Cornwall Councillor report to Probus Parish Council April 2024

Road conditions

As mentioned last month, there have been some concerns about the road conditions following utility and fibre broadband works. I have been assured that the Highways Team are liaising with National Grid and Wildanet to ensure that road surfaces are repaired. I promised to update when I knew more and you may well have seen my recent FB posts.

On Thursday 11 April, I wrote to CC Highways, Streetworks Team and Wildanet at midnight after speaking with the contractors on site. On Friday 12 April I received an email from the Streetworks Team to say that the contractors, Dynamic Fibre were in breach of the terms of the road closure, in regard to the noise as this should have stopped at 10.30pm. They will be fined for this.

I have now spoken to the UK Operations Director for Dynamic Fibre, John McGrath who wanted to express his sincere apologies for the behaviour of the team, they should have finished drilling at 10.30pm and he will be speaking to them about their conduct and manner. I made it perfectly clear that rudeness towards residents and works of this nature so late at night is absolutely unacceptable and he is fully aware of the strength of feeling.

The Chief Operating Officer of Wildanet has also emailed to apologise, he is investigating this further.

I have shared the evidence I have received and action will be taken. The Streetworks Inspector from CC has now come out to inspect the works the road conditions in Cullen View, Carne View and Chapel Street.

Like me, he is not impressed with the state of some of the roads following the works and has identified a number of defects. Wildanet and Dynamic Fibre Supervisors have been informed and remedial works have been ordered. Lines have not been put back sufficiently and holes have been left and the contractors have already been back today in Carne View. I think this will continue for a while yet but the Streetworks Inspector has told me he will keep me informed of progress.

Please do let me know if there are any areas that you would like inspecting and I will report to him.

Traffic Calming for 20mph

You will have seen the final drawings for the 20mph and I have spoken with Adam O'Neill who is looking at getting me a couple of answers regarding the absence of the bus stop on the drawings, as he tells me this should be on there.

The residents who face the traffic calming will have had a letter (or will soon). I believe one resident has. The issues of the build out by the bungalow and the allotments has been addressed and Adam is confident this has taken into account the concerns I raised on behalf of Tredenham and the residents.

I will update again when I hear back from Adam.

The build will now commence late May.

As ever, if there is anything I can do to help, please let me know.