

## **Cornwall Councillor Report – St Austell Bay Parish – November 2021**

I hope you are all well, as the evenings continue to draw in.

It has been an awkward few weeks, as we managed to get away for a family holiday for October half term, and on our return immediately everyone in my household seemed to get Covid over the next couple of weeks, so I have been limited to outdoor meetings until this week!

In highlights from the last month:

It was good to meet with Cormac and the team from Alun Griffiths civil engineering and construction, at Charlestown to see how the cliff stabilisation works are getting on.

I spoke to them about their work below this crucial section of Coastpath that is also very close to neighbouring properties.

It was also nice to hear that they have had a warm welcome from local people, including home made cookies.

Thanks to them for cracking on with this difficult work and I look forward to seeing it completed soon.

Following my requests to Cornwall Council over the summer regarding Porthpean Beach:

- Redundant gateposts have been removed.
- Dog ban signage has been updated and standardised.
- Old and out of date signage has gone.
- Bins have been moved around to better serve users of the area.

There is still more to do and I am asking for more redundant features to go, Cornwall Council's buildings on this site to be repaired and to look at potential better use of some of the currently inaccessible amenity space, which is on the Parish Council's agenda for tonight's meeting.

It was good to meet with Clerk twice, and Cllrs Reynolds and Norris, as well as local residents, as part of this work.

In other outdoors work I was pleased to join the fantastic community effort from the Charlestown History Group for the Battery Recharge on the cliffs above the village.

The group has already done a cracking job of opening up the view towards Duporth, and I look forward to seeing more progress in the site itself, both in clearance and also in restoration of some of the historic features, including a cannon and a flagpole, which would be seen for miles around!

I was pleased to work with Cormac to get their volunteer trailer out for this event and am happy to do so again in the future. I have also asked for some seeds from Clean Cornwall for the site.

Thanks to everyone who came out to help and to Andy for organising and the team at the Galley for the lovely soup and coffee afterwards.

Following my request, Cormac had the flail out along Porthpean Road and the visibility emerging from Mill Lane footpath is now much better.

Finally Cornwall Council formalised and signed off the St Austell Bay Neighbourhood Development Plan on 28 October, so this is now a live document.