**Cornwall Councillor report – Mevagissey Parish - May 2022**

I hope you are all well as we move through May.

In a few updates from the past month.

We have had some more progress with the devolution package – I now have it in writing from Cornwall Council that they are willing to devolved the carparks to the parish council. As of writing this, I am still frustratingly awaiting information on the other costs though!

I met with Steve Double and reps from the Environment Agency, Cornwall Council and the Parish Council to discuss the progress of flood prevention scehemes in Mevagissey.

We need to plan for both the short and long term requirements to prevent flooding from rivers, water run off and high tides.

It was good to get an update on the latest proposals and a commitment to all work together.

I’ve also met with Steve and representatives from the fishermen and harbour around a number of issues and am supporting the Harbour Trust with an application for funding for a new slipway from Island Quay from the Biffa Community Fund

Thanks to Cormac for doing a decent cut around Trewinney last week, which is now looking very tiday

I also requested Cormac cut the path to the back of the school last week, and they've gone and done it too

The damaged step going up from the harbour to Hitler's Walk has also been repaired, following my request.

Thanks so much to the intrepid bunch of people who joined me on a sunny Saturday morning this past weekend to refresh the benches on River Street.

Parish Councillors Katheryn Chamberlain and Anna Christie, along with Max and Barnaby, meant we made short work of sanding them down and giving them their first coat of paint.

Big thanks also to Martin Nutt and Lavender Pillow for allowing us use of a plug to power the belt sander, which made it so much easier, and Rachel from Lighthouse Cafe for the drinks and cake after (and John for the pint in the MAC after that!).

Finally a big thanks to Anna's business Anna Diane Interiors for supplying the paint and materials, hugely appreciated!

It's so good to be able to do these community activities again. There's another one at Portmellon this weekend, 10am on Saturday, weather depending, and then hopefully ones at Wesley Court and Valley Road in the near future, dates tbc.

I have also got some compost from Cormac which has been used by local residentrs for the community garden on the corner of Pentillie Field.

I was pleased to have arranged a litterpick for the Mevagissey Guides, who went from St Andrew's up Church Street, Church Lane, did Meva Slope and then Valley Road Park.

I've also been out knocking on doors in and around Mount Street, which unbeknownst to me until recently, isn't an adopted highway.

I want to change this, it's a historic street in the heart of the village and should be preserved as such by Cornwall Council as the highways authority. Thanks to everyone who took the time to speak to me, and were supportive of the idea. I will report back accordingly to Cormac.

Up at County Hall meanwhile I have seconded and been working on a motion for the protection and consideration of disturbance to Coastal and Marine Wildlife in Cornwall

We will be asking that Cornwall Council pledges to raise awareness of protection and consideration of disturbance to Coastal and Marine wildlife in Cornwall.

* By writing to those water sports National Governing Bodies who do not include awareness of protection of coastal and marine wildlife in their Training Syllabus and Training Manuals and requesting they include good practice in consideration for disturbance to Coastal and Marine Wildlife.
* By engaging with local water sports providers, particularly those who rent equipment from beach venues to request they include consideration of coastal and wildlife disturbance in their briefs to holidaymakers.
* By engaging with local pleasure boat drivers to ensure awareness of potential disturbance to coastal and marine wildlife.
* By posting information on social media to raise awareness locally.
* Looking into the possibility of providing posters on Council Harbours and beaches to educate sea and beach users in Cornwall to show consideration for disturbance to coastal and marine wildlife.

I look forward to seeing this motion start its journey through the council, as it will be one that will be really positive for our coastal environments and the ecosystems that exist there.