

Carlyon Parish Annual meeting – Cornwall Councillor Report

I am pleased to have completed my first year as divisional member for Carlyon Parish and would like to thank the Parish Council, and residents and businesses in general for your warm welcome.

I am pleased to have got stuck in on a variety of local issues since my election last May and in all areas like to work closely with my parish councils to achieve real positive change and help address longstanding issues.

To focus on several in particular I have requested and had several meetings with Cormac, Cornwall Council and the Environment Agency to look at flooding issues above Tregrehan Mills, and hope to get some work done by Cormac to better channel waters where they are supposed to go and stop the footway and Tregrehan Mills from being flooded in times of poor weather.

I am pleased to have worked with Cornwall Council and the Parish Council to get the Parish Council's top priority put through for the Community Network Area Highways Schemes, speed changes and potential traffic calming measures on Bodelva Hill.

We also have seen excellent progress in the improved cycleway and pedestrian footpath on Par Moor Road, which Cormac have been working on in recent weeks, and achieves a substantial dedicated pathway for cyclists and walkers while not reducing the carriageway for vehicles.

I have worked with and joined in with local residents and the parish council on a number of initiatives to both improve community amenity space, as well as helping organise and take part in the Parish Spring Clean both last year and this year. I also continue to include the Parish in my regular ongoing litter pick and beach clean schedule.

I also got involved with the Carlyon Neighbourhood Development Plan and hopefully have unblocked the issues that were delaying it, allowing it to now progress towards what should be a referendum later this year.

I have been particularly pleased to support the Parish Repair Café and some of the past and planned big events in the parish, particularly the events around the Tour of Britain and the planned party for the Jubilee in Carlyon Bay in June.

I have continued to get out and about, meeting local residents, organisations, including Charlestown School, and businesses and always try my best to represent your issues and interests at County Hall.

There are always loads of local casework issues ongoing, particularly regarding potholes and verge trimming – I do my best to get a speedy and positive response once I get involved.

Finally, on a Cornwall-wide note, at Cornwall Council over the past year, I have been pleased to have led on motions removing charges for people purchasing affordable homes, on Cornwall Council declaring an ecological emergency, and most recently, a declaration of solidarity between Cornwall Council and Ukraine.

I would like to congratulate the Parish Council on their excellent work and positive approach and attitude. You are a pleasure to work with and I always look forward to coming to the monthly meetings.