

Liskeard Have Your Say Panel
Monday 3rd October 2016
Liskeard Police Station

Attendance: PC Garth Hatt; PCSO Yasmin Dingle; Tony Clarke (Menheniot PC); John Tilley (NHW); Pat Phillips (Warleggan PC); Bernie Wooster (Linkinhorne PC); Rebecca Dickson (Cormac); Lynne Jones (St Neot PC); Doug Mills (St Pinnock PC); Steph McWilliam (County Cllr); Derris Watson (County Cllr); Mick Chorlton (CSW); Susan Harbord (St Cleer PC); Roger Holmes (Liskeard County Cllr); Loveday Carlyon (St Keyne PC); Richard Glasson (Natural England); Mike George (County Cllr); Brian Turney (CSW); Julie Dowton (Bodmin Moor Commons Council)

1. Apologies: Simon Diaper (Environmental Crime/Dog Welfare); Karen Centini (Cornwall Council Housing Enforcement); Chris Mason (Forestry Commission); Phil Seeva (County Cllr); Andrew Pittaway (Environmental Protection); Davina Finch (Dobwalls PC); Lorna Stevenson (ADVHA)

2. Notes of last meeting - approved

3. Crime Figures and press release:

- PCSO Yasmin Dingle was introduced to the panel who is the new rural officer. Yasmin can be contacted on 01579 325454 or Yasmin.dingle@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk
- General queries over the crime figures were discussed.
- Two police press releases have been issued to each parish concerning a missing person and counterfeit £50 notes in circulation.

4. Information / updates from partner agencies:

a) Rebecca Dickson (Community Partnership and Highways)

- In response to a question raised by Roger at the last meeting, Rebecca confirmed that a survey had taken place concerning bus stop locations, but that no action was planned for the area of Trevecca at this time.
- The volunteer programme is up and running and all policies are in place to ensure there is the correct protection for them. Although most areas have good volunteer cover, Liskeard is very short and as such there is an external contract to fill some gaps. Relevant information is in the process of being made into booklets for interested parties. In answer to Mikes query over grant funding for volunteers it was noted that this would be set against the level of

volunteer hours and the work they are completing.

- Doug raised an issue over surface debris, in particular large amounts of top soil, left on the highway by the area of Connon Bridge. The clearance of the highway depends on the road classification and the operation taking place at the time, but will remain the responsibility of the person leaving the debris. Mike also mentioned about the debris left by farmers flailing. In all occasions for any enforcement to take place then the details of the culpable person is required.
- Tony raised a concern over an elderly couple in the Menheniot area who had allegedly been advised by Cormac to clear the edges of Trewint Road in order for road surfacing to take place. Rebecca will look into this matter.
- In reply to a question over culvert responsibilities raised by Lynne, Rebecca advised contact should be made to Steve Blatchford from Land Drainage.
- Steph has now drafted the letter to Bert Biscoe, regarding the concerns members had over the managed decline and budgeting of our roads, as discussed at the last panel meeting. All members present agreed for the submission of the letter.
- Derris has now drafted the letter to Bert Biscoe, regarding the request for 40mph speed limits on all unfenced moorland roads, as discussed at the last panel meeting. All members present agreed for the submission of letter (copy attached at foot of minutes).
- Sue stated that there was a raised manhole cover in St Cleer that had been sprayed with green paint by Cormac some time ago. Rebecca informed the panel that defects are sprayed green to indicate that Cormac are aware of the issue and are then sprayed yellow when the defect work has been booked in for completion. Due to the high volume of work some defects that are sprayed green may be left for a long period of time and will have to be reassessed before being booked in for work.
- Cornwall Council recently received significant funds to re-mark white and yellow road lines and this work is currently in process. The car park in St Cleer will need re-surfacing prior to the lines being re-marked.

b) Julie Dowton (Bodmin Moor Commons Council)

- Julie reported that the Commons Council is now up and running and that the issue of grazing rights is in the process of being reviewed.

- The council will have a committee to discuss policies for the moorland ponies. An operation for the protection of the ponies recently took place on East Moor involving the RSPCA, SWEP, Red Wings, police etc. During this operation 169 moorland ponies were rounded up and all were micro-chipped, wormed, de-loused and issued passports in order for better control of them to take place. Out of this large number only 45 ponies were claimed so the remaining 124 fall under the new Control of Horses Act 2015 legislation where they can be held for four days and if unclaimed can be moved on. There was a plan to conduct a similar operation on St Cleer Downs and surrounding moorland but due to the number of ponies involved on East Moor this has now been put on hold for a while.
- The worrying of livestock on moorland is still of a big concern and some of this can be put down to a lack of education and knowledge of the law of dog walkers. By law, in the countryside you must keep dogs under close control. On Access Land this means keeping them on a lead of no more than 2m in length between 1st March and 31st July or at any time of year when you are near livestock (Countryside Code and the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000). It is also an offence to allow your dog to foul on Access Land and not to dispose of it.

c) Richard Glasson (Natural England)

- Crows Nest is a SSSI (Site of Special Scientific Interest) and as such scrub control is to take place there to protect endangered mosses and lichens. Work will also take place to protect the dressing floor and mine workings there.
- Richard reported that a large hole, 7ft by 2ft in size, had been excavated by Phoenix Mine. He has vehicle details and Natural England will chase this up and consideration will be made to make an official police report. It is believed that the hole may have been dug by mineral collectors.

5. Community Speed Watch. Mick Chorlton:

- Mick updated the panel on recent speed watches that had taken place after requests made at the last meeting. CSW had taken place at Rilla Mill, Shortacross and Lower Tremar with the results as below. Mount will be assessed by the team in the forthcoming weeks.

LOCATION	VEHICLES PASSING	VEHICLES EXCEEDING LIMIT	HIGHEST RECORDED
Rilla Mill	20	1	33mph
Shortacross	49	1	42mph
Lower Tremar	33	2	

- Mick advised that the A390 at St Ive seems to have had an increase in speed again. Past watches at this location

showed that generally 1% of vehicles passing through were exceeding the 30mph limit. However in recent watches within the past two weeks these figures have increased to 7% (10 out of 143) and 8.5% (13 out of 153). These watches took place recording vehicles travelling towards the Callington direction and it was highlighted that this may coincide with the recent failure of the flashing speed detection sign at that location. Rebecca will look into this matter.

- In response to a question raised by Steph over the 30mph speed limit in St Ive, Rebecca stated that a government white paper on rural roads took into account collision data, topography, housing etc. to set speed limits and therefore would be very difficult to raise.
- Mike asked whether a speed watch could be conducted on Lodge Hill in Liskeard after he had received complaints of speeding. Garth stated that he would conduct a speed watch in the area within the next few weeks and would report back to Mike.

6. Any other business:

- Doug highlighted recent email scams and suggested a way to help prevent these and viruses spreading is by the use of BCC when forwarding emails rather than CC in order to hide other mail recipients.

7. Date of Next Meeting:

- Thursday 1st December 2016 Liskeard Police Station conference room.



8th September 2016

Cllr B Biscoe
Portfolio Holder for Transport
Cornwall Council

Dear Bert

I am writing on behalf of the Liskeard Have Your Say meeting. This is a meeting facilitated by the Police, where Cornwall Councillors and Parish Council representatives meet on a bi-monthly basis to discuss matters of interest within the Liskeard Rural policing area. This area covers the majority of the southern part of Bodmin Moor. Also present at the meetings are representatives from Cormac/Highways, Animal Health, Commoners Council, Environmental Health and other invitees.

The group who meet have always been concerned at the number of animal deaths on the unfenced roads across Bodmin Moor and in fact pressed for the 40mph speed limit on the B3254 at Foredown. This has been very successful in reducing animal deaths on this stretch of road, and has been enforced through the actions of our local Speedwatch Police Volunteers.

We have several other roads where the number of animal deaths is of great concern and, having spoken to other moorland councillors, I know this is also a problem in the other areas of Bodmin Moor.

We ask the Council, through your good self, to put a 40mph speed limit on all unfenced roads across Bodmin Moor. This is done on Dartmoor with minimum signage and we should be grateful if you would consider similar measures for our area.

Yours sincerely



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