



St Enoder VOICE

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UPDATE ON ST ENODER NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN



Cllr Dick Cole writes:

On behalf of St Enoder Parish Council, I would like to thank everyone who responded to the recent Neighbourhood Plan consultation and / or attended one of the three consultation events at Indian Queens Victory Hall, Fraddon Village Hall and Summercourt New Memorial Hall.

All the information received is presently being collated and will be used to identify what additional research needs to be done and to inform the content of the first full draft of the Plan.

At this stage, it is anticipated that will be completed over the next six months, and then there will be a further consultation.

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Newsletter from Cllr Dick Cole, Cornwall Councillor for St Enoder Division

News about Fraddon Post Office

Dick Cole writes:

Local residents will be aware that planning permission has been granted for a new retail complex at Kingsley Village. The ownership of the site will soon pass from Kingsley Developers to CPG, who intend to redevelop the area for a number of stores including Marks and Spencers.

St Enoder Parish Council has been informed that the Post Office presently located within Kingsley Village will, as things presently stand, close at the end of April.

When the planning application was being dealt with, I sought guarantees that a Post Office would continue on the site. The company (CPG) which is in the process of purchasing the site agreed that this was acceptable to them and it was even written into the planning consent that: "A Post Office shall remain within the development."

In addition, the present owners (Kingsley Developers) promised they would ensure that, during the construction of the new retail park, a local Post Office would continue at the eastern of the Parish. Indeed, it was stated that there would be the provision of a temporary unit within the car parking area at Kingsley Village.

In recent days Amanda Kendall, the Clerk of the Parish Council, and I have had meetings with a representative from the main Post Office Ltd and the present owners, who we have been pressing to make good on the promises they made during the planning process.



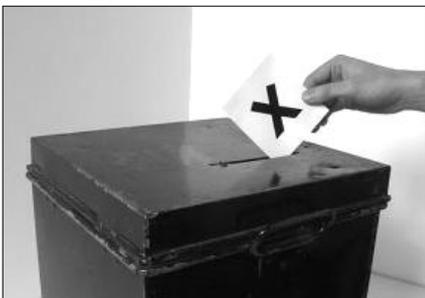
The Post Office Ltd has told us that another option, in the short-term, would be "outreach." This would consist of a temporary Post Office run from a venue such as a local village hall, and we are pushing for further information about how many hours such a service would be open.

We know how important the provision of a Post Office for the Fraddon / Indian Queens and St Columb Road area is, and we are putting a significant amount of pressure on all concerned to make sure that this local Post Office is not lost between now and when the new development is opened.

It is also the case that Post Office Ltd will be consulting on the future of this local Post Office in the near future. Please make sure that you impress on them just how important it is for the local area.

I will report back more when I have further confirmation on what will be happening.

Polling day is the 4th May



The people of Cornwall will be going to the polls on 4th May to elect 123 councillors to serve on the unitary authority for the next four years.

Cllr Dick Cole will be standing for re-election in St Enoder division and anyone who would like to help him with his campaign can call him on 07791 876607.

Local PCSOs under threat ...

The Police and Crime Plan (2017-2020) for the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary was published in early February. It states that more than half of the Police Community Support Officers working across the force area will be "phased out" during the next four years.

A statement was then published in the Cornish Guardian newspaper which stated that "no decision has yet been taken on which communities are likely to lose a PCSO" but that "large towns and cities are expected to see little change."

Cllr Dick Cole and other councillors from across the Clay Area immediately challenged the Police and Crime Commissioner (Alison Hernandez) about where this would leave communities, such as ours, which do not happen to be a large town or city?

A letter was sent to Ms Hernandez asking her to rethink her approach to PCSOs and community policing and, at the most recent meeting of the China Clay Area Network, further concerns were raised with Andrew White, the Chief Executive for the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Local councillors understand the importance of PCSOs, appreciate the vital work that they do in communities such as ours, and have pledged to continue to lobby the Constabulary on this matter.