

Cornwall Councillor Report – Carlyon Parish Council – June 2026

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

As part of the recent negotiations for Community Area Partnership Highways funding I was pleased secure every request from Parishes across my division, meaning that the improvements Carlyon Parish Council have asked for will now proceed forwards. Expect them to go to design now ahead of a public consultation prior to implementation later this year.

I recently visited Gwallon Keas to deliver my annual update. A few people asked me about the adoption process for the roads, highway infrastructure and green spaces on the estate.

I had thought that I had last spoken to Cormac about this last summer but it turns out it was actually in December, when they did their first visit as part of the adoption process.

At the time they came back to me and said:

‘We have noticed a few locations where footways need to be extending beyond ramps features, and kerb heights adjusted to ensure pedestrians (and more importantly vulnerable road users) can dismount the footways safely, either to cross the road or join a shared space. Other defects include, areas of ponding, block paving sinking/uneven, blocked drainage gullies, damaged kerbs etc.

The developer will need to fix these defects. These are what is known as the Part 2 remedial works and on completion [we] will issue the Part 2 certificate. [We] will also need the highway drains to be surveyed, approval of the fire hydrants, and as-built drawings. After the Part 2 certificate has been issued there will be a 12 month maintenance period, during which time the developer is still responsible for the estate. A final inspection will then take place before adoption. So realistically it’ll be at least another 18 months before we adopt, but it really depends how fast the developer carries out the remedial works.’

In terms of the green spaces – these will be transferred from the developer to whoever the maintenance company is for the estate at some point, but that is a decision and process controlled wholly by these parties, over which Cornwall Council doesn’t have any role.

Following my visit on I have asked Cormac for an update on this and they have said they continue to chase the developer to carry out these works – I will provide further details when available.

While I have not had any recent reports of anti-social behaviour on Beach Road from people leaving Crinnis - I have had a number of concerns raised with me by the businesses on the beach about anti-social behaviour from young people on the beach

itself. I have raised these with the local sector inspector, who in response sent down officers to speak to the businesses. I also understand from the management company at the beach that they have put on additional security when live music is being played. I will continue to monitor this situation.

Over the past couple of weeks I have been contacted by a number of coastguards who serve in the Mevagissey and St Austell units – both based in my division, with their considerable concerns about Government proposals to change their conditions.

The Government agency responsible for the Coastguard, the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA), is currently considering proposals to remove remuneration from Coastguard Rescue Teams and move to an entirely voluntary model from September.

Whilst this may appear to be an administrative or financial decision, I believe it has significant implications for public safety, responder safety, emergency service resilience and the ability of HM Coastguard to continue delivering an effective Category 1 emergency response capability.

There is a growing concern that the proposed changes could fundamentally undermine the sustainability of a service that has protected lives around our coastline for decades.

These proposals are being led by the Government, and it is for our MPs to engage with their local coastguard teams and act on their behalf. This is what I had been advocating those who contacted me do.

But this frustrated me and I wanted to do more. So after having worked with those coastguards who have contacted me, I have now put a motion to Cornwall Council's next Full Council – for 21 July which asks Cornwall Councillors to vote on the following:

'That in the light of recent proposals being considered by HM Coastguard following the Grom case, the Leader is mandated to write to the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Aviation, Maritime and Decarbonisation, noting Cornwall Council's opposition to the proposed changes and asking whether a comprehensive assessment has been undertaken of the risks associated with these changes.'

Specifically:

- *What workforce modelling has been conducted to assess the likely impact on retention and availability?*
- *What operational safety assessment has been completed regarding the potential loss of experience, skills and leadership capability?*
- *What contingency plans exist if volunteer numbers or availability fall below expected levels?*

- *How has HM Coastguard satisfied itself that public safety and responder safety will not be adversely affected?*
- *Has an impact assessment been undertaken regarding the resilience of Coastguard Rescue Teams as a Category 1 emergency response capability?*

The Government does have a history of changing its mind on difficult decisions, and who knows what will happen between now and July.

However I thought it was important to get this motion down as a marker now, and that Cornwall Council as an organisation be challenged to act on behalf of Coastguard teams in Cornwall and put their concerns to the highest level of Government.

As ever, should people need my assistance with any matter, please contact me at 07885277670 or via cllr.james.mustoe@cornwall.gov.uk and I will do my best to help.