

Chairmans report September 2026

1. I attended the EA public event where representatives were present to describe their final plans for the Flood Resilience Scheme. I was pleased to see how they have addressed many of the earlier concerns that had been raised by parishioners, especially the visual aspects of the lower section of the stream. However, somewhat disappointingly it still wasn't very clear exactly which homes and how many they have declared at risk of being flooded – either externally or internally. Subsequently, I submitted a formal FOI in an attempt to get clarification of this, but the response again wasn't very precise as they said that they did not hold that information. I was informed that the FRA was almost complete and would be ready for publishing on September 4th which should provide the details requested. The clerk has forwarded all councillors a link to the relevant page on the EA website which gives a lot of information including responses to the FAQs that have been raised. The planning application for this will probably be one of the biggest the parish council will ever need to consider. Therefore, I encourage all to thoroughly read this to fully understand the proposed scheme. We have received a number of letters from concerned parishioners (and will maybe receive more) about the scheme asking that we fully scrutinise & evaluate the proposal.
2. On behalf of the council, I attended a CORMAC workshop at Redruth rugby club where most of the presentations were around the environmental works that CORMAC are responsible for. The representative described how they managed working with volunteer groups and I have requested that she share their induction process and risk assessment with us, so that they could be used by ourselves should we engage with volunteer groups on parish owned land. (See item 3 below) A small section of the meeting at the end was regarding Highways and the challenges that have been faced over the Winter period and what was being done to address them.
3. Myself and the clerk met with the environmental surveyor at the former WAAF site and have asked him to produce a liability report. Firstly, regarding the council's existing liability status and secondly what further liability we may have if groups of volunteers were to be given access to the site to carry out small scale clearance works. Due to the fact that the site was heavily overgrown with Summer vegetation many areas were inaccessible. It was agreed that an initial assessment would be forwarded to us, but a further visit in December when the Summer growth had died back would be carried out before a final report would be prepared.
4. I accepted an invitation made to councillors to be interviewed by a filmmaker working on behalf of Cornwall Council regarding the 20mph speed limit in the parish. My responses were given from a personal basis as resident and also as a member of the voluntary Community Speedwatch Team.
5. On behalf of the council, I attended the Extraordinary meeting of CALC where the proposed revisions to the articles of association were discussed and thereafter voted upon. After some minor amendments were put forward, by members the revised articles were voted into place unanimously.