

CC Report for the Town Council Meeting 21st September 2023

This report covers the period 12th August to 15 September to ensure the report can be seen by all fellow town councillors with all other council papers prior to the above meeting.

Following on from last month's report:

Belle View Square: My apologies for my previous report on this last month, further emails on this subject have revealed that although a work order was issued in March these groundworks are not complete, indeed the work has not even started as yet due to the specialised work required. I have requested that an update is delivered to all residents in the immediate area, volunteering to hand deliver personally, awaiting a reply.

Macey St: Work continues.

Kingsley Avenue: No further update yet as to what will be the final decision on the use of this land.

Harvey St Flats: Ongoing.

Trevol Business Park: Still no date for this waste transfer received.

Public Pathways: Work continues.

Garages rear of Roberts Avenue: No date for demolition or use of site on completion.

Anti-Social Behaviour: Meeting took place at Pentire Road on Wednesday 13th September along with representatives from Housing and the ASB Team, unfortunately the police could not attend due to workload. The areas of concern have now been fenced off allowing for a separate play area for the children to have a kick about without the possibility of footballs going into other residents' gardens and security fencing in another area. The opportunity was taken to talk to a number of residents and all in all a very worthwhile exercise.

Visit of Mammography Unit to Torpoint: Via the town clerk a report of a person visiting the unit at an arranged appointment time being made to feel uncomfortable by the security personnel controlling the entry point into the Spickernell area of HMS Raleigh. Took up this issue with both the Portfolio Holder for Health (PHH) and the Portfolio Holder for Transport (PHT). There was anecdotal evidence that the NHS (the unit is outside the responsibility of the PHH) had requested the use of the area as the car parks were not available. Following discussions with PHT car parks will be made available in future, either Sainsbury's (which has been used before) or Thanckes. It has been emphasised that Spickernell is totally unsuitable not only for the reasons already given but location does cause a problem for non-car owners etc., NHS Facilities have been made aware of this.

Education Centre, Fore Street: The current contract for the renting of this area has now expired and as the landlord is looking for a long term rental agreement another location has been sought at Enterprise Court, however the space has yet to be made ready and in the interim temporary classes have been arranged to take place at the Library /Community Hub.

Tamar Street Car Park: There has been some altercations reported over the last few weeks concerning inconsiderate parking. To remedy the situation the rather worn out marking of parking bays is to be refreshed in "the near future". Of particular concern was the disability parking bay where it has been requested that instead of just one bay, two are marked up. This will then be in compliance with the detailed Equality Survey carried out earlier this year.

Vagrants: Have received some complaints reference vagrants accosting people for "spare cash" which has been upsetting to some and annoying to others, have discussed this with the Beat Manager as this comes under the Vagrancy Order and the police can move them on, hence this is entirely down to the police presence in Torpoint.

Torpoint Bowls Club – Currently in detailed discussion with the Forestation Team reference some trees to the North of the club house. These trees, on CC land, have been allowed to grow quite tall and as a result cause a great deal of shading to the Northeast corner of the bowling green itself. This shading does not allow the green to “breathe” properly and hence there is a continuous moss build up due to the pervading damp conditions. Up until Cornwall becoming a Unitary Authority Caradon District Council used to ensure these trees were subject to regular crown reduction, unfortunately since 2009 this has not been carried out. This could have quite serious consequences for the Bowls Club (who incidentally celebrate their 100th anniversary next year) as the green may become unplayable in that particular area resulting in the club having a change to their current league status. The membership have tried to resolve this situation themselves but with little success so now I have involved the Portfolio Holder for the Environment and I am hoping for an update at next week’s full council meeting.

Personal Note – I have been asked to chair a new outside body namely : Older People's Partnership Board – **NOT**, I hasten to add as a result of my advanced years! But as a “drill down” from the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HASCOSC) working directly with a small team from the NHS for those of a mature age and their requirements. It will only consist of a few hours each month and I am sure with the age demography we have within Torpoint it could prove useful to our elder residents.

CC Meetings attended during this month:

Monday 4th September Chy Travail Bodmin - East Cornwall Planning Mtg. **Note:** There were 4 planning applications, I had to declare a non-pecuniary interest in the first 2 as they both related to applications for Mt Edgcumbe of which I am a Member of The Friends of Mt Edgcumbe.

Thursday 7th September Plymouth City Council Offices – Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry Joint Management Committee.

Wednesday 13th September Lanhydrock Golf and Country Club – Pensions Committee presentations by CC contracted Investors. Note could only attend the morning session as Pentire Road meeting pm.

Various Virtual Mtgs.