

# **Cornwall Council report**

## **Cllr Dick Cole**

Time period: 21st May – 24th June 2018

Listed below are some examples of the work that I have been doing. Please note that this report is not exhaustive and that I was on holiday between 10th and 18th June.

### **1. Council meetings and related activities**

During the last month, there were fewer meetings than in previous months. These have included: Full Council, Cabinet, Electoral Review Panel and the China Clay Area Network.

In addition, I attended the Royal Cornwall Show for three days and worked at the Cornwall Council and Cornwall Heritage Trust tents. Most of the time, I was at the display about the Boundary Review and the consultation into the proposed council divisions for the next set of elections in 2021.

In the same period, as well as a number of informal meetings with council officers and others, I attended one meeting of St Enoder Parish Council.

### **2. Other meetings and activities**

I attended a meeting of the St Austell Bay Economic Forum, and helped out at the annual fete at Indian Queens Pit (trustee). I also hosted Gorsedh Kernow, who held their Awen ceremony at the Pit.

### **3. Highway matters**

#### **3a. A3058**

I can report that Cornwall Council has been successful in its bid to the Government's Safer Roads Fund and has been allocated £1.1 million to make improvements to the stretch of the A3058 between the crossroads at Summercourt and Quintrell Downs.

The funding will be available for 2020/2021 and I have already spoken to a council officer about how I can be engaged with devising the works that will be carried out on the road.

#### **3b. Community Network Highways Scheme**

Last month, I noted that the unitary authority had recently agreed that, for each of the next four years, £50,000 will be allocated to Community Network Panels for highways improvements in their areas. This is a relatively small amount of money and in the China Clay Area, it will have to be spread across six individual divisions.

It was agreed that the Parish Council discuss what we should request at this meeting on 26th June.

All my previous requests to the unitary authority are still listed with the relevant officers and should form the basis of our discussions. These may be summarised as follows:

- Speed reduction measures / traffic calming at Fraddon, Indian Queens and St Columb Road, which could include traffic calming measures at entry points, possible priority build-outs through the villages, as well as permanent VAS signs.
- Speed reduction measures / traffic calming in Summercourt, which could include traffic calming measures at entry points, possible priority build-outs, as well as permanent VAS signs.
- Traffic management measures to resolve congestion, accessibility, delivery and safety issues relating to the Co-op store in St Columb Road.
- Improved pedestrian phase to existing signalised junction at Summercourt crossroads, to improve safety and accessibility.
- Access improvements at Indian Queens Primary School, which were agreed when the planning permission was granted for additional classrooms. These measures include pedestrian crossing improvements and footpath links/improvements (eg. across field to Harvenna Heights). It needs to be stated that I am continuing to push for these works to undertaken outside of the scope of this Community Network Highways Scheme.
- 20 mph speed limit and related highway improvements outside Summercourt School.
- Traffic calming at New Road near Fraddon and at Sea View Terrace on the road to St Stephen.

#### **4. Appeal decision**

Members of the Parish Council will recall that the unlawful construction of a caravan park near Toldish was twice rejected by Cornwall Council. This was a decision upheld at an appeal and the caravans were removed from the site.

A subsequent application for a traveller site was also refused and, on behalf of St Enoder Parish Council and local residents, I attended the informal hearing into the proposal which was held at Fraddon Village Hall on 14th March.

I produced a detailed 8,000 word statement, but I am very disappointed to report that the appeal inspector did not give great weight to my / our arguments and has allowed the appeal.

## **5. Electoral Review Panel**

I was re-elected as Vice-chairman of the Panel on 1st June and the Boundary Commission released its recommendations for the 87 divisions (from 2021 onwards) on 5th June. A fifteen week consultation is presently taking place.

For our area, the proposal is for St Enoder Parish to be linked with the majority of St Dennis Parish. It would have an electorate of 7% over the average electorate figure of 5,163. But does not include about 180 people from the Enniscaven and Gothers area, however the Boundary Commission has indicated that it might consider linking the whole of the two parishes together. This would have an electorate 11% over the average electorate figure, and is something I support.

## **6. Grass cutting**

Last year, there were a number of occasions when I was unhappy with the frequency at which Cornwall Council cut the grass on the small play areas and other pockets of land that they own.

I was reassured that this year it would be different, but I am disappointed that this has not yet proved to be the case and I have been making representations on this matter

## **7. Litter and flytipping**

There continues to be some much littering locally and I have reported quite a number of flytipping and related incidents for action.

## **8. World War 1 project**

I can further report that the project had a stall at the annual fete at Queens Pit and, on behalf of the Parish Council, my wife and I have submitted an application (to the Armed Forces Covenant) for a number of silhouette figures which can be used at the various events to mark our commemorations of the First World War.

## **9. Inquiries**

During the last month, I have helped numerous people with guidance on a range of issues.