**Cornwall Councillor report for Annual Parish Meeting of Electors 17 May 2018**

My third full year as your Cornwall Councillor has been an eventful one with a lot going on. Thank you for your support. Here are some highlights:

In Mevagissey the community action group has grown and taken on several areas of the village that has become neglected over previous years.

This has transformed several areas of Mevagissey but there is still much more to do with regular maintenance of places we have already been to and new places to discover and take care of.

Places we have been so far include, land on Tregoney Hill steps, steps from West Wharf Quay to Polkirt Hill, Battery Park, Shilley Alley Op, land on Valley Road, the boat on Valley Road, Portmellon seafront, Commonwealth Wargraves, War Memorial and Wesley Court.

I have continued to work closely with Mevagissey School and Little Nippers and arrange a visit from Keep Britain Tidy Litter Picking National Champion Wayne Dixon and his dog Koda which the children loved.

I have Church Street and Higher Well Park on the list for resurfacing this financial year after a period of pushing for them to go on.

I have been pleased to work on a much larger programme of beach cleans and litter picks over the last year and have held several around the Parish with Three Bays Wildlife, including at Portmellon following Storm Emma and a recent Harbour Clean with the support of the Harbour Trust that was very well attended and fruitful.

On a Cornwall-wide basis I have worked with other councillors to bring forward measures to cut the costs paid by disabled residents for residential parking spaces and also funding for lifejackets for fishermen with built in GPS locators.

I have been able to challenge Cornwall Council at committee with planning applications on three occasions over the last year and have been successful twice. The emerging Neighbourhood Development Plan has been of great help with this and I would like to congratulate Garth Shephard and residents for putting it together and bringing it to Referendum. It is a shame that a Cornwall Council error has delayed the referendum date and I have been holding the CEO of the council to account over this, along with our MP.

The West Wharf Toilets have been brought into control of the Parish Council along with a group of local residents following a meeting I arranged with Cornwall Council last year. I have continued to sit on the toilet committee since. The running of the toilets throughout the village can be challenging at times, but I think we can all agree that if Cornwall Council won’t pay for them, then they are much better off being run locally by local people, and are currently being maintained at a much higher standard than they were when Cormac did it. I would like to thank councillors and residents, particularly Cllr Facey and cleaner Gary Farr for the hours of work they have put in to keeping these vital services running.

I have used my Community Chest funding in Mevagissey over the past year:

* £500 to Mevagissey Feast Week for a new lights socket box and associated works
* £250 to Little Nippers playgroup in Mevagissey for outdoor educational play equipment.
* £200 for water testing equipment for the Three Bays Wildlife Group used extensively in the parish around Portmellon
* £250 to Mevagissey and District Museum for an Accession Register and document storage products
* £150 to Mevagissey Christmas Tree Festival
* £250 to Mevagissey and Gorran Scout Group towards the purchase of a kayak
* £50 to the British Surf Life-saving Championships as part of a Cornwall-wide donation by the Conservative Group of Cornwall Councillors

**Local casework issues of note**

The crash barrier at the bottom of School Hill was finally finished and looks great.

The timetable has been agreed to repairing the sides of Cliff Street following the landslide and work is now due to start soon.

There are always loads of local casework issues ongoing, particularly regarding potholes and verge trimming – I do my best to get a speedy and positive response once I get involved.

I would like to congratulate the Parish Council on their excellent work and positive approach and attitude. You are a pleasure to work with and I always look forward to coming to the monthly meetings.