

Cornwall Councillor Report – Carlyon Parish – May 2024

I hope you are all well as we go through May.

I have requested as a general issue for any applications in my division that are being called in to not be considered until after Cornwall Council's Constitution and Governance Overview and Scrutiny Committee have looked again at their decision to disallow members of the planning committee from asking questions of members of the public and parish councillors. The committee are considering this in their June meeting. I am grateful to the Parish Council for supporting me in my own efforts to get this decision revoked.

In flooding issues:

On Garker, Maxwell is still working on a remedial plan for the flooding issues in the Garker area however this will take some time to develop to a point that he can share publicly and will require input from the EA. Saying that there are some minor watercourse improvement works he is trying to implement in an area of old China clay works upstream of Garker to prevent further sediments entering the watercourse and causing more issues as before any major remedial works in the bottom of the valley can occur.

Maxwell has produced a flood investigation report for the flooding in School lane. It was found that the main cause of the flooding arose from poor land management practices from a tenant farmer on Boscoppa farm leading to high amounts of runoff entering the leat and intern overflowing into School lane. He has put the landowner in touch with the EA land management team to prevent this happening in the future. There have been additional follow up actions with Cornwall Council's highways department and some residential properties which he is still working through. Maxwell has been working with closely the Parish council to provide updates as they occur and will provide a formal update of consequent actions from his investigation in due course.

Regarding Charlestown Leat, Maxwell has undertaken a walkover of the leat with a colleague and produced an action plan noting by observations on site – he noted the leat had been blocked by garden waste in places. He has had a follow-up meeting with Charlestown harbour and other members of the Council whereby we agreed a collaborative action plan of strategic clearance in problematic areas. For follow-up he has engaged with myself and other local councillors to spread the word to residents about keeping the leat channel free from waste which seemed to worked as it has made its way into Cornwall Live 'St Austell homes flooding because of idiots fly-tipping garden waste' - Cornwall Live – an excellent headline, as ever from them!

I have distributed a number of stickers reminding people to clean up after their dog in Gwallon Keas.

As ever, should people need my assistance for anything, please contact me on 07885277670 or at cllr.james.mustoe@cornwall.gov.uk