

Cornwall Councillor Report – Carlyon Parish – November 2022

Last week it was an honour, as always, to join Remembrance events across the Division for Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday.

Thank you to all those who serve or who have served in the forces to keep our country safe.

I have reported a number of potholes around Tregrehan Mills, including a particularly nasty one outside the Methodist Chapel, which have been filled. Let me know if you have any others and I will be happy to get them sorted.

Cormac's survey work regarding the flooding issues above Tregrehan Mills has now been passed to the landowner, and they are awaiting feedback.

Cormac have now produced the preliminary plans for the community network highway scheme. As the Parish Council has been leading on these, I have asked Cormac to send them to the Parish Council for comments before further steps are taken.

Regarding the Beryl Bike e-bike scheme, I met with the council lead officer on this last week. The good news is that the council has confirmed that e-bike stands will be put in place at Pineturn Gardens, Crinnis Beach, Carlyon Bay precinct and in Holmbush. However supply chain issues mean they are now unlikely to be installed until March 2023, which will at least hopefully coincide with the beginning of an anticipated seasonal demand increase.

I also had an update on the St Austell area Walking and Cycling Infrastructure Plan, which is now back with Sustrans and due to be released in its final version in December.

I recently attended the Eden Project's homelessness awareness event and met with St Petrocs about the vital work they do in supporting some of the most vulnerable people in our society.

In planning matters, I have spoken with neighbouring Cornwall Councillor for Bethel and Holmbush Jordan Rowse and wanted to make the parish council aware of a planning application for 50 houses that has been put in on a field above Bishop Bronescombe School, immediately adjacent to Carlyon Parish.

This is part of the Green Buffer in Cornwall's local plan and has had multiple objections from many local residents, as well as St Austell Town Council.

I believe this application would impact adversely on Carlyon Parish, being on a green buffer, would increase surface water run off towards Tregrehan Mills and also impact negatively on nearby educational and health provision.

I am disappointed that Carlyon Parish was not consulted as standard in this matter, and would be grateful if you could comment on it.

On wider matters, I have supported the position of the St Austell and Mevagissey Community Network Panel in opposing changes to the community networks as set out by Cornwall Council.

While I recognise that the current model is not working as it should, I believe that the proposals, which would see network panels made even bigger and given more responsibilities, would not work, for the same reason but amplified, as the reason they currently are not working.

I would rather support either the Networks being scrapped totally, or them completely reformed and used purely as multi-organisational project-based groups, which is something I have previously enjoyed success with for my local communities outside of the CNP structure.