

Cornwall Councillor Report – Carlyon Parish – June 2022

I couldn't start without mentioning the extraordinary Platinum Jubilee celebrations that took place across Cornwall on the first weekend of June. I was honoured to attend events in all of the parishes I represent. It was an absolute honour and privilege to attend the Parish Council's event at Carlyon Bay on the Thursday Bank Holiday and read a Proclamation and light the beacon. Another amazing event put on by the parish and one that I have had so much positive feedback on from the community. Then Tregrehan Mills' party and unveiling of the Jubilee Plaque on the Sunday was another brilliant community display, even with the changeable weather! These events encapsulated everything that is good about our communities and it was brilliant to see so many people enjoying themselves – a fitting tribute to the unprecedented 70 years of service of our Queen. Thank you to everyone who helped organise this amazing weekend.

Regarding the works on Par Moor Road, the Cormac team continue to work six days a week as the scheme approaches its final stages. Each phase includes removal of the existing surface, installation of timber pathway edging, laying and compressing of an aggregate base course, then final tarmac surfacing. Pedestrians can still use the footway whilst the improvements are underway, however they're asked to wait at a designated point, so that a member of the Cormac team can escort them safely through the site.

The section of footway at Par Moor Road is complete (with just some signage and a grate to install shortly). Cypress Avenue to Par Market east carpark is now open for use, with a new temporary surface (and the final tarmac finish coming up soon). The section from the carpark to Penny's Lane is also currently underway. Penny's Lane to Biscovey Road will be the final part of these instructed works, and we expect to complete before the school holidays and the CC Embargo begin.

Regarding the Tregrehan flooding issues, Cormac confirmed last Friday Cormac that the survey works are set for the 11th August by Kemps, although this could be sooner if a cancellation opens up.

Regarding closure of the SWCP, Cornwall Council has received confirmation from The Ramblers that they are prepared to withdraw their objection if further conditions are met

Regardless of what people think about this situation I would also like to highlight the issue of the continual vandalism, which does anything but help what we are trying to achieve by formalising the routes. The barriers and padlocks are being repeatedly vandalised almost daily leaving the path open for the public to access, which is criminal damage, trespassing on private land, a cost to the public purse by repairing/replacing the barriers so frequently, and a significant safety risk by using the sections that are closed due to cliff instability.

So please don't do it!

I have written to the Ramblers myself and am awaiting a reply, and am hopeful with the continued hard work and diligence of Cornwall Council and Cormac, that this will be resolved soon.

Finally, at County Hall I was delighted to be re-elected unanimously and unopposed as Chairman of the Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny by councillors from across the political spectrum. We have an excellent committee and working ethos and I am pleased that members put their trust in me to chair it for another year.