

Clerks Report for April 23

Playing Field:

The new bin has been installed in the Playing Field, unfortunately on the evening after it was installed it was kicked and pulled out of the concrete base. This has been reported to the police and happened right under the CCTV camera which has been reviewed to confirm that we can provide the images for the police.

The gates for the children's play area have been completed and were included as part of the ROSPA test with no faults found. The Rospa report has been received and there are a few repairs required but not as many issues highlighted as in previous years. We have carried out a site and a full report is being compiled as more remedial work required has been identified. This will be placed on the draft agenda for discussion at the next Playing Field meeting.

The Anti Climb paint around the fencing needs to be re-done this is due to be scheduled in over the coming months. An area where access will be required for the rubbish clearance will be left until the work has been completed.

We are also programming in the strimming behind the fence over the next month.

I have had a meeting with a representative from Mavericks and they will be undertaking some remedial works free maintenance visit to the skatepark during May. They will provide recommendations for future works following this visit.

Cemetery:

The replacement memorial plaques have been delivered and are due to be installed by our staff this week. The families have been informed and will be notified again once the plaques are in place.

The order has been given for the removal of the shrubs along the Cemetery wall and we are currently awaiting a start date. The wall work is progressing slowly, the joints have been raked out and the re-building is due to start in the next week or so.

The bird boxes have been installed in the Cemetery and we are in negotiations with Brannel School regarding the building of the bat box. They are happy to undertake the work as a school project, but we are waiting for confirmation as to how this is funded.

A volunteer has come forward to look after the flower bed between Section A and B in the Cemetery, they have offered to replace the plants and keep the area looking nice.

General:

I have had a meeting with Simon Deverill about the flooding on the road at Hendra Prazey near footpath 13. There is a Cornwall Council culvert that had become blocked (one that Cornwall Council do not currently have on their maps). This was partly cleared by Simon but does require the ditch to be cleared near the road by Cormac. The ditch that runs down the side of Footpath 13 also requires clearance; I have been in touch with Tregothnan Estates and met with their Land maintenance Officer who is arranging for the area to be dug out and cleared in the near future.

The Tree Survey on the land at Dunstan Close has been undertaken and the report has been submitted to the office. The trees are in a reasonable condition considering the lack of maintenance. One needs to be cut back as soon as possible, this tree is small enough for our staff to cut and will be scheduled in when the nesting season has finished. which hopefully by this time will have full ownership of the land. We are currently seeking an updated quote for the clearance so that we can investigate finding options available. As the site will not be able to be cleared until after the nesting season (by which time we should own the land) it would be prudent to have a source of funding available.

The Electrical safety test has been undertaken on the public toilets; the electricians are in a reasonable condition, but an issue was highlighted that needs further investigation, we are currently liaising with Holloway electrical to ascertain exactly what is required and will be obtaining quotes for the work. The hand dryer unit to the old gentleman's toilets has been disconnected as access they could not gain access to the area due to the padlock corroding. Consideration should be given to the future plans for the gentleman's toilets.

The concrete bus shelters have been cleaned and are ready to be painted. The order has been given for the replacement Perspex in the bus shelter opposite the doctor's surgery but there is a six-week lead on materials.

The new bench for Hendra is due for delivery in mid-May and we hope to have it installed by the end of May.

The end of year figures have been completed. The Annual Audit forms are nearly complete. The Internal Auditor will be undertaking a review of the figures in May ready for the Council to review and agree in June.

A blocked drain on School Lane was reported into the office during the litter pick and has been reported to Cornwall Council.

A pothole on Rectory Road was reported into the office due to the confusion of the location described. A site visit was undertaken to correctly identify the location.