

# Pentewan Valley Parish Council

## Chairs Report 2025/6

It has been another busy year for the Parish.

Work has continued on the Neighbourhood Development Plan. At the time of writing, we have just submitted our final plan to Cornwall Council for inspection before putting it to a referendum for adoption. My thanks go to Cllr Street, who has chaired the sub-group and worked tirelessly through periods of poor health to get us to this point. I also thank the Sub-group for their work.

We have opened two new EV charging points in the West End car park, Pentewan. This is a valuable resource in an area where many residents do not have the option to install chargers at their homes. It is also important for visitors in this tourist area, and it will help local businesses to attract customers. We use a green electricity tariff, so we are also playing our part in developing sustainable energy solutions for the future.

The Pentewan flood defences were tested during the winter storms. I am pleased to say that they operated as designed and prevented some properties in the village from flooding.

We have continued to maintain a network of defibrillators and have installed a new unit in Trehiddle Village.

We have agreed to refurbish the public benches in Pentewan Square.

We have been able to award grant funding to several projects:

- RAF Air Cadet Scholarships – We awarded £500 to support two scholarships for 1225 Air Cadet Squadron, St Austell and District.
- Tregorrick Field Trust – We awarded the Trust a grant towards the purchase of a new tractor required for maintenance of the community-managed field and woodland.
- Higher Trehiddle Residents Association – We awarded a grant of £500 to assist with the establishment of this new residents' association in these newly constructed estates.

This year has seen the resignations from the council of Cllrs Cartwright, Dowrick and Strawford. They have all been personally thanked for their contributions to the council over several years. We have recently co-opted Cllr Jamie Sweet and are in the process of filling the two remaining vacancies.

I thank the Clerk Anne for her continued diligent work over the past year.

The Council had to increase the precept this year largely due to the government's changes to National Insurance. This increase was from a very low base and leaves the Parish Council tax still at a much lower rate than it was 5 years ago and at a low rate compared to similar Parishes.

Cllr Mike Ward

Chair – Pentewan Vally Parish Council