

**ST SAMPSON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2015**

In my last report I mentioned that your Council has voted in principle to extend the car parking season (which currently expires on 31 October) at Golant Halt through the Winter period from 1 November 2015. Having subsequently liaised with Cornwall Council (who have overarching responsibility for charging rates and periods in all Council owned car parks), we have been informed that any proposed variation to the parking period would also need to be formally approved by them. For their part, they do not plan to make any changes until Spring 2016. For the moment therefore charging will not take place over the Winter 2015-6 period.

Your Council receives periodic requests for the Village Green to be used for public events. The most recent request related to the very successful film night in early September 2015. These requests are usually made ad hoc either direct to me or other Councillors who do not of course have unilateral authority to make decisions in respect of Council property. The Council has therefore introduced a straightforward application system for those wishing to use the Village Green for future public events. The application process will soon be available on the website at [www.stsampsonparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.stsampsonparishcouncil.org.uk)

Parishioners may recall that the Council is sponsor of the St Sampson Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan initiative. This project is being spearheaded by a dedicated steering group team comprising of a number of parishioners and councillors Sue Reardon and Robin Anderson. You will shortly receive a second questionnaire from the team which forms part of the detailed consultation toward preparation the proposed plan. From a Parish Council perspective I would urge each Parishioner to complete and return that questionnaire. Your views are vital to facilitating the creation of a meaningful and truly local plan which reflects the views and aspirations of as many Parishioners as possible. This will in turn make it easier for your Parish Council to take full account of local opinion when making decisions on issues affecting the parish in the future.

I take considerable pride in the fact that your Council has made significant financial contributions to many good community causes and groups within the Parish over recent years from the village hall, the Pill, the carnival committee and the defibrillator project. In our September meeting we voted to support the Golant Heritage Group in providing a heritage calendar for all Parishioners for 2016. Look out for it in your 2016 Pill. It is a great pleasure to be able to assist the Heritage Group in providing Parishioners with a timely memento of the history, heritage and beauty of this wonderful Parish in which we live.

Finally, please that, due to our clerk's holiday, our next meeting is scheduled earlier than normal for Tuesday 13 October 2015 at 7.15pm , venue to be advised (the Village Hall is unavailable). Please look out for venue details on the website at [www.stsampsonparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.stsampsonparishcouncil.org.uk). As ever, all Parishioners are welcome to attend.