

MULLION PARISH COUNCIL – CHAIRMAN’S REPORT APRIL 2022

We started the year with many changes, the retirement of 3 long serving councillors who had used their experience and their knowledge for the benefit of Mullion and its residents, and of course a new chairman.

We also lost our long serving Cornwall Councillor who had a fine record of service and used her position and her knowledge of the operation and people at Cornwall Council for our benefit.

So we welcomed back onto the council Alec Gilbert and a new councillor Lawrence Higgins to be joined by Jonny Pasco who was co-opted.

We also welcomed our new Cornwall Councillor Anthony Soady.

A council made up of experienced councillors and new councillors who brought important new knowledge and enthusiasm to the council. The common factor, wanting to do the right thing for the future of Mullion. The challenge, we don’t always agree on what that is!

But working together a great deal has been achieved:

1. The traffic calming was finally implemented in Nansmellyon Road and improves the safety for children going to school. Perhaps not the exact solution that any of us would have wanted but it has established a 20 mph limit near the school.
2. A new fence was installed in the park to protect the children in the play area
3. We agreed to become the custodial trustee for the Village Hall. Hopefully this will ensure that the Village Hall will continue to be used in the way it was intended.
4. The gates to the cemetery were refurbished
5. ... and I would like to have said that the Poldhu car park and toilets had been handed over to the National Trust. But Cornwall Council now want to make this a ‘cabinet’ decision.

While on the subject of Cornwall Council not everything went the way we wanted. Planning is giving less value to the views of Parish Councils and local

residents, whenever possible giving planning approvals, without reference to elected officials. While this is probably being handed down from central government, it's ironic that Cornwall Council who want more devolved responsibility is not prepared to listen to their own residents.

We end the year much as we started with a new chairman and two casual vacancies that need to be filled. But what won't change is the council working together to do what is right for Mullion.

I want to thank past and present councillors for the support I have had as a member of the council and as chairman. And in particular for the support and guidance from our clerk who not only does a tremendous amount of work, but manages to remain cheerful regardless of how difficult we sometime make it for her.