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Administrator's vacancy: The Parish Council are advertising for an Administrator to work alongside the Parish Clerk and other Parish employees to ensure the smooth running of Parish affairs. The role is part time and based at the Council office in ClayTAWC. Some evening work will be required. Applicants should have experience in office tasks and activities and good interpersonal skills as they will be working with colleagues and local parishioners. The role requires a level of initiative and skills in English, IT and maths. For full details contact the Parish Clerk.

Trevice Terrace Telephone Box: As reported last month, the Parish Council are currently looking into having the telephone box near Rockwenna Livery Yard lightly renovated. We would like to put the telephone box to good use as something that will benefit the community. We are looking for donations from local people towards the cost of refurbishment, with a view to putting the names of those who have donated on the glass panes within the telephone box. We are running a survey on a link on the Parish Council website and Social Media pages. Alternatively, you can email the office with suggestions, or give us a call. 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.

Playing Field News: We would also like to remind people not to drop litter. Our workforce spends a large amount of their time litter picking within the village and the money spent on paying them for this unnecessary task could be better used in the Parish.

Finally, the Council has had anti climb paint applied to fence and gate at the lower end of the Playing Field. This is after extensive, costly damage to the gate and fence from young people climbing over the closed gate. We would like to remind residents that the gate is now locked and only accessible for workforce or emergency vehicles. Anyone injured climbing the fence is not insured for accident or injury. Please use the main pedestrian access to the Playing Field which is located next to the Beauty Bank on Fore Street.

Update on the Banning of Dogs from the Playing Field: Following the reopening of the whole Playing Field, the Parish Council are trialling new signage for the control of dogs within the Playing Field. We have erected new signage asking owners to clean up after their dogs and ensure they are kept on a lead to ensure the safe and peaceful use by all members of the Parish. We will run this trial over the next six months to see if incidents of dog fouling and dogs being let off leads to run freely reduces.

We are aware that the banning of dogs is a contentious issue, and we feel that this is a compromise that dog owners will appreciate. If, however we continue to receive a high level of incidents reported into the office, we will look run a new consultation and review this decision.

Fly Tipping: The recent removal of dead ash trees in the Playing Field has uncovered a serious fly-tipping problem, which is going to cost the Parish a large amount of money to clear. Again, this money could be spent on more constructive Parish needs. Please look to your own habits and others in your village to ensure this blight is overcome.

Litter Picking Event: Normally the Parish Council organise two annual public litter pick events. Obviously, this year we have had to rely on you, the local residents, to keep our village clean, tidy and environmentally healthy. Please could all local residents be aware of their own habits and ensure they are not contributing to the rising tide of discarded waste in the streets and fields of our beautiful county.

If there is rubbish outside your home please help by cleaning it up. If the bin men accidentally drop a bit of rubbish, clean it up. They, like other vital workers, have been working extremely hard to ensure our environment is healthy, so give

them a little help. We have litter picker equipment to borrow if you need them. Contact the Parish Office at ClayTAWC by phone to arrange.

The banning of plastic from the Cemetery: Last month we advertised the plan to try to ban as much plastic from our Cemetery as possible. Following discussions, the Council has moved to ban certain plastic items: Fencing around plots, all plastic based tributes once they have deteriorated and present a threat to the environment. Memorial tributes should, in future, be made from stone or ceramic. We are currently replacing plastic bottles with metal watering cans. 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.

Please refer to our Cemetery Regulations on the website 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.

Trelavour Prazey: Wild flower seed has been sown on the embankment at Trelavour Prazey. It will provide a habitat for insects and a beautiful show of colour in the summer. We hope you will enjoy it and maybe plant your own little 'bumble bee bypass'. If you have ideas about other areas in the village that would benefit from a bit of 'wilding', let us know.

Last Note: We are fortunate to live in a beautiful rural area of the country. It needs all of us to treasure that and keep it special for the future. Tiny gestures like not dropping rubbish and treating your village as special all help and keep us and the planet healthy.