

PORTREATH OCTOBER REPORT

Sorry I cannot be with you this evening, however I am attending the World Heritage Site Conference in Stirling and will be having a tour of The Forth Bridge whilst you are sat in the room.

September has resulted in plenty of challenges with some of them running over into this month and I dare say the next three months will provide me with some interesting report writing and reading.

This month will see the proposed Private Gypsy Site on land adjoining Rookery Farm going before the West Sub Area Planning Committee as the Planning Officer is minded to approve it and it is also expected that the 10 new lodges at Gwel an Mor will also be brought to the same meeting on 16 October at the Dolcoath Offices in Camborne starting with the meeting starting at 10am.

At some stage this month we can also expect to see the validation of the application to provide affordable homes on the former WAFF site and for the portal to be open for comments whether favourable or not.

There was a proposal to close Tregea Hill this week from 7.30am until 5pm, however I raised my concerns that if it was for just resurfacing the middle section it would be a waste of money if the new scheme was forthcoming in the near future instead of early 2025 which was mentioned by the previous Highways Manager.

I am sorry to say that one of the schemes that was drawn up failed the safety audit, however the other scheme passed it and the Parish Council and myself will have site of it later this month with the Public Consultation starting the week after that. The scheme will not only limit parking on the hill but will also see an increase in the 20mph limit along with a safe walking and cycling route.

Subject to a favourable consultation the scheme will be completed in early 2024 as the funding obtained has to be spent in this financial year.

I attended a meeting to discuss the future of the Environmental Asset that was formally Lighthouse Hill Car Park and the future use of this land, further details will be available later as the details are commercially sensitive at the moment.

A Freedom of Information request was submitted to the Post Office requesting answers to two questions but both were refused because of the commercial nature of the questions which were:-

- 1 How many transactions were carried out at the Paynters Lane End Post after 1pm each day for the period of one week? This question was due to the fact of the number of comments about no service in the afternoon, therefore they are not providing a full service within 3 miles of Portreath.
- 2 What was the remuneration paid to the Sub Postmaster in Portreath for the last 12 months? This was so it could be compared with the then advertised vacancy at St Day and Redruth where both salaries were in the public domain as they appeared on the website.