

## **June**

As the newly elected Cornwall Councillor for Golant, I made my first visit to this Parish in my official capacity on June 19th 2025.

I was given a tour of the village and its facilities by the former Parish Chairman David Jenkinson where I was introduced to a number of local people. The Tour ended not surprisingly with a visit to the Fisherman's Arms :-)

## **July**

The year started with two motions in Full Council which will have an effect of Coastal communities.

The "Abandoned Boats" Motion passed pretty much unanimously in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 22nd July at County Hall.

Although this doesn't solve the problem of abandoned Boats in the short Term, it at least means that the consultation process to discuss the best way forward on removing these vessels is now officially recognised by Cornwall Council. This issue had been raised by Golant residents, so I hope this result will be of specific interest and welcomed by the community.

I must remember to ask the Parish for that list of identified Boat structures!

The "Voluntary Banning of Flying Rings" Motion was unanimously passed at the Full Council meeting on Tuesday.

As Golant is a coastal Village this Motion could potentially help reduce the risks associated with Marine Mammals and discarded or lost Plastic flying Rings in the future. Cornwall Council will now seek to encourage retailers not to sell these Toys, and potentially Ban their use on Cornish Beaches.

## **September**

September saw much discussion with Cornwall Highways and the Parish over the closure of Water Lane, and how best it would be closed with minimal interruption to normal village life. In the end I believe it went reasonably well

and the collapsed Wall was finally fixed.

## **October**

In October, I was happy to accept the invitation to be “honorary attendee” at the Golant Boatwatch AGM.

I thanked all those who felt I was a worthy candidate to have my name put forward. What a great evening, with some very interesting stories, Talks and information. Plus, let's not forget the Pasties!

## **January 2026**

Let's fast forward to January

Unprecedented Rainfall hit our region, and Cornwall Council were inundated with calls of flooding, blocked Drains and Fallen Trees the result of the three successive Storms, Goretta, Ingrid and Chandra.

Cornwall Council, Cormac and the Power Companies stepped up to the plate and worked flat out to restore power and clear Roads.

## **February**

A bit of Controversy

Par Beach underwent a very controversial project of clearing Invasive Species which attracted a large number of angry complaints. Although not Golant per se, it is used by many residents in Golant.

Many, myself included, are happy to be convinced this work was necessary, but question the method used.

The total destruction to untold other species of Plants, small Mammals, Amphibians and Insects seems completely at odds and disproportionate to the stated aims of the project.

## **March**

More Controversy

The public consultation regarding the proposed Winter Parking Charges concluded with an overwhelming

majority of 85% opposing the move.

It was disappointing to report, that despite me fighting this move, the Cabinet decided to overwhelmingly approve the implementation of the Winter Charging and Full Charging to previously free Car Parks anyway.

This will affect Three Car Parks in our Division, One in Fowey, and Two in Par.

The Numerous complaints about the quality of Pothole repairs around our division continued to roll in.

It does appear Cornwall Highways are now catching up on the backlog, but it remains to be seen if the quality of the repairs is improving.

## **April**

The Pothole fiasco continued unabated

But let's end on a good note!

After a year of negotiations, the Bins at Readymoney Beach were reinstated. Not Golant I know, but I'm sure some of you might use that Beach and I needed



something positive to end on.