

Port Isaac Playing Field

another controversial subject - is it for the village, is parking allowed, can you walk your dog there, an Association, a Committee, an Action Group, a Recreation Group ... let's do this ...

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.

February 1998 *Robin Penna.*

PLAYING FIELDS EQUIPMENT	
Parish Council Meeting - 10th July:	
Monies received or promised so far for the above are as follows:	
Auction and other fund raising:	364.00
Existing Account	320.00
Donation from previous Mother/Toddler Group	80.00
Parish Council	500.00
Grant (R.C.C.)	800.00
	£2064.00

The first piece of equipment will cost about £3,300.00 including VAT. Hopefully the Council can purchase it on our behalf in order to reclaim the VAT. With the new fund-raising events, we feel we can go ahead and order it. The Council and the public were recently given the opportunity to see a very good display of the proposed equipment outside the Church Hall. Slight error in previous Trio - because we had realized the total of approximately £1000.00 we could apply for grants which could bring our target to £4000.00 - we are not automatically entitled to them. Carol Richards.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Auction - a total of £275.53 was raised. A big 'thank you' to Ben from the Wheelhouse for doing such a good job as Auctioneer. We hope most of you had a chance to see the display of photographs of some of the equipment we hope to be ordering soon. We have just received a grant of £800 from the R.C.F., so we are firmly on the way to our goal. With your help and support we will have an area which everyone can enjoy by the autumn. Mel Dingle.

July 1990

One man went to mow ... make it many men! (or women)

The Playing Fields are a disgrace and it looks like the people of Port Isaac, Port Gaverne and Trelights will have to clear and mow it themselves as the Parish Council have no budget to cut the grass there more than three times a year.

So I am calling all parents with young children and anyone remotely interested in the well-being of the Parish to join me with mowers, trimmers etc at

9am on Saturday June 2nd

to cut and generally tidy up the fields.

And while we are all in 'gardening' mode we ought to get together the next week to clear again the entrance to the coast path that we did last year.

Give me a call on 0781 5156632 if you want to know more or meet me up at the Playing Field at 9am on Saturday and the Coastpath at 9am on June 9th.

John Brown

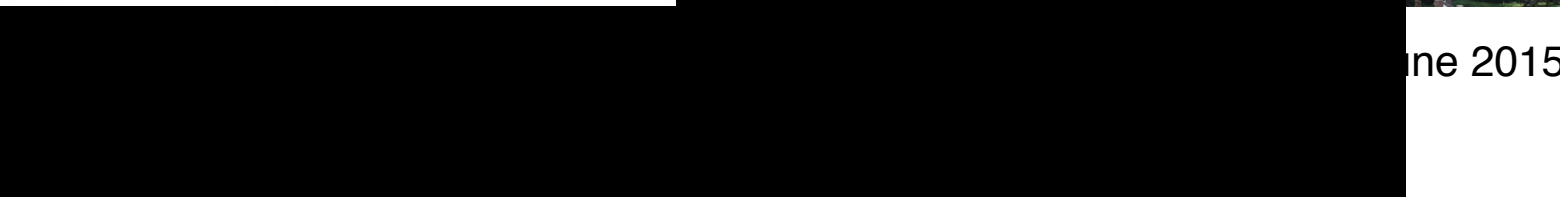
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PLANS FOR THE PLAYING FIELD

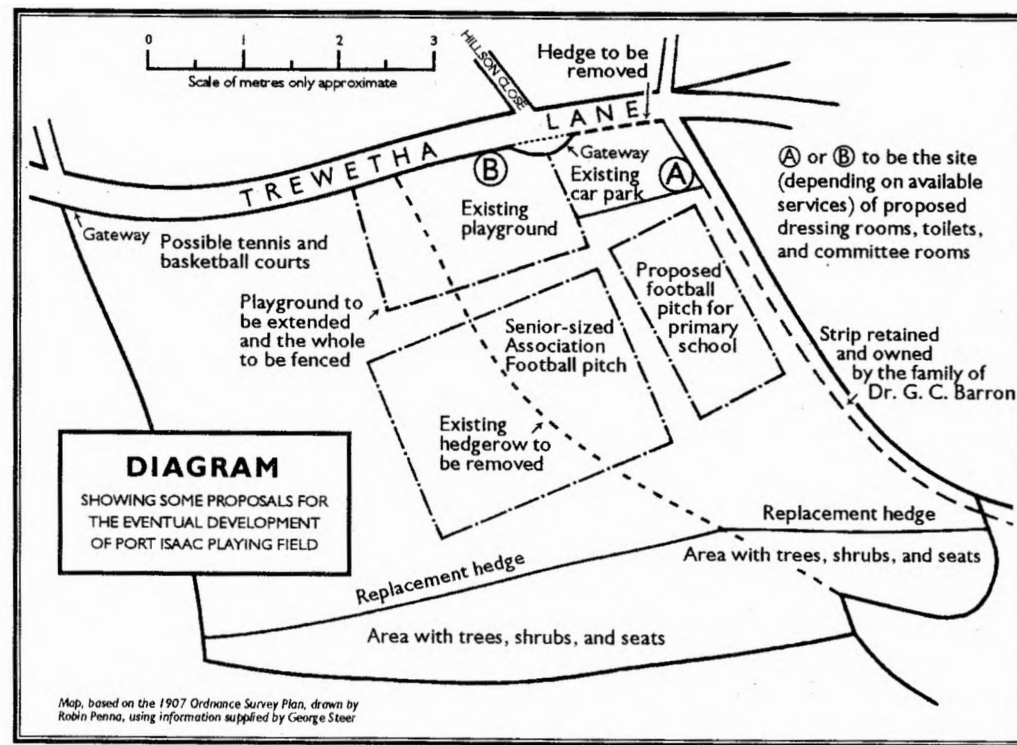
Members of the Playing Fields Association are pleased to report that, after consultation with the Slay & Play group and elected councillors, two pieces of play equipment have been ordered from Earth Wrights, courtesy of the Doc Martin Fund.

The items are: a basket swing and a wobbly belt see-saw - pictured here. They will be installed in June. The whole plan will be displayed in the Village Hall on 4th June for further public consultation.

Our thanks to Doc Martin and their fund trustees for making this immediate improvement to our playing field possible.



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ST. ENDELLION RECREATION GROUP

The diagram above shows what could be the outcome when work is started.

So far, North Cornwall District Council planners have allowed the removal of enough of the hedge dividing the two fields to enable a full-size soccer pitch to be incorporated. The next step is to apply for a 'small' grant to enable a feasibility study to be carried out by professional surveyors and architects. After that, we shall have to apply for a large grant to carry out the project.

Three things govern our deliberations:

- We must do things openly and properly.
- Expense to the Parish will be nil, we hope.
- All views, from young and old, will be discussed if put to a committee member before the feasibility study.

Should you disagree with our ideas, then please let us know, don't grumble behind our backs.

Our committee meetings are open, usually on the last Wednesday of each month, please feel free to come along, or talk to a committee member.

The committee members are:

David Morgan (chair), Peter Rowe (vice chair), Linda Collings (treasurer), George Steer (secretary), Melanie Dingle, Janice Franklin, Julie Hewitt, Jill O'Connor, Carol Richards, Liz Rowe, Lil Thomas, Pat Nicholls, and John McDonnell.

May 1998

Local uproar at dog ban at playing field

Last month's Parish Council report from the Parish Clerk stated that "The Parish Council has agreed to put in place a dog control order banning all dogs from the playing field at Port Isaac." This decision has upset and angered many local people who regularly use the rough area behind the playing field to walk their dogs. All these regular walkers are responsible owners who do not let their dogs go on to the actual playing field and always clean up after them. They do not think there is a problem with dog mess and rightly point out that any dog mess here, and all round the village, is mainly from the local dogs that are allowed to roam. Several people wrote to the Parish Council before the February meeting stating their case and some have copied their letters to Trio. Here are some extracts from some of the letters:

"I am so angry about the new dog walking ban at the field! I am 13 years old and in the winter the time I get back from school, it is starting to get dark. The field is a safe, convenient place where I can take my dog and he can have a good run. Where else can we go? The beach. Great! Go to the beach everyday in the dark. And what about the elderly? They are going to find it very difficult to move around the village and up all the hills!"

Anyway, in all the time I have been going up to the fields, it's either empty, or there are fellow dog walkers up there. I hardly EVER see anyone else. Maybe occasionally a few lads playing football in the Summer or the school for sports day ONCE A YEAR!

I always pick up my dog's poo and so does everyone else I know. I don't think it is fair or reasonable to punish all of us for the sake of a few people who don't!

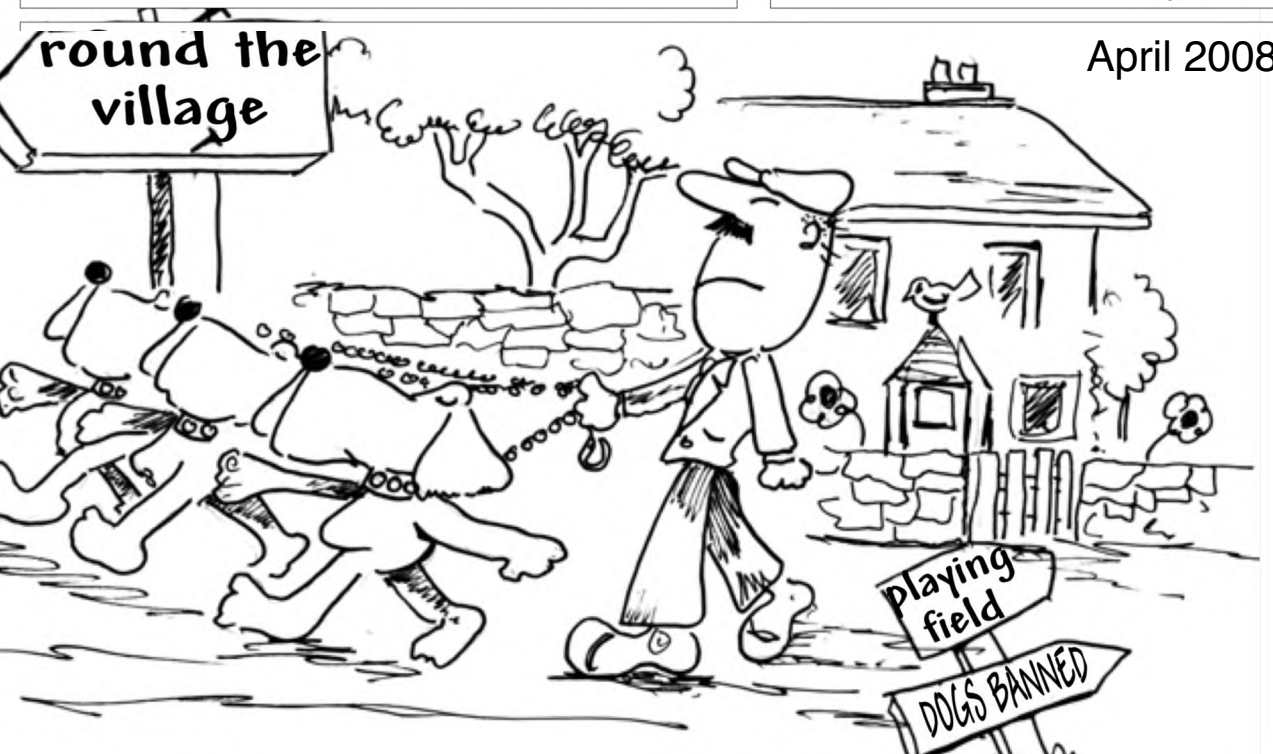
I wonder if any of our Councillors have dogs to walk? I know some have children. Why is their need greater than mine? I have spoken with several regular field dog walkers and we can't understand why there can't be a compromise - at least let us have the sloping field at the back for walking our dogs.

Vicky Lewis, Trewetha Lane

"As a non-dog owning resident of Port Isaac... I believe strongly that dog owners should keep their dogs under proper control so that they do not cause a nuisance to others, especially on our beaches, and I get really angry about the amount of dog mess I see in our village and the dogs I regularly see roaming about unsupervised. However, I also believe that banning dogs from the playing fields is unnecessary and unfair. There is ample room up there for children and dogs. I had a big part in building the BMX track area there so I am well aware of the layout. My view is that dogs should be prohibited from the main playing field, and that dog walkers should be allocated the field behind the BMX area. The fencing which we built around the BMX area, which is no longer used, could be reused to separate the two fields in some way to make it clear to dog walkers where they can go."

"My name is Tilly and I've only lived in Port Isaac for a few months. I'm around two years old and I'm told I'm a lurcher and I'm a rescue, having been beaten up and injured, both mentally and physically, by my first owners. ... I'm very happy to have a run around the field below the football pitch at the playing field, where I meet up with my friends Lulu, Patch and others and we romp around and have carefree fun. All our owners have a chat, usually about us, and the view is nice too. So, particularly for the young and elderly villagers who cannot motor elsewhere, this area is just right and everyone keeps it clean. It would be such a shame to deprive us of this space because the few times I've been led around the village and along the cliff path, I've felt quite ashamed of the state they're in. Also, I don't really like getting hassle from visiting dogs and the local free-rangers who, unlike us, can do pretty much what they please. We rarely see anyone playing football - the pitch isn't marked anyway - and nobody ever uses the lower rough ground except us ..."

Tilly, Port Isaac



April 2008

P.I.P.F.A.G.'S

The first meeting of the Port Isaac Playing Field Action Group took place on 29th May 1990. The reason for formation of the Group was to better equip the Village Playing Field. With the help of grants, donations and lots of fund-raising, the first piece of equipment was installed for use in October 1990. A total of £4,500 has been spent to date on the Playing Field, and when the Action Group decided to disband, it was thought that a public meeting should be held to discuss what should happen to the £518.62 remaining in the account. This meeting was held on Tuesday 1st February, chaired by Carol Richards, who gave a short account, to the members of the public who had braved the weather to attend. Three suggestions for the use of the money were put forward:

- A letter from the Parish Council suggesting the money be left in their trust for the replacement, maintenance, and possible provision of new equipment for the Playing Field.
- Used for 'Project 2000'.
- Given to the school for the purchase of equipment for the school.

After a short discussion it was decided that as the money had been raised by the community as a whole, for the Playing Field, it should be used accordingly, and remain in an account held by the Parish Council for use within the Playing Field.

The original Committee has now disbanded, but there is no reason why a new group can't be formed and raise some money for new swings, for that is what seems uppermost in everyone's thoughts.

The members of P.I.P.F.A.G. would like to thank everyone for all their help and support in the past.

Mel Dingle.

February 1994

Playing Fields

David Phelps expressed fears that the bolts on the equipment were not up to standard and are wearing badly. Mark Provis felt that they still had a good two years life.

The Clerk reported that she had advertised for tenders for the removal of the goal posts for repair and re-seeding of the worn areas.

David Phelps congratulated the ladies who of their own free will had cleaned up the field on School Sports Day. The cattle who had broken in had left a great deal of mess behind them. Thanks were expressed by the Parish Council.

July 1993

AN INVITATION

The committee, formed by the Parish Council, to conduct a feasibility study for a sports field and centre, on the site of the playing fields, invites you to a meeting at the Village Hall next Wednesday, 12th February, at 7.30pm. Henry Symons will chair the meeting. If you are involved with any of the sports and recreation clubs and associations in the village, please come along and add your voice to the debate, everyone in the village is welcome to attend.

February 1997

Playing Fields Car Park

Henry Symons said there was a covenant which did not allow parking, so the Council could not do much but the situation might change under future plans for the playing fields. Bryan Nicholls said up to 42 cars could be parked and that parking was essential if the field was to continue in use.

NEW PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE

A meeting has been held to formulate a committee to work on the new enlarged playing field. Any person wishing to work on this committee please contact any member of the Parish Council. Your help is needed.

December 1996

PORT ISAAC PLAYING FIELD

Over the last twelve months the *Playing Fields Association* has been exploring various ways of improving the playing field and children's play area. As you can hopefully appreciate the final results will not happen overnight and will take some time and a lot of money to complete.

Phase one will be the Children's Play Area. Over the past twelve months we have invited several companies to visit the site and design a new play area based on the requests from both children and adults. The design that we felt provided everything we asked for was passed onto the Parish Council for final approval. They, like us, were very happy and gave us the thumbs up.



So now we need to raise £75,000. There is funding available for community projects such as this and we are in the process of making applications. No work can start until funding is confirmed so we are looking at September or October at the earliest before we can begin. In the meantime the Parish Council plans to either repair or the replace the swings and base area.

May 2014

Port Isaac Playing Field Redevelopment

As many of you may be aware, there is a small group of people, supported by the Parish Council, who are trying to improve the facilities of the playing field and the play park. We are hoping to do this in stages with stage one being the park and then moving onto the field. However, before we can do anything we need your help.

There are two ways that you can do this.

- Kindly donate £500,000 (estimated)
- (probably the preferred option!) Fill in the form below and return it to either the Co-op or Port Isaac School. You will find collection boxes at both locations.

Extra forms are also available at the Co-op and were also sent home from school in the book bags. It is very important that these forms are returned. We are unable to apply for any funding unless we can prove that there is a genuine want and need for extra equipment/facilities.

Please return your forms by the end of October. We will be calling a public consultation meeting in November. Hopefully we can start applying for funding before Christmas with new equipment being installed next year.

Remember! No views = No funding = No new equipment

PORT ISAAC PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION

The association is a group of volunteers working to improve the facilities at Port Isaac Playing Field, which includes the children's play area, existing soccer pitch, the land beyond it and part of the field below the new Car Park. Supported by the Parish Council but independent of it, our first task is to find out what you - the community - would like to see happen there.

The whole project will be broken down into phases with phase one being the children's play area. However, we can do nothing without your views. To apply for funding we have to show that there is a genuine need and want for the proposed equipment/alterations.

No views = No funding = No new equipment

Q. Your name and address (optional)

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Q. How many in your household - under 18 18-39 over 40

Q. Do you regularly play organised sports? Yes / No

If Yes, which ones and where?

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If No, would you if facilities were available, and which activities?

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Q. Would you like to run an activity? Yes/No

Q. The Committee is looking for new ideas. Those suggested so far include: (Rate 1 - 10)

Tennis court Combined netball / basketball/ 5-a-side soccer Junior soccer Crazy golf Cage cricket

Outdoor table tennis Outdoor chess Skateboard park/BMX track Hopscotch

Fenced off 'dog friendly' area Community run shop/visitors centre

Do you have any other ideas?

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Researched ideas for children's play area:

Climbing Net * Eagle Nest * Swing Zip Wire * Under 5's fenced area

The Mound includes 2 slides, tunnel, stepping wood and hut on top of the mound

Please complete and tear out this form and return n the drop box at Port Isaac Primary School or the Co-op

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