

CC Report for the Town Council Meeting 27 September 2022

This report covers the period 13 August to 20 September to ensure the report can be seen by all town councillors with all other council papers prior to the above meeting.

I have received various comments both complimentary and of a complaining nature as regards the resurfacing works in and around Benodet Park and Goad Avenue. The main substance of the complaints being that it is now very much a patchwork of tarmac as against a consistent finished surface throughout. This is obviously correct, however finances are extremely tight hence repairs where required. I firmly believe that the work carried out, especially the road surface prior to the bend and entrance to the Grove Park area is a vast improvement as to what was there previously.

The recent downpours of rain have resulted in some drains overflowing and as has been explained to me the shallow depth of the drains especially in the older part of Torpoint have been a contributory factor. I have asked as to whether it would be possible for the drains to be flushed out and cleared of the detritus in them at present and have been assured that this is on a maintenance programme.

I had a site meeting on a.m. Wednesday 7th September about the poor state of the Promenade by the Old Rowing Club and although it was agreed work was required no funds could be made available. I have since learnt that the ongoing management/maintenance of the promenade is going to be transferred to the Open Spaces Dept., who have a larger budget and I am awaiting responses from the Dept. I have yet to ascertain who is responsible for the ongoing maintenance for the slips on Marine Drive. The East slip is in a reasonable state of repair and can be used at high tide but the West slip is totally beyond any form of repair and will need a rebuild if, indeed, a slip is even required there.

I would like to share with you a response recently received reference the garages:

You may be aware that Cornwall Housing Ltd has taken the decision to demolish the garages at Carbeile Road which have now deteriorated beyond reasonable repair.

We will commence the demolition of the garages within the next few weeks.

This will involve securing the site, followed by the demolition of the structures and disposal of the resulting waste. We have instructed a specialist demolition company to undertake the works to ensure full statutory compliance with Health & Safety regulations throughout the process.

Although there may be some disruption from noise and heavy plant accessing the site during working hours, we aim to keep this to a minimum. We anticipate that the demolition and remedial works will last no more than 2 weeks. If you have any further concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me using the contact details below.

As can be seen no firm date has yet to be given but at least on this occasion the Housing Dept., are keeping the residents informed

Now that the extended section of the A374 has become a 30mph zone, beginning just before the first entrance into Wilcove from the West, again I have received complaints that some of the speed restriction signs are not big enough. On checking with Highways, they have confirmed that the signs are of the right size and comply with current legislation.

Although I have had two queries about CC Community Chest Fund I have not as yet had any applications, so should any town councillors know of any groups/organisations who would benefit please ensure they are aware of this scheme, I can provide details as required. Other monies, the source of which has been explained previously, has been given out.

CC Meetings attended during this period:

19 August - Mt Edgcumbe Management Meeting, an excellent presentation by Chris Burton Manager who gave both a good insight into the current financial position and the various aspects of work being undertaken.

Various Virtual Mtgs.