

# Cornwall Councillor Paul Wills Report – 9<sup>th</sup> April 2025

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I am very disappointed, as I know you all are, and the residents of Trevarrian, that our views and concerns on the development of the Creamery fell on deaf ears at the recent meeting of the Central Area Planning Committee. After Mr Jamie Phillips, the chairman of the Parish Council and myself had all spoken against the proposal, I really thought we stood a very good chance of persuading the committee to refuse. However, it soon became apparent that one Councillor was never going to take the view that the proposal would increase the size of Trevarrian by 50%, would have a detrimental impact on the look of the hamlet building right up to the road, plus the views of residents, myself and the PC. It is my opinion that one councillor persuaded others to vote in favour. The vote was 4 in favour, 3 against and 1 abstention.

I met with three parish councillors to hear their views on the current disagreement with the Catholic Church concerning the Maladyke and orchard. I have agreed to try and facilitate a meeting with Canon Smith and the PC to see if we can reach an understanding. This will happen after the local elections, should I be fortunate to be re-elected. I always believe that conversation, clarification and compromise is the best way forward.

I chaired a pre-agenda meeting of Cornwall Council Standards Committee; the last meeting of this current committee is on April 24<sup>th</sup>.

I have submitted my nomination forms and been confirmed as a candidate in the forthcoming Cornwall Council election on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Out of the four candidates standing, I am the only one who actually lives in the division and the only Independent.

The next and last full Council meeting of the current Cornwall Council is next Tuesday. I am aware that many Councillors are not happy with the appointment of Cllr Louis Gardner as Head of Air and Space at Cornwall Newquay Airport. I will be calling for a full inquiry into the whole affair, as I know others will be also.

No matter what the outcome of the election, it has been an honour and privilege to work with you all and residents over the last four years.