

3G Community Pitch

Work started on constructing the 3G community pitch this time last month, but today Cllr. Green and I were invited to a formal event to mark the start of works. It's hoped the pitch will be completed by 19th March. It will depend on how wet the winter is though.

While I am very pleased to finally see progress, I did have some questions for Council Officers...

When will the changing rooms be built? – not until Autumn 2027.

Why has the Project Steering Group been formally set up and had any meetings? – this will happen asap.

I have also booked a meeting with the new Council Officer in charge of the project, Ian Pearne, to make him aware of the Threemilestone Football Clubs stake in the pitch and ensure they get top priority usage.

On the same theme Cllr. Green, Myself and Lee Goodhall (who represents TMS youth -& Adult teams) will be attending the next Truro City Football Community Trust meeting as Trustees on September 22nd.

TMS Public Realm

Today Cllr. Green and I had a very positive site meeting in Threemilestone with some very Senior Council Officers, to discuss the Heather Vean car park scheme. We were told that the demolition of the old house will begin in the couple of weeks.

We stressed that plans for the Heather Vean car park (15 car parking spaces), the pedestrian crossing over Chyvelah Rd, and the plans for the improvements to Threemilestone public realm are designed and co-ordinated together with consideration to children and other pedestrians getting safely from Langarth Garden Village to Threemilestone School, the Doctors Surgery, the Community Centre and shop, safely. As our site visit coincided with the school run the Officers got to watch families and children attempting to cross Chyvelah Rd first hand – it made quite an impression!

I also took the time to point out that the current Langarth S106 states that the works to Threemilestone Public Realm should've progressed after the start of the building of the Northern Access Rd, so are already late. That was duly noted.

Penstraze Lane

UP to date summary.

Monitoring of traffic flows and speeds has demonstrated a significant increase in traffic using Penstraze Lane since the opening of the A30 dualling scheme, particularly in the northbound direction as drivers now enjoy unrestricted access to the A30 at the new Chiverton junction. This results in increased traffic using this rural lane as a short cut in peak periods, with all the adverse effects on residents, road safety and the operation of the roundabout junction. This impact was anticipated at the

planning stages of the scheme and National Highways made a provisional allocation for mitigation measures.

A number of scheme options have been investigated by the highways team to close the lane to through traffic. Informal discussions with residents have identified a preferred option of a 'No entry' closure at the southern end, in the vicinity of the A390/ Pentraze lane junction. The northern end of Pentraze Lane would also have a 'No motorised vehicles' (except for access) restriction, with all the appropriate signing, turning areas and legal order. Further statutory public consultation, plus feedback from the Council waste team, bus companies and emergency services will be required prior to finalising the scheme design. This will take place once there is certainly over funding.

The intention is that these measures will be funded by National Highways, with the works being implemented by the Council/ Cormac team. Informal feedback from National Highways team suggest they accept the principle; it's now a case of securing the funding. The funding is part of a wider discussion between the two parties on the handover of various elements of the new A30 scheme including related issues such as the condition of the 'old' A30 road that is due to become a Council asset, and the lighting/ operation of the Chiverton junction. These negotiations are likely to continue through the autumn, but I'll ensure you are kept up to date with any developments.

Due to complexity of some of the wider issues I have not been provided with a firm timetable on this process but I'm hoping to have a clearer picture by this time next month.

Student Parking

I have held an initial meeting with the new Head of Truro College, Carl Riding. He seemed more amenable to trying to find solutions to the student parking problem in Threemilestone than his predecessor, although he was at pains to point out there was no money to help the Council provide a dedicated bus service for students to and from the Park and Ride (an ask of £20,000).

But an agreement will have to be reached because the problems caused by student parking, especially at Chyvelah Close are unsustainable for residents.

I am waiting to hear back from Cornwall Council's Portfolio Holder for Transport Cllr. Dan Rogerson for a date when he can meet with me and Carl Riding to try and thrash out some sort of agreement before the half term.

In the meantime I am expecting to hear back this month from CC Parking Officer Nicholas Blamey (who lives on Polstain Rd) whether the leaflets with information about the residents parking scheme consultation are

ready to send out to residents of Chyvelah Close (I volunteered to post them myself so I could speak to homeowners at the same time). I am also waiting to hear if the scope of the consultation will include other roads in Threemilestone with a serious student parking problem.

The Milestone Project.

You may have seen in the local press about Truro City Football Club's Milestone Project. The proposals would create a mixed-use stadium district designed to support activity beyond matchdays on land around the football stadium. Plans include a new clubhouse, increased stadium capacity, accommodation, community facilities, (the 3G pitch?) health, employment, retail and commercial uses. It's connected to Truro's transport network and the adjoining Park and Ride. The football club says the project aims to deliver lasting social and economic value for the city and wider Cornwall.

I had a preview of the plans the week before last and I have some questions.

Will the Community Centre building be a building for the community or a commercial enterprise for TCFC? That is not clear.

Will the housing element be affordable and for key workers?

What is the purpose of the building next to the proposed changing rooms at the side of the 3G community pitch? (I'm concerned the 3G community pitch is already being seen as TCFC's training pitch.

We'll need to keep an eye on these matters in the run up to the plans coming before the Parish Council and Cornwall Council planning committee.