Cornwall Councillor Report – Carlyon Parish – March 2024

I hope everyone is well as go through March.

While at the time of writing it is sunny, I think this is probably the first time this year when it hasn't been raining, and the amount of rainfall we have had recently, and the saturation we have had of the ground has caused significant issues with flooding in parts of the parish, particularly Tregrehan Mills.

I have been occupied in passing back details and evidence of the flooding to the flood and drainage team from Cornwall Council and they are continuing to work with appropriate parties to address the issues.

I last spoke to Maxwell from Cornwall Council on Friday, who gave the following update:

'School lane Tregrehan Mills flooding investigation

After a vey useful site walkover and meeting with the local Parish council and residents I am assembling a report on the causes of the recent flooding and an action plan going forwards – I will distribute this likely next week when it is finalised and I will provide updates on consequent actions in due course.

Garker Tregrehan flooding investigation

I am working on actioning the repair works in the upper catchment identified in my report "Tregrehan and Garker watercourse issues Summary 23rd Jan 2024 - Public Issue" issued to the Parish Council. I have developed a concept plan for the flooding in the proximity to the Rifle Range and the lower catchment however we are developing costings and checking constraints before formalising a plan and consulting with the EA.'

I also had a meeting with Cormac and Charlestown Harbour yesterday about Charlestown Leat and the various issues around that, but this was to mostly explore issues around the flooding of properties in Bethel and Cormac were keen to emphasise that the issues with flooding there are unrelated to those affecting Tregrehan.

I await further updates on the Jubilee Field devolution, but understand this is still going through the legal process.

I look forward to joining the Parish Council for their Spring Clean event this Sunday and have publicised details on the St Austell Tidy Up Team Facebook page in order to hopefully generate some more help on the day!

Of course, I'm really busy helping with all sorts of other bits and bobs around the parish, some public and some private, but I hope the above pieces of information provide a helpful snapshot of some of the more noteworthy things from the last month or so.

As ever, should you need my assistance with anything, please get in touch at cllr.james.mustoe@cornwall.gov.uk or on 07885277670.