

PORTREATH PC FEB 2025

The main area for concern at the moment is Lighthouse Hill both from a Parish Council perspective as well as the residents.

The former car park, which was last classed as amenity area and not a car park for a number of years was going through a parish consultation for the future use of the site, when all of a sudden a couple of officers of Cornwall Council decided to call a halt to the process and have decided that the area may have a value and are considering advertising it for sale, but for what purpose nobody knows. I did have a conversation with the Portfolio Holder who was going to look into the matter and report back, however within 48 hours of that conversation he was admitted to hospital and I am awaiting his return for a reply.

A year ago I had a battle to remove abandoned caravans and associated rubbish from the unregistered land along with the caravan that was on the highway near the gates to the base. We have now got a similar situation which the Environmental Enforcement Team are currently dealing with along with the Police and other agencies within Cornwall to try and get this area clear as quickly as possible even though it is not on Cornwall Council owned land. The law means that the Council have to serve notice on the caravans etc before they can be removed, otherwise the owners may sue for theft, even though we know from experience that each caravan costs over £1,000 of Council Taxpayers money to be removed.

Last month we had an excellent presentation from the EA regarding the flood alleviation scheme and a week last Thursday I attended the South West Region Flood and Coastal Committee at Lifton where I had the opportunity for a one to one meeting with

the lady who is responsible for sourcing funding for all the different schemes and there are many in the South West. She was in a position to confirm that all the various pots are now sourced and the scheme will be going ahead in 2026/27 and unfortunately some surveys do have to be done again as they are only valid for a short period of time and indeed it is four years since I first trying to get an update on progress as your prospective Cornwall Councillor.

At the same meeting was a representative from South West Water who confirmed that they have got funding to deal with the reducing the Storm Overflow discharges and the programme will start to be rolled out soon. It was also confirmed that there will the same information coming out on the various apps regarding any discharges so that there will no longer be any confusion. The question all year round water monitoring was raised and this is currently under review as more people are using the coast for recreation throughout the year and not just May to September.