

Cornwall Councillor Paul Wills

Report St Mawgan June 2024

Since we last met:

I attended both recent full council meeting of Cornwall Council. The last one virtually, due to the fact I was in Wales.

Last week I attended the Central Aera Planning Committee meeting where two applications from this parish were determined. I am sorry to hear that Cllr Corbett is unwell and I wish him a fast and full recovery. I also thank him for his appraisal for both applications which he sent to me and committee members, I found very useful. Naturally I was disappointed that Cllr Carter was not allowed to speak due to the committee's rules of notice for speakers not being met.

The first application for consideration was: PA24/00670, Land SE of Trenance Cottages, Trenance. The construction of a minimum of eight dwellings and a maximum of nine dwellings for a Rural Expection Site, Affordable Housing Led Scheme.

I was in full agreement with parish council on this application and spoke against it. I argued this was open countryside and not rounding off, how could any new build be classed as affordable in this high value part of Cornwall. I did plagiarise some of Cllr Corbett's written presentation sent to members of the committee. They did ask about the land and what had been farmed on it in recent years however, they concluded, without any real evidence, that the land had not been farmed. Although having lost an appeal for a similar application by the planning inspectorate. Simply putting the word affordable in the application seemed to sway the committee. It was Cllr Fitter who was the only member of the committee to support our objections, and it went through on a vote eight in favour one against. This was a pre-application, so all is not lost. Let's wait and see what the actual application looks like and perhaps depending on the application, try again.

The second was: PA23/03371 Marver Holiday Park, Mawgan Porth: Demolition of amenity building on site and construction of 6 holiday units and associated landscaping, parking, and bin storage.

Again, I was in full agreement with the Parish Council. Given the recent flooding and the fact this is in a level three flood risk area, to me it seemed like a no brainer. Again, this was not the case. Even though the officer spoke several times of the danger of flooding it was his belief that the proposal would be of benefit, also those using the accommodation who have adequate time to escape any flood. Again, the committee approved the application.

I have called into Strategic Planning the current "Boardmasters" application, they want to increase the size of the site, and be granted permanent planning. Currently I'm in the middle of writing my response and I will report to you at your next meeting. I am delighted that Cllr McKenzie will speak, but somewhat disappointed that no residents are listed to speak.

I attended the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemorations of the D Day landings in St Columb Major. I had the honour of raising an 80<sup>th</sup> ceremonial flag on the newly installed flagpole next to the War memorial. This flagpole was kindly donated by Carnanton Estate's Mr and Mrs Paul Young-Jamieson.

I have been kept busy with all manors of constituent issues and enquiries, all of which I treat as confidential.