

Quay Lights and Fore Street Drains

Meeting with South West Water

Wednesday June 24th 2015

Present Cllr John Adams, Cllr Bernie Wilde, Parish Clerk (Lynette Philp)

John Marshall – South West Water

Quay Lights

Cllr Adams outlined the concerns that the current lighting over the ferry steps on the Quay is not sufficient to light the steps all the way down to the bottom.

Mr Marshall informed them that this will be re-visited by South West Water and repaired/replaced to ensure that the lighting will be sufficient. South West Water have already requested a quote for this work to be done and are awaiting for that to be given.

Cllrs Adams and Wilde stated that due to its sighting and the marine environment, they would like to see plans and details of the components that will be used prior to the work going ahead. They particularly want to know where it is intended to sight the isolation switch.

Mr Marshall said that he understood their request and would ensure that the documents reached the Council prior to the work being started.

Fore Street Drains

Cllr Wilde explained to Mr Marshall that the current drainage system that runs through Fore Street has not been replaced or updated since it was first laid in the early 1900's.

Cllr Adams added that housing in Polruan has increased considerably since then, yet the drains have never been made bigger or updated. Sudden down pours of an inch to an inch and a half of rain can blow man hole covers down through Fore Street. The pressure on that drain is immense not only internally from water pressure but also externally from the heavy lorries that go through the village. Not only the ones going to previous and existing building sites but also, the refuse lorry and the brewery lorry.

Cllr Wilde explained that there is a bottle neck where the pipe from Fore Street meets the newer pipe on the Quay, which is smaller.

Mr Marshall informed Cllrs that a job has been raised for funding to be found to replace 40 meters of pipe from the bottom of Fore Street Hill, upwards. This could take some time for the funding to be found but Mr Marshall wanted to give his assurance that if the line blows before the funding is found, South West Water will repair it reactively.

Cllr Adams and Wilde made it quite clear that it is the whole drain from top to bottom that needs replacing and that continuing patching works to it just moves the issue along to the next weak spot.

Mr Marshall understood the concerns and took on board everything that was said. He will report back to the relevant people and raise further awareness of the concerns. He will then report back to the Parish Council. He highlighted the fact that as only a few reports of issues have been made in

the last 3 years, the requested re-piping of the entirety of Fore Street cannot be classed as a high priority, as it is still a functioning drain.

The more complaints that are received by South West Water about the drain, the higher up the list of priority it will be.

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