

Clerks Report for November 2023

Playing Field:

The litter bins teen shelter benches and signage has been washed down by members of staff. The Charites Return for the Playing Field Trust has been submitted to the Charities Commission. The wildlife camera has arrived and will hopefully be installed in the near future.

Cemetery:

Cemetery markers in the garden of rest have been installed but there are issues with them sitting proud of the ground due to the construction of the Garden of Rest. Cement holding the external edging together has been laid so that it prevents the markers from being installed to their full extent,

The electrical work was undertaken in the cemetery shed, when the electrician was undertaking the work, a problem arose with the wiring and the existing fuse board, so this needed to be replaced as well. I gave the order for the work to be undertaken on health and safety grounds because the electrician could not install the new earth connection as a result of the faults found. This has been put on the delegated decision list for approval.

Our staff have cleaned the guttering on the shed and re-fitted a few slipped slates. The rainwater gullies running across the cemetery have also been cleared.

We have received a report that the lower stile into the Cemetery footpath has been damaged, possibly through erosion and use, a staff member has cleared the stones away, but a post installed on the hedge to aid walkers has come out. We are hopeful that this may be cemented back in place whilst undertaking the path renovations which are currently planned for January.

The Cemetery has kept the office busy this month with a high rate of memorials and EROB transfers.

Public Toilets:

We have visited the toilets and put together a draft document for the refurbishment requirements that has been circulated to Cllrs for approval / amendment.

General:

Our staff installed poppies and soldiers around the village for remembrance Sunday, we have received some great feedback on their work.

The grit bins have been checked and are all currently full.

A section of fencing on Hendra Prazey has blown down in the recent bad weather. It might be advisable to remove the remaining fence as the posts are rotten and could be blown down during the winter months. This, however, will leave the ditches and the leat completely open so it may be worth considering fencing the area off temporarily.

We have notified Cornwall Council of several missing signposts for the footpaths over November, other issues such as obstructions on footpath four and a broken kissing gate have also been reported to Cornwall Council.

We have been notified of several traffic cones that have been distributed through the village, it is presumed that they have been moved from the road work locations to other areas. They have been reported to Cornwall Council.

The Parish Council assets and the ear marked reserves have been uploaded onto our accounts system to give a fuller representation of the Councils' operation. I am hopeful that future quarterly reports will be accessible to download and forward to Cllrs rather than manually inputting all the figures. This will of course require some trialing alongside existing systems.