St Breock Parish Council – Chairman's Annual Report – May 2026

Now that spring has finally arrived it is somewhat difficult to remember the storms and very high winds that Cornwall had to endure during the winter. Fortunately for our parish the damage these weather conditions caused was very minor compared to the other parishes within the county. Our problems were fallen trees and flooding, which was a challenge in itself; however, the conditions created a substantial increase in the number of 'pot-holes' and subsequent re-surfacing repairs need to be addressed. We understand from Cornwall's highways department that all of these repairs are now being treated with urgency and we have seen this work being completed on some parish roads but there is still a way to go.

Some minor flooding did affect the car parking area within the St Breock Burial Ground causing overspill onto the pathways, which became very slippery. We have been liaising with the highways department, who are assisting us with the necessary remedial works to prevent flooding from the roadway occurring in the future. In my previous report I mentioned the problems we faced with burial ground's water taps. I am pleased to report that all of the taps located on all of the terraces within the burial ground are now working.

Our allocation of funds from the Renewable Energy Resources (R.E.S.) St Breock Wind Farm community fund this year was £20161.00 from a total of £80645 available. The R.E.S. community fund is open to any small enterprise or organisation that is seeking funding towards a community project that might not necessarily be related to renewables'. Advice on applying for these funds in coming years can be obtained via the manager of W.R.E.N Wadebridge. A total of 49 applications were received by W.R.E.N, amounting to over double the sum available. Funding was requested to help towards various projects applicants were undertaking within the local community. After careful deliberation the St Breock panel was able to make grants totalling our full allocation. It is anticipated that details of the R.E.S. community fund together with the sums of money that have been allocated will be posted by W.R.E.N in due course and subsequently on our Parish Council's website.

We have received an application for a defibrillator to be sited at Ruthernbridge where the boundaries of St Breock and Withiel parishes meet. This request has been discussed and in principal agreed by our council providing that all of the installation requirements can be met. If they are then it is hoped that the installation will be completed during this year.

In every annual report planning matters are always mentioned and this year is no exception. There are a number of large housing developments that are currently under construction or planning permission being applied for within the Wadebridge, Egloshayle and St Breock parishes. We have been involved in the application for the three hundred plus new homes to be built adjacent to the Aldi site located at West Hill the majority of which will be within the Wadebridge parish. In my previous report I outlined our Council' position with regards to truly affordable and where possible social housing. I can confirm that it is the Council's intention to maintain that principle when dealing with larger housing developments that are affordable housing driven; moreover, we will continue to push for local infrastructure facilities to keep pace with the additional numbers of people resulting from these new developments.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the St Breock Parish Councillors for their continued service and support with a special thank you to our Clerk Jacqui Peskett, my Vice Chairman Councillor Morris and our Cornwall Councillor Robin Moorcroft.

Ray Jarratt.
Chairman to St Breock Parish Council