

Cornwall Councillor Report – Carlyon Parish – January 2022

Happy New Year to you all!

I hope you all managed to get a bit of time off over Christmas and I did manage to take a week off.

With some of the poor weather over the previous weekend I was in contact with residents from Tregrehan Mills about flooding issues due to a blocked leat on School Lane. I communicated this back to Cormac and was pleased to see them attend promptly and deal with it, as a one off, as the leat is on private land, due to the health and safety concerns expressed.

Following on from the meeting we had about other issues with watercourses and leats further up the valley last year, Cornwall Council and the Environment Agency came out earlier today to further examine the issue and look at responsibilities, in particular around apparent inaccuracies with the maps that are being used. I hope that once the responsibility for the various problem features are cleared up, that this will make it much easier to press to get the issues resolved sooner rather than later. As of writing this report I am unsure whether I will have been able to get to this meeting or not, as it involved dashing back early from County Hall following Full Council today!

At the end of last year, up at County Hall I was pleased to second the Motion for Cornwall Council to declare an ecological emergency.

As a keen environmentalist I am always looking for opportunities to ensure Cornwall Council is on the top of its game in the fight for our environment.

The statistics around this motion are scary- we are seeing species being lost across Cornwall at an alarming rate, and this motion formalises the council's response, joining us with partners for a combined approach to addressing the decline of our natural environment, and working with our existing resources to take action accordingly.

With the recent COP26 in Glasgow, it has never been more appropriate to declare an ecological emergency, and today's motion does just that, while highlighting the existing work that is taking place and the need to do more.

It was also good to attend the People's Climate Change Conference in St Austell and see a couple of Mevagissey people there. It's a shame there weren't more members of the public overall in attendance.

I look forward to continuing to work with you all as we go forward into 2022 and beyond.