

Carlyon Parish Council Cornwall Councillor report July 2021

The last few weeks have been particularly busy as we look to head out of lockdown restrictions and towards what promises to be a busy summer season., despite annoyingly having to self isolate for the first week in July.

Regarding the issues around speeding in Tregrehan Mills that were raised at the last couple of Parish meetings, Cormac have now responded to me.

They say that the previous speed monitoring organised for Tregrehan Mills was carried out at the changeover point of two speed limits, so this may explain why speeds are higher than anticipated, and therefore may not give a true representation of the speeds further into the hamlet of Tregrehan Mills, particularly in the area of the playing fields.

Tregrehan Mills is already subject to a 20mph speed limit with associated traffic calming, and some of the entry points into have a priority 'build out' feature in place to encourage slower speeds on entry. We have recently worked with the Parish Council to install the white gateways, to try and further encourage a change in driver behaviour as they approach the hamlet.

Therefore if speeds continue to exceed the limit, Cormac suggests contact with the local police team to understand any enforcement or surveillance opportunities. If there is community support, a Community Speedwatch might be something that can also be discussed with the police.

Some suggested additional highway improvements that have been provided to the Parish Council recently following their concerns regarding the approach near Linhay Close are shown below. Cormac stressed that these are high level estimates, and design checks would need to be carried out to finalise any costs and check if the scheme are feasible.

- A priority buildout in the vicinity of the existing speed limit gateway near Linhay Close £6-8K
- New footway from where it ends now into the park (approx. 30 metres) £5-£9K
- 20 roundel road marking and dragons teeth/rumble or visual bars across the carriageway £2K.

I am happy to take this further as the Parish Council suggests, although Cornwall Council have still yet to give an indication as to what form the future local highways budget will take.

I have had a number of contacts recently regarding anti social behaviour around several places in the division, including Crinnis Beach.

In every case I have referred to the police, and in particular I am pleased to have reassurance from them last week that they are using 'Beach Patrol' funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner's Office to resource additional patrols around the coastal stretch from Crinnis to Gorran Haven over the summer months. This is down to the local work put in by the St Austell area Sector Inspector and his team and I thank him for listening and taking action here.

I have also spoken to some of the impacted businesses on site and ensured that the police have liaised closely with them on further support available and actions they can take in the future.

In any case where there is a potential crime being involved, and I am not going to mention specifics, as there are ongoing investigations over several of the incidents that have been reported to me, the first point of call should be to contact the police, both to report any issues that require urgent attendance via 999 or via 101 or the email at 101@dc.police.uk

It is only by reporting issues to the police that they are able to form an evidence base and take action, so it really does need to be done.

It should go without saying that all forms of antisocial behaviour, particularly some of the reprehensible activity I have seen or been told about over the last few days, is unacceptable but it does need to be reported appropriately so the relevant agencies can do their jobs and investigate and take further action.

Finally, following contact from a local resident I have investigated with Cormac and got going again a solution to a highway drainage issue at Fairway which has been long-delayed. I was pleased to see Cormac take immediate action to support the affected resident in the short term, coming out on a Sunday to help, and also am grateful for the new Cabinet Member responsible for Transport at Cornwall Council, Philip Desmonde for helping with the long-term solution. More information on this as I get it.