

Cornwall Council report

Cllr Dick Cole

Time period: 24th November 2019 – 26th January 2020

Listed below are some examples of the activities that I have been involved with over the last two months. This report focusses on issues specifically relevant to St Enoder Parish.

1.0 Council meetings and related activities

I attended a number of formal meetings and briefings at Cornwall Council. These include three meetings of Full Council, the Central Planning Committee, an all-day session as part of a review into private sector housing through the Environment Growth and Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee, China Clay Area Network meeting, monthly briefing about Community Governance Review, National Minority Working Group, briefing in advance of latest Full Council and a Group Leaders' meeting.

As a representative of Cornwall Council, I was also present at the latest meeting of the South and East Cornwall Local Action Group (Community-led Local Development).

There have also been informal meetings with a range of officers at the unitary authority, some of which are referenced below, and I have also attended four meetings of St Enoder Parish Council.

2.0 Indian Queens School

A key priority for me continues to be getting improvements in the vicinity of Indian Queens School.

2.1 New footway from Harvenna Heights estate

In terms of the proposed new pathway to be constructed across the field to the west of the School to the Harvenna Heights estate, I can confirm that this has been agreed with Cornwall Council. Put simply, the majority of the field will be fenced off for recreation use by the School. The remainder of the field will be transferred to the ownership of the Parish Council, and the path will then be built across this land.

Last week, I met with the officer who is dealing with the transfer of the land to the Parish Council, along with a sum to construct the new pathway. It must be added that actual extent of the school land is presently being agreed between the School and Cornwall Council and, as soon as this is done, we will be able to enact the transfer and move this forward.

2.2 Travel Plan

As previously reported, I have been lobbying extremely hard to get Cornwall Council to deliver improvements included within the Travel Plan (such as crossings on Chapel Road and St Francis Road), that was produced in association with the planning permission to increase the size of the School.

I can confirm that the Council has commenced an assessment of what would be appropriate in the village and to provide detail about what should be delivered. I met with the officers on 23rd January to discuss my local perspective on matter and I have been assured that the study will be completed in March.

3.0 Summercourt School

Officers at the Council continue to investigate improvements outside Summercourt School, such as a variable 20 mph limit. This would be funded through the Community Network monies for highway improvements. I met with a representative of CORMAC on 18th December 2019 to discuss options, and hope that there will soon be a scheme that falls within the Network Panel's budget, which I will be able to share with the School and others.

4.0 A3058

As previously reported, Cornwall Council will soon receive funding from central government for improvements along the A3058 between Summercourt and Quintrell Downs. I have been seeking specific improvements within Summercourt village itself, such as a permanent vehicle activated sign at the northern entrance into the village and pedestrian crossings linked to the traffic lights on the crossroads.

I met with the team working on this on 16th January. I hope that the proposals will be available for consultation by early February.

The allocated funding cannot be spent to the south of the crossroads, but I have formally requested that the Council look to provide an additional vehicle activated sign to face traffic entering Summercourt along St Austell Street. With work being lined up to be done in this area in 2020, it seems to me that it would be a sensible time to extend the scope of works.

5.0 Kingsley Village complex

I continue to receive complaints relating to parking and related problems in the area around Kingsley Village. I have been pushing for Cornwall Council to address these concerns. A meeting was planned for 15th January, but this was cancelled because of the unavailability of certain members of staff. This meeting has now been rearranged for 29th January.

6.0 Planning matters

There have been a number of live planning applications in St Enoder Parish, on which I have been liaising with planning officers. A few examples are as follows:

- There was considerable opposition to the proposals for new properties in the gardens of two properties on Harvenna Close, Fraddon (PA19/03258 and PA19/03266). I referred the applications to a meeting of the Central Sub-Area Planning Committee. The meeting took place on 25th November and, as local objectors were unable to attend, I read out a statement on their behalf. Both applications were approved.
- Planning permission for five dwellings has been granted in the car park of the Blue Anchor Inn, Fraddon (PA19/09155). The initial scheme was redesigned following consultation with local residents. It also ensures that there is still a sizable car park for the pub.
- I also continue to get regular complaints about the planning application for a café at Chapel Town Business Park, Summercourt (PA19/06652), which opened before any planning permission had been secured. Planning officers are presently attempting to understand the nature of the application.

7.0 Bus timetable

Cornwall Council has been out to tender on bus services across decisions. I have requested the full details of what has been agreed in terms of area, which I should receive in about a week's time. Once I get the details, I will make these available to local people.

8.0 Community Governance Review

At the Full Council meeting on 10th December 2019, Cornwall Council supported a request from St Newlyn East Parish Council to modify their parish boundary at Mitchell. This is now out to consultation.

9.0 Tour of Britain

It has been confirmed that the first phase of this year's Tour of Britain cycle race will take place in Cornwall on 6th September 2020. The route is from Penzance to Bodmin, and will go along the A3058 through Summercourt, and there will be an opportunity for community events to be arranged in association with the event.

10.0 VE Day

It is good to see that local groups in St Enoder Parish are starting to come together to arrange events to mark the 75th anniversary of the end of the European aspect of the Second World War (VE Day).

Following the work that we did to mark the fallen of the First World War, which culminated in the publication of "Trusting Fully Trusting," I have started to explore the options to research the lives of the local people who lost their lives in the Second World War, as follows:

The St Enoder War Memorial contains the names of 11 men from Fraddon and Summercourt, who lost their lives in the 1939-1945 conflict.

Mervyn Bulford (Royal Navy / HMS Galatea)
Joseph Donald Caddy (West Riding Regiment)
Selwyn Garfield Cole (Coldstream Guards)
Douglas Kenneth Common (Royal Artillery)
Dennis Tremayne Kelly (Royal Navy / HMS Avenger)
Herbert John Nancarrow (Royal Artillery)
Denis James Powell (Royal Engineers)
Thomas Harry Powell (West Surrey Regiment)
William Henry Frederick Raison (Wiltshire Regiment)
John Maurice Tonkin (Royal Air Force)
Richard John Henwood Trevethan (Royal Artillery).

Seven men from Indian Queens and St Columb Road are meanwhile listed on the St Columb War Memorial.

William Hedley Bennett (Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry)
Eldred Grose (Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry)
George Henry Hawkey (Royal Air Force)
Thomas Pellow Hosking (Royal Air Force)
Eric Charles Noel Kent (Royal Canadian Air Force)
Maurice Sloman (Royal Navy)
Alwyn Rodney Gilbert Wright (Royal Army Service Corps).

In addition, local woman Nella Eileen Trebilcock (nee Osborne) was killed in a bombing raid on a boatyard at Dartmouth in Devon.

11.0 Inquiries

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