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Adverts: by Wednesday 18th. please!

CORNWALL COUNTY COUNCIL

is responsible for wide-ranging services, including Education, Social Services, the Cornwall Tourist Board, Economic Development, Highways, County Planning, Archaeology, the Fire Brigade, Libraries, and the Arts.

County Councillor Mrs. Helen Richards will hold a surgery at Port Isaac Church Rooms on Saturday 14th. February 1998, between 10.00am. and 11.00am.

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A big 'thank you' to Nicki Edkin for holding the R.N.L.I. Christmas Coffee Morning. Also many thanks to all those who gave their valuable time and help to make it so successful. We raised £170. Fantastic!

Sandie.

The Quiet Corner

'God knows I'm no' the man I should be, Nor am I even the man I could be.'

Robert Burns.



A rare sight - Port Isaac beach without any cars on it! Photo by Diana Walsh.

VILLAGE HALL

The management committee feels that Port Isaac still needs a public hall with a large multi-purpose room - which the current Village Hall provides.

When the hall was built, one hundred years ago, most lived in the 'old' village and the hall was nearby. Now that people live in the newer buildings the hall is seen as 'down below' - not among the community.

If only we could move the old building to a more central location, it would solve this perception! To have a new building would certainly be admirable, but is likely to cost more money than Port Isaac could raise, and with our existing halls remaining, a new hall would provide yet another building to spread the present use by our clubs and associations even more thinly than now.

The village hall is already good, spacious, and suitable for almost anything for which it is likely to be needed. It is possible to do something with the hall - eg. the steps can be made more welcoming, easier to use, and other facilities, like a better kitchen, can be put in place to make the hall more 'user-friendly', and comfortable. Grant aid can be obtained to meet the bulk of the cost of these improvements.

There will be an 'Open Day' at the hall on Saturday 14th. February 10.30am. to 2.30pm. Please come along for free coffee and biscuits, look at the hall, and informally discuss the proposals with committee members.

We have got the basis of a very good hall indeed and it can be improved greatly by spending on it the fraction of the cost of a new, and probably not so splendid, hall.

The Committee.

PORT ISAAC CHORALE

The Chorale took part in the Carol Service at St. Kew church, where our new uniform was worn for the first time. Afterwards we had a very enjoyable social evening at Angela Williams', with thanks to her and her family for organising such a successful evening.

An enjoyable evening of carol singing was held at Port Gaverne Hotel which was packed for the occasion.

Due to the closure of the Green Door, Port Gaverne, practices are now being held in the St. Endellion church hall on Tuesday evenings.

We are delighted to have several new members, and anyone else wishing to join us is welcome to come along to a practice.

The choir will be taking part in the Wadebridge, and Truro Music festivals, and new pieces are being learned for these.

The choir will also be taking part in a concert at the Pottery on Wednesday 18th. March, in memory of Jo Sherratt who was a much valued member of the Chorale and greatly missed by us all.

Liz Rowe.



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BROWNIES: Every Monday during term time 5.30–7.00pm. at the village hall.

CHILD HEALTH CLINIC: 1.30–3.30pm. on first Wednesday in the month at the surgery.

CUB SCOUTS: 6.00–7.30pm. Tuesdays at the village hall.

GOLDEN CIRCLE: 2.30pm. every Wednesday at the Cornish Cafe.

METHODIST CHURCH: 6.00pm. at Trelights chapel.

LOCAL HISTORY STUDY GROUP: 7.30pm. on the first Friday in the month in the Penhaligon room.

PLAYGROUP/UNDER 5's GROUP: Monday and Thursday 9.30–11.45am. at the village hall.

PORT ISAAC CHORALE: Tuesday evenings at 8.00pm. (term times) at St. Endellion church hall.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: St. Peter's church rooms, every Sunday at 9.50am.

WELL WOMAN CLINIC: 3.00–4.00pm. Tuesdays at the surgery by appointment.

Friday 6th. February (today):

7.30pm: Local History Club talk by Jeremy Pearson of The National Trust. Penhaligon Room.

Sunday 8th. February:

6.00pm: St. Endellion church, evening worship with Taizé Music.

Tuesday 17th. February:

2.00pm: Jumble Sale at St. Endellion church hall. Proceeds for hall funds.

7.30pm: Whist Drive at St. Endellion church hall.

Wednesday 18th. February:

7.30pm: Hillows House, St. Teath, healing eucharist.

Wednesday 25th. February:

10.00am: Ash Wednesday, eucharist with ashing St. Peter's church

12.30pm: Golden Circle Birthday Lunch, Cornish Cafe.

7.00pm: Sung eucharist with ashing St. Endellion church.

Saturday 28th. February:

10.30am: Hospice Day for Mount Edgcombe Hospice. Sale in church rooms. Light lunches served.

Wednesday 4th. March:

7.30pm: Port Isaac Under 5's Group A.G.M. In the Penhaligon room – all interested parents *please* attend!

Saturday 14th. March:

11.30am: Conservatives' Annual General Meeting, Old School Hotel. Lunch 12.30. All welcome.

Tuesday 17th. March:

7.30pm: Whist Drive at St. Endellion church hall

Tuesday 21st. April:

7.30pm: Whist Drive at St. Endellion church hall

Thursday 14th. May:

Lifeboat A.G.M.
Details to be announced later.

Tuesday 19th. May:

7.30pm: Whist Drive at St. Endellion church hall

Tuesday 16th. June:

7.30pm: Whist Drive at St. Endellion church hall

Sunday 21st. June:

Lifeboat Sunday.
Details to be announced later.

Tuesday 21st. July:

7.30pm: Whist Drive at St. Endellion church hall

Sunday 23rd. August:

Lifeboat Larks.
Details to be announced later.

CHOIR CONCERT IN THE CHAPEL

7.30pm. (doors open 7.00)
Wednesday 18th. March

There will be a free concert in the chapel. It is dedicated to the memory of Jo Sherratt who was involved in or supported: Wadebridge Male Voice Choir, Port Isaac Chorale, Fishermen's Friends, and Squeaker Bill who will all be performing. There will be a limit on numbers, to ensure your place please collect a *free* invitation from Port Isaac Pottery. Any contributions of food towards an interval supper will be gratefully received.

'SHOW OF HANDS' WORKSHOP

8.00pm. Sunday 24th. May

Phil and Steve are organising an 'Acoustic Workshop' tour in the spring. It will be an informal evening of music, anecdotes, and 'tricks of the trade'. Tickets are limited and cost £8.00 each. Please book early if you are interested. Port Isaac Pottery, Roscarrock Hill. Telephone 880625

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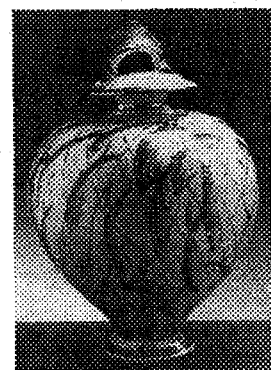
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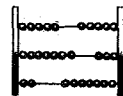
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This typographer is now getting used to the computer, scanner, ink-jet printer, etc. and beginning to originate work that way.

Robin Penna.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Many thanks to everyone who helped in any way with the Port Isaac Christmas Lights. Each year, we have plans to illuminate more of the village. However, last year we were curbed by the new rules and regulations. This year we hope to raise enough funds to go a little further.

St. Breward Silver Band entertained as usual - many thanks to them. We hope they can come to the village again this year.

Pat Sweett

On behalf of the Committee of the Port Isaac R.N.L.I., we would like to thank all in Port Isaac who have helped us over the year re: Coffee Mornings and all other do's in the village which involve the R.N.L.I. especially all my O.A.P. friends. Again, thank you. Happy New Year to you all.

Vice Chairman Molly Farmer.

Dear Robin, I was very sorry to hear about the fire at your premises last year and at the same time congratulate you in still getting the Trio done. It is nice to know it is still going to carry on. Being connected with Port Isaac and knowing so many people during the war, while evacuated at the Bide-awhile, Port Gaverne, for five years, I look forward each month to reading the Trio to see what's still going on, etc. Well done, Robin and Fred, keep the good work up and congratulations on a splendid job.

Peter Gomm, Brentford, Middlesex.

ST. ENDELLION CHURCH

Bishop's Visit

The new Bishop of Truro, the Rt. Revd. Bill Ind met clergy, readers, churchwardens and members of the Deanery Synod from the Trigg Major and Bodmin Deanery at a reception at Pencarrow House, Washaway. Cheese and wine were served and a very pleasant evening was enjoyed. The next day, at St. Endellion Rectory, the Bishop met for discussion with the Revd. Preb. Michael Bartlett, Rector, and the Revd. Martin Pinnock, Vicar of St. Minver.

Emmaus Party

A most enjoyable party in the church hall concluded the first section of the Emmaus Course, a series of meetings designed to explore Christian faith and belief. Those attending the three groups being run in the parishes of St. Endellion, Port Isaac and St. Kew. gathered to socialise and to share their experiences. After light refreshments, small groups made up of members of each parish discussed further questions of faith and the Rector led further discussion. The second part of the Course began in all three parishes during the third week of January.

Healing Eucharist

The first healing eucharist of the New Year for the united benefice of St. Endellion, Port Isaac and St. Kew was held at Thyme Bank, Trebetherick, home of Mrs. Pamela Nash. The Curate, Revd. Judith Pollinger, presided and read the gospel and the Rector led the service and spoke with thanksgiving to God for the life of Miss Elspeth Coe, who had died the previous day on the Feast of the Epiphany. Members of the group shared affectionate memories of Miss Coe.

Eighteen people attended a eucharist for healing at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Richards, Bodannon Farm, Trewetha on Wednesday 21st. January. The Rector presided and the service was led by the Curate. Mr. Roger Richards shared with them in the laying on of hands. Readers were Mrs. Frances Kent and Mrs. Pat Hardman. Afterwards hot drinks were served by Mr. and Mrs. Richards.

Mothers' Union Service, AGM & Supper

The annual meeting of the United Benefice branch of the Mothers' Union was held in the St. Kew Inn preceded by a service in St. James's Church, St. Kew. The Rector and Deanery and Diocesan Mothers' Union Chaplain presided at a said Eucharist for the Guidance of the Holy Spirit. After the service the group adjourned to the St. Kew Inn where Mrs. Pam Richards, Branch Leader, welcomed everyone and chaired the annual general meeting. She was warmly thanked for all her hard work and enthusi-

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Our grateful thanks to all those who helped in any way to make the Christmas services such a huge success.

The Christmas present envelopes for St. Peter's church at the moment total £124.30. If you still have one, it is not too late to add it to the total so please hand it in.

Our best wishes go to Naomi and Mark on the occasion of their wedding on Saturday 10th. January. The presentation of a gift from the church wardens and congregation was made after the service on the second Sunday after Christmas by the Curate, Revd. Judith Pollinger.

Emmaus Course

The Emmaus Course continues again for another five weeks and commenced Tuesday 20th. January at 1.45pm. in the church hall. If you are interested but have not been before, why not come along and join us.

Family Service

The Family Service will be held at 10.15am. in the church February 15th. and March 22nd. Please make a note of these dates, and bring your children along.

Home Communion

If you are sick or unable to get to church and wish to have communion, please contact Father Michael, 880442, he will be only too pleased to visit you.

Church Council

There will be a meeting in the church at 7.00pm. on Thursday 19th. February.

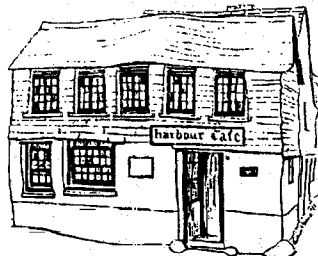
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PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION

About two dozen of us took part in the Fun Run/Walk on Boxing Day in aid of the newly-formed St. Endellion Playing Field Association. We started from the Playing Fields car park and walked down the hill to Port Gaverne, then along the valley as far as the path up to Trewetha. We trudged up the side of the hill and through the mud to join the main road at Trewetha and finally back down the road to the playing field car park. Councillor Dawe made an official address on behalf of the Association and we all received certificates to show that we had participated in the walk. David Phelps then dispensed very good (and welcome) hot mulled wine and delicious mince pies.

Robin Penna.

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asm in leading the branch during the year. Mrs. Gwen Hambly, Hon. Treasurer, presented the accounts which were adopted and Mrs. Tammy Benger, prayer and spirituality representative gave a report. After the meeting members enjoyed an excellent supper.

Advent Candles Lit

Each Sunday during Advent, Lowenna Barriball and Thomas Gill, two young servers from the church, took it in turns to light the candles on the Advent wreath.

Christmas Lights

A large number of people from the village of Trelights gathered around the village green for the annual service and switching on of the Christmas lights. Before this ceremony took place carol singers from the church sang carols in the village. Mr. Harold Barriball welcomed everyone and thanked those who had put up the lights. He introduced Mrs. Anne Pethick, a long-standing resident of Trelights, to switch on the lights. Then a short service was led by the Rector.

Midnight Mass

Over 80 people attended Midnight Mass by candlelight in the church on Christmas Eve. There was a procession to the Crib during the singing of the first hymn and, after the figure of the Christ Child had been placed in the manger, Revd. Alan Wainwright blessed the Crib, presided at the eucharist, preached, and led intercessions.

Christmas Family Eucharist

The church was filled with families on Christmas morning for the traditional family sung eucharist. The Rector welcomed everyone and helped six year old server Thomas Gill to light all the candles on the Advent wreath. The Rector presided and encouraged the children to come to the Crib where they sang 'Away in a Manger' led by Martin and Gemma Kirby, grandchildren of Mrs. Margaret Cann, Port Isaac. Before the final hymn the children were invited to search for balloons hidden in the church and each child was given one.

Bells Ring In New Year

At midnight on New Year's Eve, the church bells rang out the Old Year and rang in the New and afterwards the event was celebrated by a champagne toast. Earlier in the evening, an excellent dinner for the ringers was held at Bodannon farm, Trewetha, the home of tower captain and churchwarden, Mr. Roger Richards and Mrs. Pam Richards.

Annual Pilgrimage

The Revd. Paul Rose, who for the past 30 years has made an annual pilgrimage to St. Endellion with a choir from his own parish, returned last week with a large party who led the singing at the sung eucharist on the

Second Sunday after Christmas and provided Evensong with carols in the afternoon.

Despite the hurricane force winds which blew down a large fir tree during the morning service, many people attended the sung eucharist. The Rector presided and led intercessions and the Revd. Paul Rose preached and assisted with the administration of the chalice. In the afternoon, Sung Evensong with carols around the crib took place. The Rector sang the office. Afterwards everyone was invited back to a cream tea at the Trelights Farmhouse, where the Revd. Paul rose and his party were staying.

Epiphany Celebrated

The Feast of the Epiphany was celebrated with a sung eucharist and procession at which the Rector presided, vested in the St. Endellion cope. During the service, thanksgiving to God was expressed, by the Rector, for the life of Miss Elspeth Coe, former sacristan at the church and a faithful member of the worshipping congregation who had died that day, her 93rd birthday. Epiphany commemorates the showing forth of Christ to the nations, symbolised by the visit, with their gifts, of the three kings, so the figures of the kings were carried in procession to the Crib by Mrs. Tren Rush, St. Kew, Mr. Roger Richards, and Mr. Tom Warne, churchwardens of St. Endellion.

Worship by Candlelight

The regular monthly evening service of worship with Taizé music by candlelight took place in the church on the first Sunday of Epiphany. The service was arranged and led by the Curate who read parts of Brother Roger's 1998 'Letter from Taizé.' Readings were also given by Mrs. Pamela Nash and Mrs. Maida Davy and the psalm was read by the Rector. The singing of Taizé chants was accompanied by Mrs. Liz Rowe, harp and Mrs. Angela Williams, guitar.

Novel Fund-Raising Idea

Wheelbarrow loads of dung are being offered for sale to raise funds for St. Endellion Church. The idea came from Mrs. Katrina Gill, Chair of the church's fund-raising committee. Mrs. Gill, with her husband Stephen, and young sons Thomas and William, live at Poltreworgye Farm, Trelill. A wheelbarrow load of dung will cost £2.00 and Mrs. Gill is willing to deliver it free of charge within a five mile radius of St. Endellion Church.

Whist Drive

Whist Drives continue to be held in St. Endellion church Hall on the third Tuesday in the month despite fears that they might end because of lack of support. More people taking part would be most welcome.

Judith Pollinger.

SONNET TO SPRING

When one surveys a bird's-eye
view of things,
As season rolls to season
through the mist,
One sees a world of war and
all it brings –
The children cold and lonely,
never kissed;
But who is this fine bird with
zoom-eyed lens,
White outstretched wings, still,
hovering on the air?
He is the harbinger of peace
and friends
Are travelling to Spring to
meet him there.
He promises a token fit to keep –
A drop of blood falls from
the feathered heart,
The Earth receives it as
a snowdrop sweet,
So blessed with peace it is
a work of art.
White flowers look up with grace
towards a sky,
Thus in the Spring the wings
of love pass by.

Mary Vallender.

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TOM CHAPMAN

There was regret when it became known of the death on Christmas Eve, at his home 'Spring Cottage', Trelights, at the age of 73 years, of Mr. Tom Chapman. Tom, of late, had not enjoyed the best of health. He was born at St. Issey, but had resided for 68 years at Trelights. He was well known over a very large area, having worked with Cornwall County Council for 35 years until retirement.

St. Endellion parish church was almost full for the funeral on Wednesday 31st. December. The service was conducted by the Curate, Revd. Judith Pollinger. Interment was in the churchyard.

We all express our sympathy, especially to Gladys, in the loss of a much loved husband, and a friend to so many.

Gladys, widow of the late Tom Chapman of Trelights, wishes to thank all who attended the funeral service. Special thanks to the bearers, the Curate, Revd. Judith Pollinger, the Port Isaac doctors, Ron and David Bray, Wadebridge, funeral directors, for letters and cards received, also for donations to the British Heart Foundation in lieu of flowers, and to friends and neighbours here in the village.

MARJORIE MEWTON

Port Isaac has lost one of its oldest residents at the age of 93 years. Mrs. Marjorie Mewton passed away on 6th. January, at Trewiston Lodge. Marje (Aunt) as she was known to many, had been at first a teacher at Miss Neal's little school in Port Isaac and later other schools in London. In 1929 she emigrated to the U.S.A. with her sister Kate. Her husband-to-be had gone to California earlier. They married in Vancouver and settled in California where they lived for over 50 years. After her husband's death in 1978 she returned to Port Isaac where she made many friends.

The funeral was held at the Glynn Valley crematorium and the service was conducted by Father Raymond Jones.

We express our sympathy to her relatives in their bereavement

IRENE ANN PATTENDEN

It was learned with deep regret that Mrs. Irene Ann Pattenden of 52 New Road, had died suddenly at Treliske hospital, aged 55 years. Irene was much respected and was very popular in the village - shown by the crowded St. Peter's church. The service was conducted by Preb. Revd. Michael Bartlett and the organist was Mr. Charlie Honey. Interment was at St. Endellion.

We all express our sympathy to the family in the loss of a much loved mother, wife, and gran.

Bill and the family and relatives of the late Irene Pattenden wish to thank all those who attended the funeral service on Tuesday 20th. January at St. Peter's church, for the lovely cards and messages of sympathy received, and for everyone's kindness at our sad loss. Also special thanks to Lil and Barbara, Mike and Diane, Olive, Tricia, and Sue for all their help after the service, to Father Michael for a lovely service, to Charlie Honey for playing the organ, and to Mr. Ian Honey for arranging the funeral. Plus thanks for donations to St. Peter's church which totalled £286.00.

MOUNT EDGCUMBE

The Grand Total collected from the Carol Singing around the village for the Hospice amounted to £143.

Many thanks to all who supported us and especially to Joyce Hazeldene and her daughter Vicky for collecting for us.

Here is the reminder for Saturday 28th. February. By now, you will have sorted out all those Christmas presents and made room for your new possessions. What have you done with the things you have turned out? Bring them to me, please, at 87 Fore Street. I already had some offers of help on the day, and the Chain Gang will, I hope, materialise on the Friday afternoon!

A representative from the Hospice has expressed a wish to come to Port Isaac on the day to meet everybody and thank the village for their fund-raising efforts over the years. I sent £100 for Christmas, being proceeds from mini-market stalls. Receipts can be seen here as usual.

I have been given a large, magnificent barbecue on wheels to sell for the Hospice. It has been used only once and can be seen at my house, just let me know when you are coming (880726).

Bill Dawe has said he will do a sponsored cycle ride from Bodmin to Padstow as his

annual contribution so be prepared for Bill with his sponsorship forms!

A volunteer has come forward to carry on Hospice Day in 1999 but has storage problems. Anybody willing to help with this, please contact me.

I hope to see you all on February 28th. - please help to make this a record event. Many thanks.

Sheila Jarvis

A letter to Mrs. B. Richards, Mayfield Road:

Dear Mrs. Richards, Thank you so much for your donation of £24.25 following the sale of Christmas Bells and for the £143.41 raised at the Carol Singing in Port Isaac. I am so glad that you did so well, it's very encouraging when people come out and support isn't it.

Thank you for taking on the Carol Singing for Mount Edgcombe Hospice and we do appreciate all the money that we get so loyally donated from the Community at large.

*Judy Polkinhorn,
PR and Fund Raising Officer*

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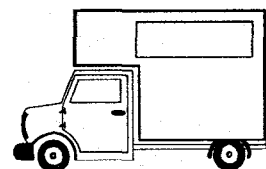
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PARISH COUNCIL

The monthly meeting of St. Endellion Parish Council held in the Church Rooms, Port Isaac, on Monday 12th. January was attended by all eleven councillors.

David Phelps, Chair, who was not present at the last meeting, took this opportunity to welcome Henry Stickland to the Council.

Public Discussion

Peggy Richards spoke about an apparent apathy among the public who did not turn up for the meeting with the Fire Brigade. There have been two fires in the village since that meeting – it seems as if people do not want to learn. She hoped that at least people had now bought smoke detectors. She had also received a report that the coastal path was dirty and disgusting, and was full of rubbish and dog mess. She then referred to cars that park on pavements, making it very difficult for mothers pushing prams and who had to go out into the road to get past. There is apparently a £1,000 fine for the parking offence. Finally she established that it will be possible to ask questions of Paul Tyler MP when he attends a future Parish Council meeting.

Plans

The Council recommended approval to the District Council of these plans:-

1. Change of use of disused workshop and erection of an extension at The Workshop, Trelights, for Mr. T. St. John O'Grady.
2. Installation of air conditioning condenser units Co-operative Retail Services Ltd.
3. Erection of 3-bedroomed bungalow, plot 7, Furze Park, Trelights, for Mr. D. J. and Mrs. J. Wiles.

Controversy was caused by plans for a 20-metre steel lattice telecommunications mast to replace the existing wooden pole at 24 Mayfield Road, for Castle Transmission Int. Ltd. It was felt that the mast would have a detrimental visual impact, and was too close to houses where young people lived who might be affected by alleged radiations. The steel mast would be twice the height of the existing wooden pole and would carry two dishes. What use would it be, would it improve reception for mobile telephones, fire brigade telephones, etc.? While it was agreed that the village *does* need better communications, the question was asked would the benefits, which were unfortunately not detailed, outweigh its effect as backdrop to the finest conservation area in Cornwall. No recommendation could be made to the District Council until more details were available, therefore immediate representation would be made to the planning authority and further information urgently requested.

Finance

The Treasurer requested a transfer of £200 from the High Interest Account to the Treasurer Account to cover the monthly expenditure of £714.57. This was agreed and brought the final balances to £122.34 in the Treasurer Account and £5869.67 in the High Interest Account.

Request for Donation towards Cost of Road Improvement

St. Minver Parish Council requested financial help with their project to improve the B3314 road at Tredower. The intention is to replace the hedge with post and rail fencing to improve visibility at the lowest cost possible. St. Endellion Council felt that in the first place the work should be funded by County Highways and that private funding was setting a dangerous precedent. It was, however, agreed that this is a dangerous stretch of road but there were doubts that the project would make it any safer. Also it was felt that removing a hedge – 'the very essence of Cornwall' – was not a good thing. The Council is therefore not prepared to make a financial contribution.

District Councillor's Report

Bill Dawe deplored the fact that the vegetation at the sides of Church Hill still had not been cut.

He was also anxious about requests from a resident in Trelights, whose property had been built too close to a chestnut tree and who now wanted to cut the tree.

County Councillor's Report

County Councillor Helen Richards had attended the meeting and was invited to speak at this juncture.

She said that in order to have roundels on the road at St. Endellion a speed limit would have to be applied for. This was to be added to the lists for the County.

Regarding the vegetation on Church Hill, she said that land ownership lists were awaited in order that the necessary action could be taken.

She announced that she would hold a surgery at the church rooms on Saturday 14th. February.

She was asked why Delabole had received full attention from gritting vehicles after the recent snow fall while Port Isaac had had none, also why the salt bin on Poltrewoygey Hill is still empty. The Clerk intervened to advise the Council that the B3267 had been taken off the gritting list which is why the salt bins were installed.

Chairman's Report

David Phelps said that he had walked the coast path recently and had never seen it looking so clean, but it was very important that it should be kept clean. The wall

will be on the agenda next month as it is in a very bad state. The Treasurer pointed out that £1,000 was already allocated per year for gradual repairs.

The Chairman commended the Seats Committee on an excellent job and said that the seats on the coastal path had been well sited but would need varnishing. The seat on the end of the Main, however, was too high and should be lowered.

Clerk's Correspondence

1. A request for a donation towards the expenses of the Allen Valley Singers will be considered at the next meeting.

2. The public conveniences at the car park, New Road, will be refurbished in the autumn but will be painted in the meantime. Bill Dawe enquired whether the all-night, vandal-proof, facilities asked for were to be implemented.

Journal

Bryan Richards asked whether any action was being taken with regard to car parking in the village. There were cars parked from Daisy Hicks's corner to the Co-op and also down Back Hill by Dugald Sproull's. He was advised that it was less than six months since the last decision was taken and that this is still being considered by Cornwall County Council. If a fire engine or ambulance had tried to get down Back Hill it would have been blocked. The situation in New Road is very dangerous especially when approaching the brow of the hill with the sun in your eyes and on the wrong side of the road. At Christmas the roads were choc-a-bloc with parked cars but the car park (which is free during the winter) was empty. The Council will ask for 'Free Car Park' signs to be put up in the winter.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in the chapel room, Trelights, on Monday 9th. February.

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LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Port Isaac Local History Group is still alive and kicking, even if the chairman isn't too energetic.

We started the 1998 session with a talk by Henry Symons, and very good it was too! He has enough artefacts, and information about Trevathan, St. Endellion, and Port Isaac, to be able to give talks until this time next year. He only had half an hour to put it together and he did a proper job.

Next month, we have Jeremy Pearson from The National Trust coming to speak to us. The Agar Robartes family owned quite a bit of property in Port Isaac so, come along one and all to the Penhaligon Room, 7.30pm. Friday 6th. February.

In March, Clayton Irons from Wadebridge will be the speaker. We're not certain of the date yet as our usual day clashes with the Wadebridge Festival at which the Chorale are singing. We want butter on both sides of our bread so watch for further notices.

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