

Cornwall Councillor Report – Carlyon Parish – November 2021

I hope you are all well, as the evenings continue to draw in.

It has been an awkward few weeks, as we managed to get away for a family holiday for October half term, and on our return immediately everyone in my household seemed to get Covid over the next couple of weeks, so I have been limited to outdoor meetings until this week!

In highlights from the last month:

I met with the Chair of the Parish Council, the Clerk and a resident above Tregrehan Mills to discuss concerns around flooding, run off and the state of the bridleway. We walked the area in question and I have subsequently raised various concerns with Cornwall Council and Cormac who in turn are discussing how to resolve them with the Environment Agency on how to resolve the issues in question.

I also joined Parish Councillors and the Clerk, along with the Highways Manager to look at various issues around Cypress Avenue. I will be working with Cormac and the Parish Council to spruce up those bits that are within the public highway boundary. Cormac will also ask the relevant land-owners to cut their hedges back to ensure road signs are available, and will also look at possibly moving road signs and street furniture to help with road safety and improve traffic flow.

Regarding the works on Crinnis Beach I have now had an update from Jackie Swain. She tells me that their design masterplan is in place and that they are working on the scheduling of utilities which is a long and arduous task, but they hope to have some more movement on the development in the new year. As you will have seen, there is a planning application for consideration for all year round opening of the concession stands that are currently on the beach.

Regarding the Environment Agency and Tregrehan Stream, I have contacted them about this and they advise as follows:

'The short answer is that the EA has not been involved in any monitoring of this stream for several years. The only recent interaction we have had is in relation to the planning application for the new development up there and there were some observed changes in flows. However, we recommended for the developers and/or Cornwall Council to monitor the stream levels – we suspect it would have been CC or the developers monitoring the stream rather than us.'

I have spoken to Richard Grant, who is the senior officer at Cornwall Council responsible for Neighbourhood Development Plans, about Carlyon Neighbourhood Development Plan. Richard apologises that a meeting with the NDP group has been delayed due to churn in Cornwall Council's NDP team. I have sent him a list of all the questions that we need clarification on and have asked that we have a meeting in person with a named officer soon to hash them out, so we can progress the plan through to completion.