

CC Report for the Town Council Meeting 15th February 2024

This report covers the period 12th January to 9th February 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: The "secure fencing" referred to in the last report has remained, stacked against the wall, with the small road plate partially covering the excavation. Still no date when the work is due to commence.

Kingsley Avenue: Ongoing.

Harvey St Flats: Ongoing.

Public Pathways: The footpath that started this work last June is now being re-routed, this will allow the property to be sold for the full market value, thank you email received from resident concerned. Work continues on the three other footpaths requiring re-routing but no update on those yet received, additionally no response from Redrow, which I am led to believe has recently been the subject of a merger bid with Barratt Homes, which no doubt will only complicate the issue further!

Garages rear of Roberts Avenue: No update.

Vagrants: Still subject to monitoring.

Torpoint Bowls Club – Site Meeting with Cormac, Arborealist and members of the Bowling Club last Friday and a compromise solution is to be undertaken, this will involve coppicing of all the self-planting runners and clearance of the undergrowth around the base of the trees, removal of one Maple tree which has been totally debarked by either animals/vandals and a watch placed on an ash tree which is showing initial signs of die back. As stated, this is a compromise but does entail extra work by Cormac so there will be a charge back to the Bowling Club, awaiting estimates.

Thanckes Drive – Whilst both Cormac and Arborealist were on site a quick site visit was also paid to an area causing concern to residents, where in high winds some of the top canopy of the trees in the area were losing branches causing damage to cars parked in the parking area, Guinness Trust had also raised concerns as there had also been damage to the boundary fencing. Last October a site visit had been made when the area was declared safe, this clearly was not the case. At this subsequent visit another case of Ash dieback was confirmed and arrangements are now in hand for partial removal of some of the top canopy and the diseased branches.

Footpath behind Sidney Road bungalows Still awaiting decision as to whether pathway, posts and fencing to be totally replaced or patching, installing new posts/fencing where required, I have requested an on-site visit prior to any work commencing.

Antony Road Flats – First attempts at fixing the leak have totally failed, further investigation has revealed that there is a complete blockage in the drainage which in itself could be a cause – ongoing.

Issues concerning allocation of housing to those with no Torpoint connection – Apparently there is going to be an overhaul and review of the way housing is allocated and how applicants are to be prioritised, I have asked to see the minutes of any working group meetings recommending any changes.

Pentire Road – The small section which was affixed to the wall and the gate have now been taken off-site, trying to determine why and when same will be returned.

Cricket in Torpoint – Attended a meeting at the College with members of the Cornwall Cricket Board (CCB) to further the aims of re-establishing cricket within Torpoint. This was met with a very positive response following the recent success of a mini cricket programme at Carbeile Junior School. The

aim post Easter holidays is to arrange for coaching/playing using the current pitches at the Community College to establish numbers that would be interested and a long term goal of re-establishing a cricket team in Torpoint, rather than those having to join the Tideford teams or those in Plymouth. A visit was also made to the old cricket site, where it was stated there is the “potential” for a pitch sharing venue with the football teams as happens elsewhere in Cornwall.

CC Meetings attended during this month:

Friday 12th January Plymouth City Council – Tamar Crossings Mtg

Tuesday 16th January NCH Truro – Full CC Mtg

Monday 22nd January Chy Travail Bodmin – East Sub-Area Planning Mtg

Friday 26th January NCH Truro – Audit Committee Mtg

Various Virtual Mtgs.