

CORNWALL COUNCILLOR UPDATE FOR SEPTEMBER 2025



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Sandways

I am pleased that Cornwall Council officers have finally agreed to meet with members of the camping association to discuss this properly instead of the situation we have had up until now. We will wait to see what comes of these discussions and I will report back.

Together for Families:

The portfolio holder for Together for Families, Hilary Frank, has agreed to meet with me to discuss the ongoing issue of designated schools and school transport. While this seems like a small step, it is much further than I managed to get under the previous administration - I have a huge dossier of information from families, not just in my division, that have been caught out with this issue so it isn't something that I am prepared to walk away from. Hilary agreed that the policy isn't working properly and needs to be looked at, I just hope that it is looked at fairly and equitably.

Tideford Signal Crossing

The public consultation is now live for this crossing, I would really encourage people to contribute to this consultation - especially those that live in the Tideford area, or who use the butchers and the preschool there. It will make such a difference for getting across the A38 safely, and while I accept it will cause delays in the traffic I think on balance the safety of children and elderly crossing the road carries more weight. The consultation can be found on this link - <https://letstalk.cornwall.gov.uk/search?query=tideford>

The Great Wall of St Germans

I am currently chasing up the progress on this piece of work, it should have started already and I am really frustrated that it hasn't. I will keep chasing and will report back.

A374 - Reopened at last!

I am delighted to see the A374 subsidence work finally completed and the road fully reopened as I am sure you all are - it has taken a long time, and cost a lot of money!

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Full Council

We had Full Council in September, where the Council debated motions on Keeping Cornwall Clean and Writing to SWW. Both important, but nothing ground breaking as these are things that the Council does continuously anyway. I remain frustrated that motions that have a day to day impact on residents continue to be disallowed as they have a budgetary cost. Many residents will have noticed that parking charges have increased by somewhere around 6%, the previous administration had budgeted for this year to keep them stable and not increase, but the new administration have decided that this is not viable and have adjusted in year. This is a kick in the teeth for folk across Cornwall, and for businesses as well.

The chair of the chamber of commerce in Cornwall asked a public question in the meeting around whether the Council had undertaken any impact studies on it's bid for Fifth Nation Status and being stand alone - impact on what we could miss out on by not being part of a Combined Mayoral Authority (think Greater Manchester etc) or indeed what benefits we might get by going it alone. The Council have not done this and the leader seemed quite surprised to be asked, but has committed to an impact assessment.

Solar Farms Impact

While this doesn't impact on us massively in the East of Cornwall, in other areas there is what feels like a lot of planning applications for solar farms on agricultural land. The Council asked for a report to be completed assessing the impact of solar farms on Cornwall's landscape and there is now an interim report which can be read on this link -

<https://democracy.cornwall.gov.uk/documents/s191422/Local%20Plan%20update%20-%20Appendix%202%20-%20Cornwall%20Land%20Use%20Study%20Initial%20findings.pdf>

This will be discussed at a meeting of the local growth board on Thursday 9th October.