

SOUTH EAST CORNWALL CAP – 3 SEPTEMBER 2024

TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS - current projects, issues and/or questions

Town/Parish Council	Transport & Connectivity	Economic Development & Housing	Climate Change & Nature Recovery	Health & Deprivation	AOB
Millbrook	A definite issue of lack of infrastructure, impacting on our ability to agree and support affordable housing initiatives. Millbrook has several serious pinch points, the worst being the Narrows and the right-angled bend at the bottom of Hounster Hill/West Street where it meets Dodbrook, which during the previous development of 9 houses resulted in stuck articulated lorries and damage to buildings as well as repeated blockage of the main access route for emergency vehicles and several near-misses for pedestrians. This is before the	See above. Currently there is an application in for 20 affordable homes, but the location is such that all the village pinch points will be affected both by any construction traffic and by subsequent residential traffic. There is no real solution to this - MPC commissioned a costly feasibility study to look at the Narrows, but the only affordable option that might have a chance of reducing the congestion is WigWag lighting at the bottom of the	Are we the only parish with constant and loud moans about grass cutting? We are trying really hard to be as environmentally sound in our policies as is possible, and we do have a lot of public support, but the naysayers are considerably louder and more vocal, especially on social media. How do we overcome this? We have tried consultation events, newsletter articles, Facebook posts about planting yellow rattle etc., but there are still people who insist the environmentalists		A spate of youth antisocial behaviour led to not only police intervention, but more positively to a series of funded football training sessions organised by Kernow Connect Action for Children. These are ending with the school holidays, but seem to have reduced the number of incidents and have, we are informed, succeeded in engaging some of the young people involved. We are still having a few problems with vandalising of the public toilets and

	<p>village centre pinch points of the Tanyard corner and Old Bank /The Quay corner, both of which cause frequent queues and delays, both of which are exacerbated hugely by builders' and delivery vehicles. All of these pinch points will be further impacted by additional housing development.</p>	<p>Narrows to warn traffic heading up the hill of traffic heading down. This is out for consultation and might improve the day-to-day traffic flow in this one location, but will have no impact on the other two pinch points and will not reduce the problems caused by articulated lorries attempting to use the route into Millbrook or beyond to the rest of the Rame Peninsula. Other solutions, even if affordable (bypass, demolition of houses) would have both environmental impacts and the likelihood of simply moving the problems elsewhere.</p>	<p>are a minority who are letting the village become "a disgrace" because the open spaces are not mown to the length of a manicured lawn. It takes up a huge amount of staff time responding to these people, too.</p>		<p>some of our picnic benches, though, so not all good news.</p>
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Sheviock	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A374 Speed/Safety Review. Virtual Teams meeting to be held on Sep 2nd with Cornwall Highways, Cornwall Cllr K Ewert, Cornwall Cllr Armand Toms and potentially Cornwall Council's Catherine Thomson, together with representatives 		See above under Transport. Cliff/sea wall/sea defence erosion/threat to access road to Portwrinkle, Finnygook Lane.	Defibrillators x 6 Ongoing request for sponsorship towards running costs from local businesses/community groups. Ideal Homes, Sheviock Memorial Hall Committee and The Finnygook Inn currently donating towards costs.	Ongoing negotiations between Cornwall Council and the Church of England: The transferral of Maintenance of Sheviock Cemetery from the parochial to Sheviock Parish Council. This is


	<p>from Shevioc PC, St Germans PC and Torpoint Town Council. Re: requesting a safety assessment/feasibility study, to improve safety on the A374 in reference to potential speed reduction from the national speed limit to match the 50mph limit on the A38.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future proofing Finnygook Lane (access route to Portwrinkle) due to cliff erosion edging towards road. Eroding cliff is approx. 10 m from only access road in village. Approx 100 meters of cliff does not have a sea wall or defences as it is privately owned. The landowner would be happy to talk with CC. Clerk has requested a written copy of his cliff stability report but nothing official provided. He has 				<p>“temporarily on hold” due to the liability of the collapsed retaining wall (cost circa of £280,000) to repair (well above precept of small Parish Council). Both Cornwall Council and the Church of England, Shevioc Parochial Church Council and Shevioc PC are in talks trying to resolve. The Church have stated that they cannot pay and are legally in their right to Close the Graveyard and transfer maintenance.</p>
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	<p>however stated in an email that excess land/earth was dumped over the cliff when building the Whitsand Bay hotel. This earth/land is now being eroded but the bedrock will be harder/slow erosion. Mr W Glassup has forwarded the PCs concerns/request to Cornwall Council, but no feedback received as yet.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Existing sea defences repairs required to protect access road in Portwrinkle, further west (Finnygook Lane). The existing section of sea wall/defences (directly below Finnygook Lane) have areas in need of repair; to prevent larger scale damage and costs. Clerk has also reported the maintenance required but no feedback received				
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	<p>regarding repairs to sea defences.</p> <p>Footpaths. Ongoing. The Parish Council is looking into the potential creation of two sections of permissive footpaths, to further connect with existing PROWs. These would increase connectivity within the parish between the different villages, whilst providing pedestrians with a safer alternative from using the roads. These permissive paths would also enable better connectivity within the Parish to the SW Coastal path/vice versa potentially improving access for tourists (boost tourism revenue) as well as reducing the need for short journeys by car (greener option)</p>				
Torpoint	The Town Team Project Board will be	Funding was secured from the Good	The town council continues to work	Tennis Courts	Tourism event 2025 The town council

	<p>discussing the way forward with the proposed Jetty at Torpoint.</p>	<p>Growth Fund to supply a RIBA 2 Feasibility Study for Torpoint Lower Fore Street Community Building, located at the 'old Police Station' site. The planned demolition of the 'old Police Station' site is now complete and the concrete lego blocks are all on site, these are needed for the installation of the hoardings, which are expected to be installed by the middle of September. The development of a Masterplan for this site is now complete, the Town Team Project Board and Torpoint Town Council have adopted the Masterplan for the site, which included the 'old Police Station' site. There is</p>	<p>closely with local community group Friends of Thanckes Park and the Urban Green Shoots team, making improvements to Thanckes Park, as an amenity for local people and to stimulate interest in its historic and heritage value.</p>	<p>Following the refurbishment of the tennis courts (in April 2024), an appropriate accessible pathway has also been installed to court 1 to enable wheelchair users to enjoy games of tennis. An application to the Dan Maskell Tennis Trust for a grant towards the cost of two wheelchairs, has been successful. The council will contribute £300.00 towards the cost of each wheelchair, this will enable a young person and an adult to participate in wheelchair tennis. The LTA and town council are now working together to recruit Tennis Activators to provide opportunities for 'Free Park Tennis', see this link https://www.lta.org.uk/play/free-park-tennis/</p> <p>Torpoint Library and Community Hub</p> <p>Torpoint Library and Community Hub has been successful with the bid for grant funding to the University of Plymouth to purchase digital equipment. During the summer holidays, a daily programme of fun activities for children have been arranged at the Library and Community</p>	<p>has agreed to support, organise and subsidise a tourism event to be held at Thanckes Park, in June 2025. The event will benefit the community, it will have been three years since the last one in 2022, which celebrated the Queens Platinum Jubilee and will follow a similar format to those previously arranged in 2002, 2012, 2015, 2017 and 2019.</p>
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		<p>an opportunity to progress one of the CIL funding 'expression of interest forms' to a full funding submission to Cornwall Council, supporting next steps for the site.</p> <p>The application for Town Accelerator Funding, for the 25% uplift on the town's original Town Vitality Funding has been agreed by Cornwall Council, supporting the delivery of an initial visitor website for a period of two years, an invitation to tender will be drafted and issued in September.</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Development Plan was re-submitted to Cornwall Council for expedited legal</p>		<p>Hub, these include: sunflower planting; clay sessions; silent disco yoga and easy baking biscuits!</p> <p>3G Football Turf Pitch 9v9 The town council continues to collaborate with Torpoint Community College, Plymouth YMCA, Torpoint and Rame Active Community Network and Cornwall FA to have a 3G Football Turf Pitch built behind the YMCA Sports Hall, on the Community College grounds. The Football Foundation has confirmed the project now has a place in their funding pipeline, with a decision expected no later than April 2025. If successful, it is hoped the facility would be open to the community during Autumn 2025, provided there are minimal delays during the construction process.</p> <p>Water Refill Station Working closely with Our Only World, Cornwall Council and the Torpoint Environmental Action (TEA) group, a water refill station has being installed in Bénodet Park, a fabulous environmentally</p>	
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