

CC Report for the Town Council Meeting 18th April 2024

This report covers the period 15th March to 12th April 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: Awaiting dry period(!) for ducting to be pumped and dried out before infill. As stated previously this will be undertaken by Cormac but all costs will be met by Wildanet.

Kingsley Avenue: The actual site to date again has no forward plan. "Jury rigged" electrical cabling has been removed along with junction boxes.

Harvey St Flats: Regular walk-rounds by the ASBO Team, Housing, Police and myself when available, some "mild" improvement noted.

Public Pathways: Still awaiting arborealist report reference trees skirting the Lamorna Park area which I am assured will be sent when complete along with a forward action plan. I have again requested an update of other PROW's which require action.

Garages rear of Roberts Avenue: No update.

Vagrants: Police are aware, Beat Manager currently on leave.

Torpoint Bowls Club: Awaiting start of work date. Although now into the nesting season assured that work can be undertaken when carried out by trained operatives.

Thanckes Drive – As per Bowls Club above.

Footpath behind Sidney Road bungalows Still awaiting decision, the situation has now worsened as a result of the weather of late – no change, although further enquiry sent earlier this week. The pathway to the front of the bungalows has now been assessed following onsite meeting with both residents and CHL Surveyor, forward plan now agreed with work to commence soon, again dependent on weather.

Antony Road Flats – Finally some **good** news! Remedial work to both find and stop the leak has been successful, with no ingress of water for the last 7 days. However, the walls are blown and will need to be stripped and replastered. Plans for the resident to move to Short Cottages are proceeding although there will be a 4 – 6 week delay due to redecoration of same. This should not be too much of a problem as resident is due to be admitted to hospital next week for a pre-planned operation.

Issues concerning allocation of housing to those with no Torpoint connection – Still no update on this.

Pentire Road – No update on when both the section and gate will be re-affixed.

Thanckes Park – No onsite meeting took place, workmen in attendance this week filling in trenches, have asked for an update but nothing received to date.

Parking Meters Sainsburys Car Park – No Update.

Potholes – The relentless poor weather has created a real problem with a 130% rise in the number of potholes throughout Cornwall being reported this year to date, with Cormac responding with extra efforts to repair same. No doubt this will feature highly at the presentation by Cormac Friday 19th April at Bodmin with myself, Cllr Still and Ops Manager in attendance.

Pensions Committee – On a personal note I have sat on this CC committee for 3 years now and have struggled to a) keep abreast of the reports received prior to meetings (usually consisting of some 300 plus pages!) and b) having a personal constructive input at meetings staffed by far more

experienced and knowledgeable people than I on investments, world-wide market strategy etc., My resignation from this has been accepted leaving me with more time to concentrate my efforts in areas where I feel I can make a more meaningful contribution.

CC Meetings attended during this month:

Monday 18th March Chy Travail Bodmin – East Sub-Area Planning Mtg.

Tuesday 19th March Plymouth City Council Offices – Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry Joint Committee Mtg.

Monday 25th March NCH Truro – Pensions Mtg.

Various Virtual Mtgs.