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### April 2021

**Annual Parish Meeting:** This year we will be holding our Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April. Due to the current restriction this will be online but members of the public are warmly welcomed, come along and join us, find out what we have been up to in the past year. Included within the meeting will be the Annual Reports from the various Committies. If you would like to join us please contact the office for further information.

**New Councillor Appointed:** We would like to extend a warm welcome to Jennifer Burnett who was officially co-opted onto the Parish Council at our meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021. We would like to wish Cllr Burnett all the best in this new role and we look forward to working alongside her. This brings the total number of Parish Councillors up to eleven.

**Local Elections:** The local elections for Cornwall Council, Town and Parish Councils, and the Devon And Cornwall Police Crime Commissioner will take place on Thursday the 6<sup>th</sup> May this year. If you are unable to vote in person you can register to vote by post or appoint someone that you trust to vote in your place, otherwise known as a proxy vote. Anyone who wants to vote by post or by proxy can download an application form from Cornwall Councils website or request an application form by calling Cornwall Council on 0300 1231 115. The deadline to apply for a postal vote is 5pm on Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup> April.

**Trevice Terrace Telephone Box:** The Parish Council are currently looking at having the Telephone box near Rockwenna Livery Yard lightly renovated. This has fallen into disrepair in recent years and needs a little TLC, a bright new coat of paint I'm sure will make it feel a little more loved. This is only the first stage of the plan; we also want to put the telephone box to good use something that will benefit the community. Several suggestions have been put forward such as book swap, seed and plant swap, information booth showing the local footpaths and even to have a set of binoculars in there for people to use to spot the local wildlife. We want to know what you think, do you have any ideas or suggestions, or would you like to approve the ideas that have already put forwards, let us have your views. We will be running a survey on our website and Social Media pages, alternatively you can email the office with suggestions or give us a call.

**Grit Bins:** There is now a new bin located in Hendra Prazey and another due to be delivered soon to Hendra Heights. We hope that they will be of benefit to all the residents in those areas. If you have identified a location that needs a grit bin, why not give the office a call, the Parish Council are currently looking for other locations where these may be required.

**Re-opening of the skate park, gym equipment and football pitch:** We are due to re-open the lower section of the playing field on the 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021. This is providing Government guidance does not change. We thank those who have avoided the area for bearing with us during the recent lockdown. We would like to remind everybody using the facilities within the Playing Field, to observe to the social distancing guidelines that are still in place. We will not be carrying out any regular cleaning regimes for any of the equipment so please ensure that you bring with you a suitable gel type hand sanitiser or wipes. If the area is crowded or busy, we would ask you to consider coming back at a different time of the day. Enjoy but please stay safe and remember Hands, Face and Space.

**Updating of Burial Records:** Whilst updating our systems and transferring the burial records onto the computer we have discovered that not all of our records are up to date. We are asking those who own or are responsible for a grave space within the Cemetery on Hall Road to contact the office, and check that we hold the correct contact details for you. We will also be arranging for a Parish Council representative to be on hand in the Cemetery for a few hours so that you can pass your details to them or just have a chat about any concerns you may have. These times and dates are yet to be arranged but please keep an eye on the notice board, our website and Social Media pages where we will keep you updated.

**The banning of Plastic from the Cemetery:** We all know that global warming is having an affect on our planet and that certain products are causing more harm than good. The Parish Council have limited ability to make a big impact but by banning the use of plastic in the Cemetery we feel that we are making a contribution towards the bigger picture. We know that this is a controversial decision, but we are not alone we join several other Cemeteries that have bought this into place. The decision has now been advertised on our notice board for the last year and we are now at a time and place to put this into action. You will soon notice the disappearance of the plastic water bottles they will be replaced with metal watering cans. However this is not a complete ban of all plastic, we realise that this would be an impossible task, we would ask that all plastic flowers fencing and tributes are removed by families over the next two months. From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 we would request that no new plastic items are bought into the Cemetery and the Parish Council reserve the right to remove any unauthorised items from within the burial ground. We will continue to allow silk flowers and wreaths to be placed but when they are looking faded and past their best please remove them. If they are left too long they will be removed by our staff. Please refer to our Cemetery Regulations on the website and for any further clarification or contact the office.

**Monthly Meetings:** These are currently being held online, but that doesn't mean you can't get involved. If you have any matters that you feel the Parish Council should be addressing, email or call the Parish Council office so they can be investigated and added to our agenda. If you wish to attend a meeting contact the Clerk who will be more than happy to forward you the link to join us.

**Last Note:** Spring the time for new beginnings, new growth and new hope, nature's way of saying "lets celebrate". Where there are hopes and dreams, there are goals and achievements, the response to adversity in life is the realisation that we can do this, we can face anything. Each year the world echoes our thoughts as we leave behind the dull grey days of winter, the world is reborn in a world of fresh wonder and colour.