

Cornwall Council report (Cllr Dick Cole)

- August 2022

I don't usually do a written report covering the month of August, but I have updates on a handful of issues. It is my intention to produce a more detailed report for August / September, which will be tabled at the Parish Council's October meeting. The content in this interim report will also be repeated in this later report.

1.0 Housing development at Hendra Prazey (PA20/11311)

I successfully requested another site visit at Hendra Prazey, which was with the planning / highways officers at the unitary authority who are dealing with the application. The highways officer has withdrawn his objection following the submission of further information by the applicant's consultants. It is fair to say that the officer did not think that the highway set-up was particularly good, but it might be deemed to meet a very low threshold that might be acceptable in the overall planning process.

At the meeting I queried whether the officers dealing with the biodiversity and drainage aspects of the application had looked in detail at the scheme. It has since transpired that the Council's ecologist had objected strongly to the proposal. She has raised concerns that drainage works for the site could unacceptably impact on the adjacent Site of Special Scientific Interest. She has also pointed out that some of the wildlife surveys are out of date and would need to be redone next year.

It therefore appears that Cornwall Council would be unable to take grant planning consent for the development for at least ten months.

2.0 Proposed dwelling off Hendra Road (PA22/02138)

The planning officer dealing with the above issue has contacted me to say that she wishes to approve the development. As St Dennis Parish Council has objected to the scheme, I have informed her that the application will need to be referred to a meeting of the Central Sub-Area Planning Committee.

3.0 Footpath

I have been following up on the concerns about the footpath that extend northwards from the Church. Councillors will recall that the definitive map shows the path leading over a difficult stile in the first wall though, for many years, people have walked through a gap in the wall, which was recently blocked up.

A footpaths officer visited the area in August and plans to approach the landowner to see if a compromise can be reached and a gate inserted into the wall, where the breach had previously been located.

4.0 Proposed multi-use trail from St Dennis to the Goss Moor

I have previously reported that I submitted an application (to develop the above project) to a "seed corn" fund associated with Natural England. Unfortunately, the application was not successful, but it is on a "reserve list" should there be an underspend during this financial year.

5.0 Other issues

In addition, I continue to make representations on a range of issues, especially highways / traffic matters. I will update more fully in my next report.