

PORTREATH PC MAY 2024

May I first of all congratulate Simon on becoming Chairman and I hope that he enjoys his time in the role and at the same time thank Ian for all the hard work he has done for the Parish during his time in Chair, because it can be a lonely place at times and on occasions decisions have to be made immediately without the support of others.

Unfortunately, last month I had two meetings on the same evening, hence my late arrival and my usual spot moved towards the end of the meeting and my report was read out as normal even though all the members of the public had left.

This week should see the planning decision on the WAAF Site and I have had no indication that it is going to be presented to the Planning Committee, therefore it may be decided under delegated authority by the Planning Officer.

If it did go to Committee, as the World Heritage Site Office have objected and I am Chair of The Cornwall and West Devon Mining World Heritage Site Partnership Board, I would have to declare an interest and leave the room whilst the case was presented and debated. This was confirmed after I sought legal advice.

The roll out of the 20mph zones have started and Bridge was the first location within my Division, which also benefited from a new 30mph section from Bridge Industrial Estate and I noticed that more signage has now appeared in Portreath. Park Bottom had the 30mph road painted signs removed at 1.15am on Thursday.

At the recent meeting of the Tehidy Woods Working Group an update was given on the restoration work of the lodges and the old privy and it was also confirmed that The Lands End Coffee Company, who now operate the Tehidy Woods Café will be providing a Pop Up Trailer in the North Cliffs Car Park from June until September.

The first phase of works on improving the area known as The Round was carried out last month with a working group led by staff from The National Landscapes, formally AONB and further work will be carried out later in the year, including placing a QR Code close by so that it will provide a brief history into the site.

The Rose Gardens are also receiving some attention with the help of some volunteers.

During a 9am meeting with organisations, including the police to discuss safer streets, mainly focused on Camborne and Redruth it was brought to my attention that there were issues, especially last week with anti-social behaviour around the harbour with stones thrown at boats in the harbour, harbour jumping, hoses getting turned on and a large amount of shouting, plus since then I have heard that they made the park a no go area on Saturday.

This was reported back on this afternoon and as a result I can confirm that the Assertive Outreach Team are going to provide extra hours this summer to interact with the youths, many of whom appear to travel into Portreath.

If anybody has any video or photos of the activity, please let the Clerk or myself know so that the information can be forwarded to the relevant people.

The Police Inspector will be informing officers of the current situation in the hope that early intervention will stop, what otherwise may become a summer long problem.

As mentioned at the last meeting, I can now confirm that the Public Meeting with South West Water will be taking place on 26th June where they will be discussing the proposed improvements in Portreath and surrounding area, time and venue to be confirmed.