDAY, 7TH APRIL 2025 AT 6.30PM

Present Cllr. B. Kretowicz Cllr. D. Yelland Cllr. G. Rowe
(Vice-Chairman) Cllr. M. Edyvean Cllr. P. Dunn
Cllr. Mrs. S. Tippet Cllr. P. Kent Cllr. Mrs. A. King
Cllr. M. Taylor Cllr. D. Yelland 7 Members of Public

75/25	Welcome and Opening of the 2025 Annual Meeting:- Vice-Chairman opened the 2025 Annual Meeting and welcomed all.	
76/25	Apologies for non-attendance:- Councillors D. Inch & L. Harrison, Cornwall Councillor P. Guest, PCSO S. Tibbles.	
77/25	<p>Annual Report from Cornwall Councillor:- Councillor P. Guest sent his report for the Roche and Bugle Division 2024-2025 as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I am writing this report with a tinge of sadness as it will be the last ever Annual report that I will present to you. It has been an honour to serve and represent you over the last 4 years and I wish my successor well. Looking back on the last year, it has been interesting both locally and nationally. Nationally, we have a new Government and a new MP. Over the last 4 years, I developed a close working relationship with our previous MP and that worked well bringing change for the better to the Parish. I hope my successor will work just as productively with Noah Law MP. Duchy wide, I have been part of some good pieces of work specifically in the Children's and Families directorate which along with my many other areas of work I have covered in my monthly reports. More locally, within the Division, there has been quite a bit of activity. The long saga of the A.30 Link Road is nearing completion. It has been a long time in planning and building, but we are nearly there now. Thank you to everyone for their patience while this major project was underway, I am sure that it will not be long before we enjoy the benefits of it. There is progress on the Mid Cornwall Metro. The Tregoss loop has now been completed, the project as a whole is currently on budget and soon, we can look forward to the active travel and traffic enhancements. There have been public consultations on these and I am keen to see the revised plans once all the comments and suggestions have been considered. We have also seen the implementation of the '20 is plenty' scheme within the Division. I am aware that not all of our residents are completely satisfied with the new speed limits, but I have to remind you that the central Government funding for the scheme came with strict criteria of where and when the new limits could be applied. This has led to a couple of anomalies, these may be revisited, but I would argue that any measures to reduce speed within the village and improve road safety are to be welcomed. Over the last year, I have managed to secure grants from the previous Governments Shared Prosperity Fund to the tune of nearly £200k for 2 local community projects, 1 in Victoria (TR7 Indoor skate park) and 1 (Bugle Library Of Things Mobile Van) although based in Bugle will serve all of Clay Country with their new mobile van/community outreach service. 	

	<p>As a Division, we have punched above our weight and received more SPF money per capita than most of the rest of Cornwall and certainly more than the other Divisions within the Clay Country CAP.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I would encourage my successor to keep a keen eye out for the various grants and funding that come out and advocate for our area in order to attract investment. • On a smaller (but just as important) scale, over the last year I have provided small grants to local community groups to the tune of £3k, that I hope have helped them out for either special occasions or just in the general day to day running of these groups which are the life blood of our community. Again, I would encourage my successor to get involved and support them whenever they can. • Over the coming year(s) planning and development within the Parish will certainly become a hot topic. Both the Parish Council and I have made a point of engaging with any potential developers. Development is inevitable, but by being 'at the table' we can influence plans and ensure that it is the right kind of development and see that the required vital infrastructure is also considered. • In closing, I would like to thank our Clerk, our Chair, all of you, the Parish Council and indeed all the residents of Roche for the support that I have received over the last 4 years of my tenure. We have proved by working collaboratively that we can achieve change for the better and I hope that this continues whoever my successor may be. We would not have achieved half as much without your support, so, once again, thank you. • As I said, it has been an honour and a privilege to serve you for the last 4 years, this is me signing off for the final time. Good luck and good health to you all in the future. <p>Chairman thanked Cornwall Councillor P. Guest for his report this evening.</p>	
78/25	<p>Annual Report from Police:- Report received from PCSO Steve Tibbles for 2024-2025 as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The St. Austell Neighbourhood Team currently comprises of 1 Police Sargent (PS) known as a Neighbourhood Team Leader (NTL) 5 Police Officers known as Neighbourhood Beat Managers (NBM), 4 Police Community Support Officers (PCSO) and 1 Tri-Service Safety Officers (TSSO). • The Neighbourhood Inspector responsible for the St. Austell area is currently Inspector Simon Andrews. • PC Steph Tann, PC Danielle Moore Dunstan, PC Yasmin Vokes, PCSO Alison Relf and PCSO Steve Tibbles are the neighbourhood officers responsible the parishes outside of St. Austell. They are assisted by TSSO Lewis Rosewell currently operating from St. Dennis Fire Station. • There has been a number of changes to the neighbourhood team over the past 12 months. PS Ian Chambers, the former NTL, was successful in being promoted to Inspector. His replacement PS Martin Easter has recently joined the team following 5 years as a Custody Sargent based in Newquay. Prior to this Martin was a patrol officer based out of St. Austell for 9 years. • The team will have 3 new PCSO's joining in early April where they will undergo a period of tutorship prior to being deployed into the community. There is the intention that two of the PCSO's will be deployed to parishes outside of St. Austell. • We are currently waiting for information from the Police and Crime Commissioner in regards to funding for additional NBM'S. 	

- The team also works closely with Cornwall Council Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Team and the ASB and housing teams working for the various social housing associations with housing stock in the area to deal with ASB and low-level crime.

Roche Parish crime and ASB information from March 2024 to February 2025

A total of 126 crimes were reported during this period broken down as below;

Crime type	Number
Burglary	2
Robbery	0
Criminal damage and arson	12
Vehicle crime	0
Shoplifting	4
Other thefts	9
Drugs offences	6
Possession of weapons	0
Public order offences	8
Other crimes	14
Violence and sexual offences	71

There were 17 ASB incidents reported during this period some including neighbour disputes which are not necessarily ASB but reported as such.

Vice-Chairman thanked Clerk for circulating PCSO Steve Tibbles annual report.

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Chairman's Annual Report:- Clerk circulated report prior to the meeting for 2025 as follows: -

- Another year has flown by, and I find myself reflecting on the considerable progress we have made as a Parish Council. I want to begin by expressing my sincere gratitude to each and every one of you for your continued support, hard work, and dedication. Your commitment to our village is invaluable. Without your collective efforts, we would not be able to maintain our village's standards, effectively influence new ideas, and foster the growth we all strive for.
- Excitingly, the beginning of this summer will see the opening of the much-anticipated Link Road. This will undoubtedly bring numerous benefits to our village and the surrounding areas, alleviating traffic congestion and opening up new opportunities. Following the Link Road's completion, we plan to immediately initiate a project focused on improving the Village Centre and addressing the safety concerns surrounding pedestrian access to the train station. I am confident that these investments will leave our village in a significantly improved position for the future.
- Our Neighbourhood Plan continues to be a crucial tool in shaping our village's development. We rely on it to provide informed commentary on planning permissions, ensuring that any new developments align with the community's vision. As we anticipate further potential planning applications within our parish, the Neighbourhood Plan, and any future revisions, will become even more critical in protecting our village's character and ensuring sustainable growth.
- I am particularly pleased to announce that we have commenced work on enhancing our sports pitches and grassed walking areas. Our vision is to create a well-used and cherished space for the community. We will continue to develop the park with new equipment and innovative ideas, focusing on creating a vibrant hub for recreation and community engagement. Furthermore, our commitment to public safety remains a top priority.

	<p>We are on track to deliver the CCTV project this year, providing an added layer of security and reassurance for our residents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The enhancements we have undertaken at the Duck Pond have been overwhelmingly positive. The improvements have undeniably enhanced the area, creating a more attractive and enjoyable space for everyone to appreciate. • Maintaining the beauty of our village is also of paramount importance. Through diligent tree inspections and meticulous hedgerow maintenance, we have successfully preserved the aesthetic appeal of our surroundings. I believe our efforts in this area speak for themselves. • Finally, I want to emphasise the robust and transparent nature of our spending plans. We managed our budget extremely well last year, and we have clear and well-defined objectives for the upcoming year. We are committed to ensuring that the services and facilities we support are delivered to the highest standard, thanks to the collective efforts of everyone involved. • In closing, I offer my sincere thanks to all Members for their unwavering dedication and support. • A special thank you to Councillor Bob Kretowicz for his invaluable support as Vice Chair. I would also like to express my gratitude to Councillor Matthew Taylor for his expert guidance within the planning arena. And finally, as always, my sincere thanks to our Clerk, Julie Burdon, she does a brilliant job. <p>Dan Inch - Chairman to Roche Parish Council.</p>	
80/25	There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 6.40pm	

Signature:

Chairman

Date: 12th May 2025