



Calstock Parish Council – Monthly Round Up

October 2021

A council meeting was held on Tuesday 12 October 2021.

The Parish Council were pleased to ask Chris Clark to restore some road signs in and around the Harrowbarrow area. These are now looking splendid and there has been much gratitude for Chris' work from Council members and the public alike.

In line with our work to tackle climate issues Cllr Tinto was delighted to report that plants have been ordered from the Forest for Cornwall grant and we have a team of volunteers ready to start planting during National Tree Week – 27-11-2021-04-12-2021. In addition to this we have also got funding from the Close The Gap Hedgerow fund which will see some hedgerows planted up on Marsh Lane, Calstock and within the St Ann's Chapel recreation ground. A landmark tree has also been secured for Fosters Field in Gunnislake. We are so pleased that Delaware School and Calstock School are keen to get involved in this work and also our green graveyards initiative and we look forward to working with the school children over the coming months. We also wrote to Sheryll Murray MP to ask that she represent our local area at the COP26 in Glasgow in November and put pressure on the government to commit to tangible actions to tackle the climate emergency that is putting our planet under such threat.

Members of the public and the Tamar Community Trust were present at our meeting to report on the flood defence scheme. The Parish Council are extremely grateful to the Trust for their tireless work on securing the ongoing accessibility of the River Path at Calstock once the Environment Agency has put their flood defence scheme in place. This has been an enormous project and taken up much time and effort from the volunteers. They have held consultations on the breach and bridge that needs to be built to allow continued use of the path and they will turn their attention to the use of the field and will be holding consultations with the community on the best use of this area. Cllr Wakem expressed his thanks on behalf of the council for their continued efforts.

Plans are afoot for Remembrance Sunday and we will be very pleased to see the march from Delaware School and service at the war memorial take place again this year after we were unable to do so last year due to Covid.

We are also holding a tea party to thank the volunteers who helped our communities during the pandemic – people did all manner of things such as grocery shopping, picking up prescriptions, dog walking, making face masks and it will be lovely to meet some of these wonderful people for the first time. We are holding it on Wednesday 27 October 2021 from 1500, hopefully in the Tamar Valley Centre. There are still some restrictions on numbers within that building so we are asking anyone who would like to join us to let us know by Friday 22 October 2021 in case we need to move to Harrowbarrow Village Hall (who have kindly reserved us the hall). A representative from Volunteer Cornwall will also be present and some people may like to sign up with them as they have a wide range of volunteering projects.

Cllr Newton Chance put forward a proposal for the council to work on a capital works programme – this will enable the council – in consultation with the public -to set key objectives for the council and help us to budget for improving facilities within the parish.

Cllr Westwood is taking the lead on investigating whether we are able to have our stretch of the River Tamar designated with a bathing water status. This will mean a thorough survey of the river usage and local facilities from May-September next year and if successful means the river will be tested regularly to check it is safe to swim in.

Cllr Dorothy Kirk, the Electorate Divisional Member reported back on Cornwall Council and Parish wide issues.

Our next Full Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 09 November 2021, 1900 – venue to be confirmed, please come along if you are able to.

The Clerks: Sue Lemon and Clare Bullimore (Deputy).

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