

Cornwall Council report

Cllr Dick Cole

Time period: 24th April – 21st May 2023.

Please note that I was on holiday between 12th and 19th May.

1.0 Council and other meetings

In terms of meetings, it has been a relatively quiet four weeks. Meetings have included a final session about the Sustrans feasibility report into the possibility of a multi-use trail between St Dennis and the Goss Moor Trail, a meeting of councillors from across the China Clay Area, catch-ups with the Community Link Officer for the China Clay Area, St Dennis Parish Council, St Enoder Parish Council (two) and the St Dennis inter-agency hub at ClayTAWC.

2.0 Cornwall Council

2.1 Homechoice review

As noted last month, Cornwall Council and registered providers have commenced a review into the Homechoice system, through which publicly-owned rental homes are allocated. I can confirm that I have submitted a representation to the Council, with a particular focus on the parishes of St Dennis and St Enoder, about the need to strengthen the “local connection” aspect of the allocations process. It is my hope that officers will incorporate this into the upcoming consultation.

There will be an “all-member briefing” about the Homechoice review this coming Friday (26th May), which I will be attending to reinforce the comments in my representation.

My submission can be supplied on request.

2.2 New China Clay Area and Luxulyan CAP

I can confirm that the inaugural meeting of the Community Area Partnership for our area is due to take place on Monday 26th June at Roche Victory Hall. It is my hope that the new CAP will allow local councillors to continue making progress towards increased investment for our area, through our Strategy Document and other mechanisms.

ST DENNIS PARISH ISSUES

3.0 Multi-use trail

On 28th April, I attended a meeting to go through the draft report exploring the possibility of turning the section of the defunct railway line between St Dennis and the Goss Moor National Nature Reserve into a multi-use trail. I sought a few points of clarification and I hope that the finalised report can be circulated in the very near future.

I am already speaking to senior council officers about how this project can be taken forward, in terms of land assembly and funding.

ST ENODER PARISH ISSUES

4.0 Planning matters

As always, I continue to be a large number of live planning applications in St Enoder Parish. Large applications discussed at the most recent planning meeting of the Parish Council included an affordable housing led development in Summercourt (PA22/08134), which was supported by parish councillors, and a solar farm at Burthy Row / Chytane (PA23/01893), which was not supported. Parish Councillors also raised an objection to a second solar farm, just outside of the Parish, near Carland Cross.

I am receiving representations, both in favour of and against these applications, which I am sharing with the relevant planning officers, to ensure that all matters raised are properly being considered.

5.0 Highway matters

I am relieved that the work to install three pedestrianised crossings on the crossroads at Summercourt have been completed, and pleased that Cormac have carried out "works to repair the carriageway surface" in Pocohontas Crescent and Princess Parc, Indian Queens.

6.0 Representations to Cornwall Council

For many weeks, I have also been making submissions to council officers, specifically about complaints relating to parking on double yellow lines, etc, and concerns from the Parish Council about the slow progress on a range of planning enforcement matters.

HELPING LOCAL FAMILIES

7.0 Advice

In addition, I have assisted numerous households and individuals with guidance and advice on a range of topics.