**Clerks Report for April 2024**

**Playing Field:**

There have been several incidents of vandalism in the playing field with various signs being removed from the fencing. The CCTV has been reviewed following damage for the second time to the skate park sign, and the footage was offered to the police.

The skate park sign has been replaced by our staff; the smaller signage had to be removed due to it being bent.

There is evidence that the new information signs have also been tampered with, but these are currently still in place.

Issues have been reported in by staff with the zip wire, quotes are currently being sought for the repair work. One of the nylon blocks has slipped due to the hole where the cable runs through elongating.

We have advertised various items left in the playing field on Facebook, these range from bikes and scooters to boxing gloves. There are a few groups that repair, and re-cycle unwanted bikes and we are currently investigating options like this for the disposal of unclaimed bikes.

We have received notification from a resident in Grose Meadows about branches from the conifers breaking away from the tree and landing on a fence, our staff have removed the branches. Advice has been sought on the trees and we have been informed that they would benefit from being removed, this is because when they were planted, they were placed too close together.

Weed spraying in the playing field has been undertaken this month.

The Bird and bug boxes are currently with Brannel School who will be putting them together and painting them for the Parish Council.

**Cemetery:**

The wildflower seeds have been sown in the lower flower bed.

Weed spraying has been carried out on the pathways.

The office have received several enquiries regarding the transfer of Exclusive Rights of Burial in the past month. Three of these have been extremely challenging to determine the correct process for the transfer of the deed as they have never been transferred from the original ownership.

We have also come across an anomaly with our records, I have sought advice from the Institute of Cemetery and Cremation Management for advice on this matter.

**General:**

The entrance to Enniscaven bus shelter has been scraped back and all of the mud & Grass removed.

The plastic bus shelters have all been cleaned this month. We are hopeful that St Austell Bay Plastics will be undertaking the repairs to the bus shelter outside the doctor’s surgery in the next week.

All of the notice boards and the information signs have been cleaned by the maintenance operatives.

The area around the sun dial has been cleared of weeds.

We have received several requests for dog waste bag dispensers from various areas in the village. St Dennis Academy and Brannel School are assisting with making these.

We have reported several bags of household waste being left on Hendra Corner to Biffa during this month.

There have been several incidents in April of anti-social behaviour within the village, these have been reported to the police. Our staff have cleaned up the yellow foam taken from the scaffolding outside the Boscawen Hotel and scattered along the road to the kebab shop. The owner of the Boscawen Hotel has visited the office regarding extensive damage to the granary by youngsters.

The police have assured that they will be making more frequent visits as they recognise that there has been a significant rise in anti-social behaviour recently.

Cornwall Council have planted a new oak tree on the verge behind the bus shelter on Trelavour Prazey.

The Internal Auditor has been undertaking our internal audit this month and we are currently awaiting the report which I hope will be ready for the June Meeting.

We have also received a complaint from the Community Website regarding the last edition of the newsletter, more accurately the article around the Annual Parish Meeting. They have informed us that due to the article being written 2 days in advance of the event that they will not be publishing this months newsletter as they felt that the article was not a true reflection of the event.