



Overhead wires

Overhead lines

There has been some response, but not a lot, to my item last month – all of it, however, strongly in favour of burying the overhead lines and none of it against the idea. So I shall continue with my efforts and shall recommend to the Parish Council that we try to contact every cottage owner likely to be affected before going any further. Many of these we know but there are a lot of properties for whom we have no name or home address.

Someone has come up with the good idea of a map of the old village showing all the cottages. This I have now done with all the cottages whose owners are known to us shaded, the cottages where the owners are unknown have been left unshaded with a number where possible. I am sorry if the map is a bit difficult to read at this size but I have done my best to try and make it clear.

If you have any questions or would like to see a larger map, give me a ring – 01208 880292.

There may be workmen, suppliers, etc. who can help, I shall be very pleased to hear from them. I am also going to get in touch with Brays Estate Agents to see whether they are able to help.

Apart from this, I should still like to know if there is anyone out there who would like to assist me or even just offer moral support – I don't relish tackling the work all on my own!

We are creeping forward slowly but a lot more co-operation from the villagers would be encouraging – most of the support so far has come from the property owners not from residents of the village.

I have drawn this map from an old Ordnance Survey plan (1907). The village has changed very little but I have made one or two alterations here and there to bring it up to date.



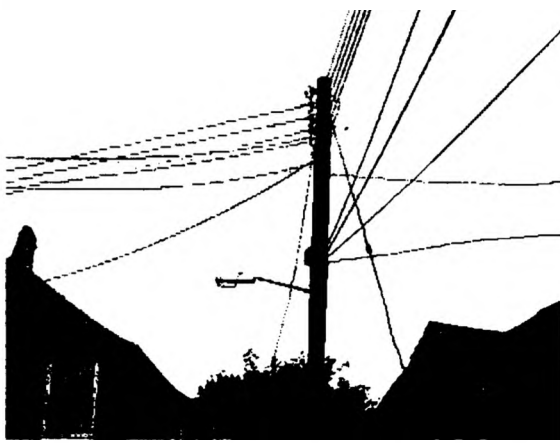
October 2001



This must be a worth while thing to do – surely we can't be proud of all these wires festooned above our heads?

Looking forward to hearing from you,

Robin Penna



Last month I showed a picture of the pole and its wires near the bottom of Church Hill. This month the pole shown is in Middle Street and there are many more I could show you. Everywhere you go in the old village there are wires draped around. A campaign to bury them will start, providing that enough support can be found. People who have had experience of fund-raising will be very useful.

September 2001

Clearing the air

Robin Penna has agreed to act as co-ordinator for the possible underground cabling project whereby all the overhead electricity and telephone cables in the old part of the village are to be placed underground.

Anticipated costs for such a scheme are likely to be in the region of £90,000. It is expected that work could begin in two to three years time and take about three months to complete, the ideal time being from January to April. In the meantime funding has to be found and possible organisations to be approached include The County Environment Trust, English Heritage, South West Water, The Regional Development Agency and The Civic Trust.

In addition, it must also be remembered that some 112 properties in the old part of the village are second homes and it was suggested that they could be approached and the suggestion made that they make a contribution for a couple of years of the difference between the 'half' Council Tax rate they currently pay and the full rate. This would provide an average £300 per property per year.

It was also pointed out that the project would be deemed 'too small' to attract grant aid. It therefore might make more sense to consider an 'Amenity Scheme' for the whole village. This would require a lot more money and take longer to achieve but might attract money from the sources available.

Clearly, it is not going to be an easy task but to get things moving it was agreed that Robin Penna form a group of interested residents with Barry Goodright acting as link to the Parish Council.

August 2001

Parish regeneration

Over thirty people attended the initial open meeting on January 24th of the proposed parish regeneration group – and what a positive meeting it was. The main purpose was to form a working party and about 11 people indicated that they would be willing to be part of this group. This does not exclude anyone else who wants to be involved and every meeting of the group will be open to the public and widely reported.

August 2008

STEER St Endellion Economic Regeneration

An extremely well attended public meeting, held on February 20th, with over 50 people present, listened to Ms Check McEwen from Regeneration North Cornwall.

Check gave a very informative talk on Objective One and other sources of funding for the regeneration of North Cornwall. With her small team she works with all projects irrespective of where the funding comes from, guiding and advising along the way. She stressed that 'local support for what you want to do' is paramount and that the first step - a major piece of research, a survey of local needs and priorities, should be undertaken.

All Objective One funding is matched with a maximum of 50% available for suitable projects. This doesn't mean that the balance has to be raised locally; many other organisations are out there with money available for suitable projects.

European funding is time limited and ends in 2006. This may seem a long way ahead but all these things take time. So things now have to get moving and a further meeting is planned for Friday March 8th at 7.30pm in the Church Rooms (note the change of venue, the Village Hall will be getting ready for the Hospice Sale). The purpose of this

meeting is to elect a Working Group Chairperson and discuss the proposed constitution. If you want to join the group, please come along. If you can't make it please contact Robin Penna on 01208 880292.

As with all meetings, everyone is welcome to attend. March 2002

Going underground

Plans to bury underground electricity and telephone cables at the bottom of the village in the conservation area look likely to go ahead. As usual, one of the main stumbling grounds is money, with a total of £76,500 being needed. However, Adam Walker of Western Power Distribution pointed out that substantial grant aid had been obtained from a variety of sources for similar projects

In addition, the consent of every property owner affected would need to be obtained before work can start. Because of the narrow streets and lack of space, a lot of the trenching work and connections would need to be on private property, hence the consent requirements. Parish councillors agreed that they would help Western Power Distribution in establishing ownership. An added benefit of the availability of cable television could be an incentive to holiday homeowners to give their consent. Said Bryan Nicholls, 'Holiday home owners from up country tend to worry more about their income from lettings than the appearance of the village and may be reluctant to become involved, especially if there was any cost to them'. David Phelps pointed out that the aim of the project was to make the village more attractive and this in turn would make their properties more desirable.

This matter will be discussed further at the Annual Parish Meeting on April 12th when villagers will be able to learn more about what is involved.

County Councillor Helen Richards stressed that the initiative for any scheme must come from Port Isaac.

See Andy Penny's traffic report on page 7.

TENDERS
It was agreed that any discussions regarding tenders received be postponed until advice had been sought from MAFF relating to the Foot and Mouth crisis.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING
The next Parish Council meeting will be held in Port Isaac on Monday April 9th at 7.30pm.

Note: The Parish Council has not approved this article.

February 2002

STEER

St Endellion Regeneration

We are pleased to announce the results of the questions put forward by STEER in the Parish Questionnaire. The Parish Council and STEER are still working to collate all the information and this will be made public as soon as it has been completed.

The two subjects that aroused most public interest were car parking and affordable homes. We think that affordable homes are a matter for the District Council. Car parking is being investigated by the Parish Council which we hope will come up with some proposals.

Beach cleaning and burying the electricity and telephone cables were the most popular suggestions put forward in our list and we are addressing these.

As many will know, the beach is owned by the Duchy which does

complicate the matter but does not deter us.

Steps towards the possibility of burying the cables are already being taken. We invited a representative of Western Power Distribution to our last meeting who gave us a lot of important facts. We are also meeting a representative from the District Council to discuss the matter further.

Our web site www.portisaac.org will be updated during August with all the latest STEER news. This will include the latest information from the Parish Questionnaire together with as much village information as we can include.

We want to include advertising for the village giving details of facilities such as the Village Hall. We would also like to include advertising for local businesses. Anyone who



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would like to be included please contact David Raynor on 01208 880581 for further details.

STEER meets in the Village Hall on the first Thursday of every month. Our next meeting is on August 7th at 7.30pm. Please come along and join in the discussion. We look forward to seeing you.

New to Port Isaac, very young or just a visitor and you may ask "What overhead wires?"

Previous *Trio* editor, Robin Penna, was one of the main campaigners to get rid of them and with the arrival of STEER (St Endellion Economic Regeneration) his dream came true ...

WIRES

Look up and see – hideous wires – tangled webs – scoring the sky – criss and cross – like a cage – they block the view – and pain the eye – pretty streets draped with ugly cables – all over the little houses – ancient poles.

Lets try and get the things cleared away – buried out of sight – regain clear skies – open views and – our lovely village.

If you feel it is worth trying to get the wires buried in Roscarrock Hill, Church Hill, Middle Street, Dolphin Street, and Rose Hill then write a short letter to Trio – it will be passed on.

May 1997

STEER

These are the plans to underground the power cables in the Conservation area of Port Isaac.

The existing uninsulated power cables, which carry a lethal voltage in excess of 415 Volts of alternating current, do not comply with the latest Directives and are in many cases below the legal height. STEER is concerned that when these cables are renewed they will be replaced with insulated cables. This would mean that each of the four cores of the cable has its own insulation so the single cable would be at least ten times the size of the existing cable, covered in black plastic and attached to very much higher poles. We believe this would be much more of an eyesore and would destroy the appearance of the old part of the village. If these insulated cables are erected to comply with new regulations they would be here forever.

Now is the time to underground all the wires and cables. Western Power Distribution has offered to pay £59,000 towards the cost of undergrounding. We are in the process of trying to raise the rest of the funds by talking to NCDC and BT etc.



News from STEER (StEndellion Economic Regeneration)

A breakthrough at last on cable undergrounding, thanks to the help of our MP Dan Rogerson. The undergrounding project received community support in the 2003 Parish Plan when 83% of those who completed questionnaires wanted to bury the overhead cables. Subsequent to the Parish Plan, we had contacted Western Power Distribution, and met Adam Walker, Planning Officer, who, from the start, has been very supportive in preparing plans, costings and generally advising us how to proceed. Western Power offered to cover the costs of supplying and laying the cables, including connecting to all properties, within the conservation area. However, we would need to obtain grant aid to fund the trenching costs.

A few months ago, Charlie David gave us the excellent news that NCDC had allocated £50,000 towards the project, providing a firm project was in place by the end of 2008. NCDC also arranged for one of their officers, James Ortiz, to work on our behalf. The remaining two parties still to get involved were the County Council, responsible for the street lighting, and British Telecom. James set to work on BT but, as we had found, dealing with such a large organisation was very difficult, with no one willing to make any commitments.

However, at a recent meeting of the Climate Friendly Parish Group we met Dan Rogerson. He had been very supportive of our project by writing to BT on our behalf. When told of our struggle, he offered to arrange a meeting with the most senior BT man in our region, Bob Challacombe South Western Regional Director of BT Openreach. On 30th November, this meeting took place with Dan Rogerson, Bob Challacombe, Pat Garland - Area Manager for BT Openreach, James Ortiz - NCDC and representatives of STEER. Bob Challacombe agreed that BT would join the team and, although he could give no guarantee that all telephone cables would be undergrounded, agreed there was considerable scope for reducing the visual impact of BT infrastructure. He would be advising his local staff to liaise with Western Power on how this could best be achieved.

James Ortiz had in the meantime been working with the County Council, and arranged a meeting with their engineer, Peter Sainsbury. He will be visiting the village on 4th December, and we hope that plans can be drawn up to enable a funding application to be made next year.

Also, we would like to take this opportunity to thank our Parish Council for their support in helping start the project in the first place, and their continued support in promoting and providing funding. We feel at last that, with the help of all parties, the project to bury the cables in the conservation area is moving forward. To reduce the inconvenience, work will be carried out in the winter periods and trenching will be kept as small as possible. We are sure the end result will be well worthwhile for all concerned and will make Port Isaac a much more attractive and safer place in which to live.

STEER's next meeting will be on January 10th 2008 in Port Isaac Village Hall at 7.30 pm. ALL ARE WELCOME. One topic to be discussed at this meeting - Is there a need for a community bus? If you are interested please come along and air your views.

David Raynor, Chairman STEER



Just a small selection of the criss-cross of wires in our beautiful village



December 2007



Underground at last

Dear Trio

Full and appreciative recognition is due to all those people who have put in so much hard work over the last ten years in the gruelling task of finding ways and means to get those inappropriate and unsightly electricity power lines buried underground. They should have been put underground in the first place as one person, Mrs May, whose house built many years ago on Roscarrock Hill (sometimes called 'The Folly'), at least had the foresight not to allow the wires to cross in front of her windows.

Planning matters, technical specifications, financing, grants, etc were all handled brilliantly by Mr Adam Walker of Western Power Distribution, working with St Endellion Parish Council, Charlie David and James Ortiz of North Cornwall District Council, and last but by no means least, David Raynor of STEER, whose article you read in last month's *Trio*. It has been a long haul, but work is now taking place in the village with minimal disruption. This summer Port Isaac is going to look far more like a 'historic fishing village' than it has for as long as we can remember.

Robin Penna, Port Isaac February 2009

the results ...

- 1 Beach Cleaning
- 2 Additional Parking
- 3 Bury Cables
- 4 Enhance the Coast Path
- 5 Park & Ride
- 6 Walkway from Port Isaac to Trewetha
- 7 Convert Church Rooms
- 8 Interpretative Centre
- 9 Additional Sports/Leisure facilities
- 10 Replace Modern Streetlights
- 11 Trelights Community Centre
- 12 Improve Streetlights
- 13 Deep Water Harbour

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| 458 agree | 79 disagree |
| 429 agree | 92 disagree |
| 422 agree | 103 disagree |
| 409 agree | 121 disagree |
| 399 agree | 91 disagree |
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| 177 agree | 314 disagree |

but the youngsters had a different view ...

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