

Cornwall Councillor Report – Carlyon Parish Council – February 2026

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

It feels like for pretty much all of the past month, it hasn't stopped raining and we have been having regular storm warnings. My division has taken a particular pounding and I have been trying to stay on top of reporting fallen trees, drainage and highway issues as they arise. My thanks go out to everyone who takes the time to report issues, either to me or via Cornwall Council's website.

I attended the extraordinary meeting of Carlyon Parish Council and was really pleased to see the Parish Council vote and move towards a solution that will hopefully see the West Crinnis Field public right of way matter resolved.

Full props to the Parish Council and local people who have put many hours of hard work into working with the landowner to reach a workable proposal, which I fully support.

Sadly the crossing assistant at Charlestown School is unable to remain in post after this half term, so the vacancy is being re-advertised, please see a link to it below, and details of employment:

Charlestown School - Total of 7.92 decimal hours per week. The hourly rate is £12.60.

Shifts = 08.15 - 08.50 and 15.00 - 15.30 Monday to Friday during the school academic term. Please note the weekly hours include a supplementary 2.5 hours per week on top of the shifts.

For more details and to apply, please see the [vacancy](#)

In an update regarding my motion at the last Full Council around proposed changes to business rates for our Retail, Leisure and Hospitality businesses.

The debate itself was a positive one with great contributions from councillors from across the chamber and the vote was passed nearly unanimously with just one Green Party Councillor voting against.

A few weeks later the Government finally announced the changes to its poorly received budget measures around support for the retail, hospitality and leisure sector.

Sadly, the additional changes, which will see pubs and music venues in England given a 15% discount on their business rates bills from April and then not see increases for two years, are simply not good enough, not for pubs, and certainly not for the rest of the retail, hospitality and leisure sector, who remain in exactly the same perilous situation as before.

Now that the Government has confirmed its position, I have asked that Cornwall Council Cllr Leader Leigh Frost to send his correspondence to the Chancellor setting out the additional support measures that Cornwall Council has called for, for the whole

retail, hospitality and leisure sector, as well as ensuring that the council's website has clear and up to date guidance on it for businesses on how to deal with the proposed changes and access support as it becomes available.

As ever, should anyone need assistance with any matter, please do contact me on 07885 277670 or at cllr.james.mustoe@cornwall.gov.uk and I will do what I can to help.