

St Austell Bay Parish Council Cornwall Councillor report July 2021

The last few weeks have been particularly busy as we look to head out of lockdown restrictions and towards what promises to be a busy summer season., despite annoyingly having to self isolate for the last week and a bit.

I reported a fallen tree to Cormac on the path from Mill Lane to Porthpean Road which was subsequently cleared within 48 hours.

I also have asked them to cut back the vegetation where the path ends on Porthpean Road, as it is growing out into the road and obscuring the vision of people who need to cross the road into sometimes oncoming traffic. They have done some of this by hand and will come back later and do the rest with the flail.

I have had an area of the permitted right of way between Trenarren and the back road to Pentewan reported to me by the Ramblers Association and have gone back to the Parish Clerk who says this is a long term issue that she has been trying to get movement from Cormac on. I am happy to give support to the parish on this as it is crucial we don't lose any of this network.

I was delighted to see progress with the repairs and rerouting of the Duporth coastpath - thank you to Cormac, Cornwall Council and Duporth Bay Residents for working together on this – I have been in regular touch with Cormac, Cornwall Council and some residents and am pleased to see this progress.

Regarding the hybrid planning application that was discussed at last month's meeting, I have had several conversations with the planning officer about this. She has concerns over the application but has yet to reach a recommendation. I will provide an update when I can.

Thank you also to the Chair and Cllr Leach for meeting with me to discuss the St Austell Bay Neighbourhood Development Plan. It is an excellent document and one that I hope will help me use planning guidance tailor made for the area to argue over planning applications and get the right results for the parish in the future. I look forward to the referendum.

I met with Cllr Foster about traffic issues on Duporth Road/Brick Hill immediately before this meeting.

I have had a number of contacts recently regarding anti social behaviour around several places in the division.

In every case I have referred to the police, and in particular I am pleased to have reassurance from them today that they are using 'Beach Patrol' funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner's Office to resource additional patrols around the coastal stretch from Crinnis to Gorran Haven over the summer months. This is down to the local work put in by the St Austell area Sector Inspector and his team and I thank him for listening and taking action here.

In any case where there is a potential crime being involved, and I am not going to mention specifics, as there are ongoing investigations over several of the incidents that have been reported to me, the first point of call should be to contact the police, both to report any issues that require urgent attendance via 999 or via 101 or the email at 101@dc.police.uk

It is only by reporting issues to the police that they are able to form an evidence base and take action, so it really does need to be done.

It should go without saying that all forms of antisocial behaviour, particularly some of the reprehensible activity I have seen or been told about over the last few days, is unacceptable but it does need to be reported appropriately so the relevant agencies can do their jobs and investigate and take further action.