

Cornwall Councillor Report – Carlyon Parish – September 2023

I hope you are all well and enjoyed the summer, changeable weather and all!

I did manage to take a couple of weeks off over August so haven't been as busy as usual.

Regarding the flooding issues at Tregrehan, I asked Rhys to reply to the email from the working group. He says:

'Simon still continues to work with the landowner in relation to the land drainage issue in relation to the culvert to try and re-establish flow.

The excavations commenced but were hampered by the recent wet weather, and had to be paused to allow the excavated area to drain down. I've tried to get hold of Simon as I believe he has been back in touch with the landowner, but haven't been able to today.

I note the PC have raised the issue of the excavation as a safety concern, whilst I appreciate this, unless I am mistaken the excavation is on private land and should not be being accessed by members of the public. I will however ask Simon to investigate whether there is any risk to the public as a result of the works and ensure it complies with the Land Drainage Consent issued.

In the meantime I have also been in discussions with the Environment Agency in relation to the water management in the area in general, we have a meeting between CC and the EA tomorrow to discuss this, agree actions and a way forward. I'm happy to update after tomorrow, I can also respond to some of the points raised by the flood working group as we can discuss these during that meeting.'

Also regarding the devolution of the Jubilee Field,

Sarah the Community Link Officer confirmed to me today that on this, Property services have been commissioned, they need to undertake a site visit and draft the Heads of Terms, and then this paperwork will be issued to the parish. This will kick start the legal process for the transfer of the site.

There is a third party that would need to approve the transfer, they are a group called Fields in Trust, an open space charity, the devolution team don't anticipate this being an issue but it is something that would need to be included as part of the legal process. Hopefully this will all start rolling shortly.

On to everyone's favourite topic, bins, with our area at the front of the shortly arriving changes to waste and recycling, Cornwall Council started putting leaflets out to all households at the beginning of the month giving information on the new arrangements.

To recap, Cornwall Council are introducing new weekly food waste and fortnightly recycling and rubbish collections in your area from mid January 2024.

Once the new service starts, you'll need to start separating your food waste from your rubbish ready to put out every week for us to collect in your new food waste caddy. If you're not already, you'll need to recycle your cardboard, glass, plastics, cans, paper and textiles.

This is because Cornwall Council will start collecting your rubbish fortnightly and, in

line with most other councils, will only take rubbish put out in the bin we give you with the lid closed.

If you're separating your food waste and recycling, your rubbish should fit in your wheelie bin or sack – it holds about 3 to 4 black bags' worth. Cornwall Council will collect more rubbish from some households under certain circumstances which they will explain in the instruction leaflet when they deliver your green caddy.

They may need to change the day they collect your waste from you. Cornwall Council will send you a new collection calendar in December. It will tell you your new collection day, if yours is changing, and the date your new service starts.

People will get a silver kitchen caddy and a starter pack of liners for separating your food waste as well as a green outdoor collection caddy. Cornwall Council say they have assessed all properties and are giving most a 180 litre wheelie bin for their rubbish. A small number that are unable to store a bin, have too many steps or are serviced by a specialist vehicle will get a 180 litre reusable protective with a delivery window available to view online in October. When your bin or sack arrives, if you think they've assessed your property incorrectly and it won't work for your home, you can apply to review your assessment. Details will be provided in the instruction leaflet to be delivered inside your green caddy.

Finally, the Parish should shortly be receiving information on the St Austell and Mevagissey Community Network Highways scheme, which has an allocation of £65,140.47 (this includes a 5% contingency for inflationary increases) remaining to spend for the financial year 2024/25. These will be signed off at a meeting to be held during January 2024; final recommendations will be submitted for approval to the Cornwall South Community Area Partnership and then the Portfolio Holder for Transport. Expressions of Interest must be submitted to the Community Link officer by Monday 30th October 2023 so that they can be assessed and costed in time for the meeting in January.

As ever, should people need my assistance with anything, please contact me on 07885 277670 or at cllr.james.mustoe@cornwall.gov.uk