



## St.Dennis Parish Council

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### October 2023

#### A fond farewell to Cllr. Karen Taylor at this very sad time

First and foremost, it was with a very heavy heart that we had to say goodbye to a fellow Councillor in August. Cllr Taylor passed away after a very short illness. She was a much-loved Councillor and will be greatly missed by everyone on the Parish Council. She was always a friendly face, and she had many friends in the village who will miss her greatly. Our thoughts are with her family during this very sad time.

#### Volunteers needed please

St Dennis Memorial Parade 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023 @ 10.15 am to 12.15 pm. We are looking for volunteers to man the road closures for this event. If you can help, arrival will be 15 minutes before the event and departure will be 15 minutes after the event. If this is something you can help with, please contact the Parish Council office or call in to discuss with us. Any help to ensure the safety of everyone during this event will be much appreciated.

#### WE NEED YOU – could you be a Councillor?

Can you spare time to help? Would you like to make a difference? All Councillors are ordinary people who make decisions at meetings, on many different issues, which affect everyone within the Parish. If you think this could be you and you would like to become involved, please email the Parish Council office with an expression of interest and we will get back to you with further details. You can also call us to find out more on 01726 821700. It's a really rewarding role and helps shape the future of the Parish. Agendas are displayed on the Notice Boards which provide details of the matters to be discussed at the meetings. Anyone can attend a meeting, just turn up on the night to see if this could be for you. Please come along and give it a try. Our Notice Boards are in Robartes Road (on the side of the Spar shop), within the ClayTAWC Centre in Fore Street and inside of the Enniscaven bus shelter.

#### St Dennis Parish Council – Education Grants

At the last Education Meeting held, where several applications were discussed, we are very pleased to have helped people, that applied for a grant, with their educational needs. The amount granted covered various types of assistance including funding of laptops and printers, and the total amount of grants given this time, was over £2,000. The grants are not means tested. It does not matter if you and your partner work or if you have savings. If you need help, please check out our website/Facebook page for details on how to apply. We have recently prepared a poster which can be found on our website/Facebook page which answers basic questions, but if you would like to discuss an application in more detail, please contact the Parish Council office. What have you got to lose?

#### Skate Park and Gyn Equipment

In September, we were very busy in the playing field to ensure that this area is kept up together and safe to use by everyone. The skate part was closed for a short period whilst resurfacing was taking place. The work is now complete and ensures that the skate park will remain in good condition for many years to come and is an asset to our village, and used by many. We timed the closure with being able to install new gym equipment throughout the area, again to ensure that the equipment is safe to use and its life is prolonged. We hope that everyone agrees that the playing field as a whole is looking very well looked after. The only thing which has let it down recently, is the dog fouling. Please be mindful and pick up after your pet. The Parish Council have boxes of bags, free of charge, which can be collected from the office, for your use. As was the case recently, if the dog fouling is on a pavement which the Parish Council is not responsible for, you can report any dog fouling issues directly to Cornwall Council – here is the link: [Report something - Cornwall Council](#)

#### Grass Cutting in the Playing Field and Cemetery – 4th and 18th October.

The playing field and cemetery will be temporarily closed on these dates until the grass has been cut. Our Maintenance Workers cordon these areas off on the day, to ensure that everyone stays safe. However, we have had reports that when these areas are closed, people are jumping over the walls and fences to gain access. We close these areas off to safeguard both yourselves and the contractors. Please can everyone work with us on this. Thank you.

### **Proposed Dog Walking area within the Playing field / Land at Dunstan Close/Resident Feedback Form**

We hope that by now everyone has had the opportunity to express their views on the areas needing suggestions for use and the Resident Feedback form, as to how you think the Council works for you. If not, please check out our website/Facebook page for the questionnaires/Resident Feedback Form or please call into the ClayTAWC building to obtain a copy of the questionnaire/form for completion. Your feedback is very important to us, and we look forward to receiving all comments, for consideration.

### **St Dennis Parish Council – Maintenance Workers**

Our Maintenance Workers were busy in September. From dealing with broken glass, litter picking and strimming around the Parish (weather permitting) to cleaning up graffiti and digging the Flanders Field area in the cemetery, ready for planting. New Cradle Swings were fitted in the play area and general repairs were made. They will be putting the goal posts back up in the playing field shortly and generally keeping the playing field area safe to use.