

Cornwall Councillor Report – Carlyon Parish - February 2022

I hope you are all well as get into rainy February!

On highways matters, I have raised historic and ongoing concerns around speeding traffic on the A390 with the Parish Council after a resident got in touch and am happy to revisit the work my predecessor did on this should the Parish Council wish.

I was pleased to visit the Tregrehan Mills Repair Café when it ran on 29 January and have said I am very happy to support them with funds from my community chest to help with their room hire costs in the next financial year.

I am waiting for updates from Cornwall Council following the meeting about various flooding issues that we had up the valley immediately before the last Parish Council meeting in January.

Although not in the parish (just), I thought it would be helpful to report that Cormac are carrying out improvement works on the South West Coast Path and footpaths that run from Carlyon Parish into St Austell Bay Parish

Regarding the SWCP into Charlestown East:

The following outstanding works are programmed from 21st Feb:

- remove the gravel landscaped strip from the edge of Salamander up to the anchor outside Beach Retreats
- resurface the above section with tarmac
- remove the existing key clamp that remains in position behind the new black metal fence
- install a roll over at the base of the steps past Harbour Lights to ensure all water run off is directed into the gully
- install a lockable barrier to prevent any future vehicle access of this section of coast path
- repair any damage to the concrete surface that was caused by the contractors whilst works were in progress to stabilise the cliff
- The path will need to be closed whilst certain operations are in progress, but it will be reopened when it is safe for walkers to pass during works, and during evenings and weekends.

Cormac have confirmed they will organise for wood chippings to be put down on the surface of a few sections on Footpath 26, which is the one that runs down from the vicarage and Sea Road junction to Charlestown.

Also not in the parish (just!), last week I was pleased to visit Charlestown School.

Charlestown School is part of the 'new' Mevagissey and St Austell Bay division and I hadn't visited before.

It was good to have a tour of the school with Co-Headteacher Mrs Poole and speak to some of the pupils and teachers (and Freddie the school learning dog!).

It was a really positive visit, great to see the engaged and inquisitive children of all ages taking part in Maths and English lessons, as well some of the technology used to help with learning, plus the fantastic outdoor classroom.

It was also helpful to have a chat about the pandemic's impact on learning and the tremendous strides the school has made in remote learning work by necessity during this difficult time.

Thanks to everyone for your warm welcome and I look forward to visiting them again in the future.

One of the things I raised with them was around congestion and road safety issues caused at pick up and drop off times – although I appreciate this isn't something the school can't take direct action on, as the issues don't happen on their land, it is something that I am contacted by nearby residents about regularly. It is good to know the school regularly communicates with parents about the need to pick up and drop off responsibly, and have put other methods, such as staggered pick up/drop off times, and parking arrangements with Tesco in place. If the Parish Council can think of any other possible solutions, I would be happy to consider raising them with the school or Cormac as appropriate.

Finally, on Sunday I ran my first organised beach clean of the year. Thanks to everyone who came out for the Love Your Beach beach clean for Cornwall Wildlife Trust and the Three Bays Wildlife Group at Crinnis

We picked up loads and after condensing down what we collected, picked up 4 large full bags of various bits of rubbish.

Thanks in particular to Jeremy Roberts for giving the safety briefing and a summary of all the work Three Bays Wildlife have planned coming up and to Cllr Clemo, who opened up Manor Made and gave the volunteers free tea, coffee and delicious cakes!

It was good to meet loads of new people including some holiday makers who heard about or clean and came along to join us.

I am now looking at planning further events in February as part of Keep Britain Tidy's Great British Spring Clean. If the Parish Council would like to be involved, let me know and I am happy to arrange.