Traffic, parking, yellow lines, narrow streets

"NO THANKS, I'LL WALK UP -IT'LL BE QUICKER!" Church Hill

It may have been a good summer for some - but not for those who live on Church Hill whose homes have suffered more than usual from knocks and bangs. When will the authorities make it clear to drivers of large vehicles that they must under no circumstances drive down the hill? The signs are, obviously, quite inadequate and some major damage will occur unless something is done.

'Car Park' - Playing Fields In reply to a query, it was explained that the Council is not allowed to use any part of the area for car parking. This is part of the agreement with Wadebridge and Padstow Rural District Council which sold the land at a nominal price to St. Endellion P.C. March 1983

Dear Sir, I wrote to Trio in May concerning the intended use of our cliff path as the access road to the new houses to be built there. I have also written to many officals, and people in authority. Now, in response to your item last month I should like to give readers an idea of the sort of response I have received. The Chairman of North Cornwall District Council says the points regarding access to the site were carefully considered by the Planning and Development Committee, and from research of the car park deeds 'it would appear that the access road is still in the ownership of the original estate with rights of passage having been granted to subsequent purchasers of land served by the road'. As for possible conflict between vehicles and pedestrians, and general detriment to the area caused by motor vehicles, 'the Planning Committee did not consider these objections of sufficient weight to warrant refusal of the application'. I leave it to readers to judge for themselves. It would 'appear' that the road is still in the ownership ... do they know who it belongs to or don't they? I hope 'general detriment' includes the possible destruction of the path's surface by large building lorries, cement lorries, etc. As for conflict between pedestrians and vehicles ... need I say more? No doubt the village will wait until the bulldozers actually

I was more than pleased to read that St.Endellion Parish Council is opposed to the adoption of 'Pay and Display' car parking as currently exists at Boscastle. Let visitors be duly warned that at the automated facilities, a certain N.C.D.C. employee's pursuit of pleasure amounts to attaching 'Cornwall July 198

move in before they take any action. We must put a stop, now, to this terrible desecration of our lovely, peaceful cliff path.

Jack Hoskin

Dear Sir, The more I sit and think about the disaster of making the Cliff Path from Fore Street into a road, the more I feel we must press to stop it happening. It is a favourite walk for both villagers and visitors, being one of the few places one does not have to worry about vehicles or their fumes polluting the air. I have spoken to many visitors who feel that it would take part of the reason away for their coming to Port Isaac, as it is a favourite walk to and from the village and still unspoilt, they can walk at their leisure and not have to keep their children from the path of vehicles. Also we elder folk find it is lovely to have this Cliff Path, enjoy the views and clean air not polluted by petrol fumes. So please leave it as it is - quite unspoilt. Mrs. E. Ferguson.

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 cards but the car park (which is free during the winter) was empty. The Council will ask for 'Free Car

Car Parking

Mark Provis spoke of the traffic congestion in the village during the peak season and said, with more people spending less money, it was essential to provide for as many as possible. Perhaps a landowner could be encouraged to provide a temporary car park just outside the village during

uns unic caun year. It was pointed out man the walk into the village was long and unsafe but Mark said it took 15-20 minutes to walk into Looe from the car park, and the way into Sennen was like walking down Church Hill, but people still did it. David Phelps suggested the District Council be asked if, when the playing field was extended for a full-size football pitch, extra land could be acquired for a car park at the same time. There was also the possibility of some land being offered by Eric Donnithorne. Letters were received from Mr. Keats of the Anti-Car Lobby at Okehampton who advocated a Clovelly-style 'shuttle-bus' and Keith Willmott, Penreal Estates, who pointed out that street parking proliferated when the official car park was full so that extra parking was obviously needed and perhaps this could be provided on the land next to the South West Water treatment plant in the valley which would be easy parking with easy access to the village. Mark Provis said if nothing was done Port Isaac would get known as 'the place with nowhere to park'. Until now the Parish Council had not tried to accommodate the needs of tourism which was vital to the existence of the village. It was decided to ask the County Council and District Council to advise on the problem.



August 1982

Runaway

The new bench at the top of Rose Hill was demolished on Thursday 17th. June by a car whose hand-brake failed while it was parked.

June 1982

AT LAST

As Trio goes to press, posts are being put up for the village direction signs - which have been the subject of discussion since 1986!

November 1995

LIMITED ACCESS CAUSED BY **ILLEGAL PARKING**

(Copied from a letter to Peggy Richards from A.D.O. Marshall, reprinted with permission.)

Thank you for your recent call regarding access problems which emergency services may encounter at Port Isaac. The fact that any emergency vehicle may be delayed in attending an incident by the indiscriminate parking of others causes us great concern. Unfortunately the Fire Authority has no control over the enforcement of parking restrictions, and I would advise contacting the Devon & Cornwall Constabulary who are the enforcing body.

Port Isaac has seen its share of tragedy in recent years, and it would be a shame to see another, possibly caused by the delay of an attending emergency vehicle. I personally support any legal initiative to ensure the clear passage of vehicles through Port Isaac.

May 1998 THE BUS JOURNEY

Today, I took the bus into Wadebridge. The journey is always an experience in itself and this time I remembered my camera, because only from your high seat on the bus can you see the views. I sat near the front because I wanted a good vantage point for my photos.

We started off exactly on time. There were only three other people on board at this point which created a friendly atmosphere with the driver chatting whenever he had the opportunity and pointing out landmarks. He was very cheerful and patient with passengers boarding or leaving.

The day was windy with threatening rain and the waiting passengers seemed glad to get on board out of the weather. Some of the older ladies were wearing woolly hats which seemed a very sensible idea. As we drove along, the driver waved to people as we passed.

Why shouldn't the path be used as a drive? It is the natural approach to the site where the new houses are going to be built, and would seem to have been intended from the start as a cart track.

Robin Penna. July 1987

A Solution to the Traffic Problem?

Ounty Councillor Helen Richards reported to the meeting that during a Conversation about Port Isaac's traffic problems with the County Council's Chief Engineer, Peter Moore, he had mentioned the possibility of a scheme similar to that operating in Polperro. There the roads into the village are closed to all but deliveries and residential traffic during the summer months. Visitors would then have to park in a newly-created car park on the outskirts of the village and then either walk down to the harbour area or make use of specially laid on transport such as horse and carts or an electrically powered shuttle. Bryan Nicholls reminded the meeting that when a similar suggestion was put forward some years ago, the PC had been told it would not be possible as the closure of a through road would not be permitted. Polperro was different because it was a dead end.

It was agreed that the matter be discussed a future date but any such scheme would need local support.

February 2001



*This problem will not go

away, we need to sort it,

and sort it now!"

Park' signs to be put up in the winter.

February 1998

CARS IN FORE STREET The District Council Assistant Planning Officer has visited Port Isaac to see if anything can be done to alleviate traffic problems in the old part of the village. One possibility to be considered is the provision of facilities for a 'Park and Ride' system for visitors. October 1986

Parking in Fore Street

Due to parked vehicles blocking Fore Street, some delivery vans have been trying to arrive via Church Hill causing serious problems. Mr. Dawe said that the police are not doing their job to keep Fore Street clear. The Parish Council is very concerned about the 'non-sensible' parking and will have to give urgent thought to making the nowaiting restrictions apply all year round. This would unfortunately affect the entire 'zone' and no-waiting would be imposed on all parts of the village. An announcement is to be put in Trio asking for public reaction to this.

January 1988

PARK & RIDE

Somebody said recently that a park-and-ride scheme for Port Isaac would be impossible. Some years ago, however, a scheme was suggested which would use a new car park (run by the harbour commissioners?) somewhere between Trewetha and the village, from which a mini bus could run down the road, down Back Hill, to the junction with Fore Street, it could then travel back to the car park via Fore Street and New Road. The authorities found this a workable scheme but said that the government would not allow them to use money this way. Has anything changed or would somebody now be willing to run the scheme? It is actually possible.

> Robin Penna. June 1998

October 1994

BEACH CAR PARK

The beach car park is a franchise, this year awarded to Mr. K. Webster. Locals who wish to use the beach, but not to pay on a daily rate, can purchase a season ticket from Mr. Webster, cost £15.00.

There seems to be some confusion amongst a few locals as to whether or not they can park free. The car park is a business and therefore everyone has to pay. Locals in Wadebridge have to pay to park in their car parks, and so do we. So would you please purchase a season ticket or be prepared to pay whenever you use the car park. Otherwise we will have to resort to clamping.

J. Rowe, Harbourmaster. Telephone 880168 May 1994

At the recent meeting with the film producers, many business owners wanted maximum publicity - using the real name of our village in the TV sequel to Saving Grace - for Port Isaac. Surely it is in everyone's interests to ensure that those encouraged to visit by the excellent publicity have suitable areas to park. April 2001

11 Speeders Caught In Port Isaac

I only had a £20 note for my fare so I was asked to pay later on - quite refreshing - later, another passenger also had a large note and was asked to pay on the return journey.

I was impressed how the bus went to one point in Rock to turn round specially to pick up passengers who would otherwise have been off the route. A man got on here and the driver said 'You'll put me out for the rest of the week now - your usual day is Friday!'

On the return journey a grandmother was taking her four-year old granddaughter to afternoon school and the driver waited while grannie saw the little girl into school and rejoined the bus.

As a white haired man with a beard and a navy blue peaked cap was about to get off the bus he said 'Thanks driver, for keeping the rain off.' The driver replied 'I keep trying - my wife says I'm very trying."

I managed to get a picture of Polzeath from the top of the hill and the driver slowed down for me so the bus wouldn't shake the camera. We seemed to be flying - we could see the whole vista of the beach with the rollers coming in.

I wonder where else you could go on a bus journey like this.

Betty Shenton (Port Isaac long stay visitor). May 1994

Pedestrian Crossing, Trewetha Lane

A County Council official had visited Jane Scown, Head Teacher, Port Isaac School, but no Parish Councillors were invited. Mrs. Scown pointed out that the crossing was not only needed during school hours. A 'flashing light' crossing under school control was offered. This showed the need for a crossing was recognised, the Parish Council, however, did not think it would meet the original requirements. Further pressure will be put on the County Council for a full-time crossing. Councillor Harvey Lander will be involved, and another meeting requested. June 1993

FORE STREET

Before long somebody is bound to get run into by one of those thoughtless drivers who seem not to think about other people and drive through the village at incredible speeds; there are no pavements where pedestrians can take refuge and more often than not the road is dangerously narrowed by ramparts of illegally parked cars. When it rains it is even worse as there are torrents of ankle-deep water running down the street - especially at 'Harbour Shop' Corner. Perhaps Fore Street should be closed to pedestrians as they are obviously a great inconvenience to the motorist. Robin Penna.

 $\boldsymbol{\mathcal{I}}$ ollowing the great success of Mr Livingstone's Congestion Charge, which now operates in the Inner London area, the newly formed Port Isaac Automobile Information and Advisory Bureau, has decided to go ahead with the recent proposal for a similar scheme within the Inner Port Isaac area.

To ensure the smooth running of the scheme, three Polaroid cameras, two long poles, two luminous yellow jackets and tickets - daily, weekly and annual - have been purchased.

It is hoped that the scheme will be up and running by June 1st 2003 and tickets will be on sale at the post office and most shops and art galleries from May 28th 2003. Tickets should be displayed on the upper left hand corner of the vehicle's windscreen or on the petrol tanks of motorcycles.

All vehicles not displaying a valid ticket will be photographed on arrival and departure to and from the village. To this end, three persons – Mr Byron Buse, Mr Colin Shepherd and M/s Annie Price – are to be approached to undertake a three-week intensive crash course on the use of Polaroid cameras in all weather conditions.

··· May 2003 PC still looking at traffic problems

The Traffic, Parking & Roads Committee of the Parish Council is meeting regularly. It has discussed increasing the parking facilities at the Playing Field. This would help towards the increased car parking needed for the village and would also generate income for the Parish Council.

- The following recommendations have been made to Cornwall County Council's Transportation & Estates Department:
- Speed limit to be established in Trewetha, 30mph preferred
- 30mph roundels to be marked on road surfaces as appropriate
- 30mph signs at the entrance of Port Isaac to be moved further round the bend towards Trewetha
- The distance that yellow lines lead into estates at junctions to be checked, particularly into Silvershell Road

Yesterday, at 9:30am the Senior Class from Port Isaac School met up with the police at Trewetha Lane to catch people who were speeding because of road safety.

Firstly, the police told the children how to use the speed guns and the class put on some luminous jackets.

Next, the class split up and some of the children were using the speed guns and the others were speaking to the people who were speeding.

After, the groups swapped over one group went down to the bottom of the village; there was hardly anyone who sped. That's probably because the word got around Port Isaac very quickly.

Finally, they all gave up because no more cars were speeding and it started to rain. From their results they realized that the people who sped were feeling really silly, embarrassed and stupid.

March 2009



picnic skat eboard play area area park swings slides foot ball/cricket field 3



Collowing on from last month's 'Traffic' issue of Trio, there has been lots of local discussion and suggestions to sort our problems in time for next year - see pages 11 & 18. These plans (not drawn to scale) are one practical solution sent to Trio by a local man. Everyone who has seen them think they are a good idea. Surely this is a good starting point for the Parish Council to progress. Let us have your views and suggestions

The benefits of this scheme are:



As is the norm in Trio, parking was mentioned! Robin Penna wrote, "... a park-andride scheme would be impossible ... a scheme was suggested which would use a new car park somewhere between Trewetha and the village from which a mini bus could run down the road, down Back Hill to the junction with Fore Street, it could then travel back to the car park via Fore Street and New Road." It might take a few years but some things do work out.

April 1988

Stage Two - with new mini-roundabout Would make access to Hilson Close, the surgery and the new car park much safer Should slow down the traffic entering the village

Would generate an income for the Parish







August 2015 referring to 1988

September 2000

a solution has to be found Traffic - something's got to be done!

Collowing the Harbour Commissioners proposal to close the beach car park in 2010, St Endellion Parish Councillors, Chair Barbara Bell, Vice Chair Andy Penny and Cllr Martin Bell met Cornwall Council (CC) officials on Friday October 30th Dugald Sproull represented the Harbour Commissioners. CC was represented by Brian Doney, Area Highways Manager for the East Region, Paul Allen, Regional Engineer and Graham Holland, Area Parking Manager. Martin Bell gave *Trio* this report from that meeting:

- The Parish Council's main concern was the loss of up to 100 beach parking spaces (at lowest tide) at a time when the existing Port Isaac off-street parking is insufficient for the number of visitors drawn to the village by the Doc Martin TV comedv series.
- Preliminary plans for a 200+ space 'park and ride' car park at Trewetha were ٠ shown to the meeting and discussed, the CC officers preference for additional parking being on the Parish Council owned playing field.
- Barbara Bell suggested that a limited number of long term spaces might be provided on the playing field to help fund the provision of better recreation facilities but CC would have to agree to restrict their New Road car park to short term parking only.
- Martin Bell reminded CC officers that they were the parking authority, not the Parish Council and suggested Cornwall Council look again at the possibility of extending the middle and lower levels of their New Road park into the former Castle Rock Hotel garden - which they were offered on lease two years ago and also provide an additional row of spaces along the lowest level, on the tor of the coastal slope. Martin Bell estimated these extensions, plus long term parking relocated to the playing field could generate an additional 110 spaces in the village, replacing the maximum number of spaces that would be lost by the beach parking closure.
- CC officers were unable to commit themselves to supporting the Trewetha 'park and ride' proposal, saving this was outside their remit.
- CC officers asked if the lower part of the playing field the former BMX cycle track area and beyond - could be turned over to visitor parking.
- Andy Penny said that at a recent public meeting about the future of the playing field, the use of part of it for parking was the main topic of discussion. Martin Bell said it was a contentious issue within the parish because half of those who attended the public meeting didn't want the playing field used for parking; they thought the land should be preserved for future generations of the village's young people.
- Martin Bell continued, if CC expected the Parish Council to provide extra short term parking on the playing field instead of CC enlarging its own New Road car park, it should be prepared to fund the Parish Council's development of the playing field onto the adjoining field and the provision of new facilities.
- Barbara Bell said she was very reluctant to lose part of the Parish Council's green space.
- Graham Holland said he was unwilling to expand CC parking because the current demand for spaces was being generated by the 'Doc Martin' series and when that ended he expected demand to fall
- He said an investment decision would have to be made at a higher level within his Council as he was only responsible for day to day operations.
- The possible restriction on vehicular access to the harbour once the beach car park was shut, limiting access to residents and businesses and excluding visitors, was also discussed and Brian Doney said he would carry out a survey of potential on-street parking spaces.
- It was agreed that the Parish Councillors would report back to their members and consider the issues with Brian Gisbourne, elected Cornwall Council member for the St. Endellion division, before requesting a meeting with Cornwall Council's Director of Transportation and Estates.

even inspired Trio's

new poet laureate to

write about it!

The topic of this season

Is the problem with the

If you listen in the bars

It seems that some are

That the new park spoils

So maybe they could tell

What they ought to do?

In time there could be trees

To hide the cars from view

And in the field next door

Perhaps a supermarket

And then we'd get the

To blot out all the stars

Instead of all the cars

So we could moan about all

And everyone's an expert

cars

moaning

their view ...

the council

in place

too?

that

street lights









With so many rumours flying about, everybody seems very confused about what is happening on the parking problem front. First of all the Parish Council voted at its meeting on January 11th "that the PC secure part of the playing field for temporary/ overflow parking to be in situ for Easter 2010." This was proposed by Andy Penny and seconded by Mrs B Bell and the proposal was carried by six votes with one abstention.

Then at the February meeting, Andy Penny proposed to temporarily move the play equipment to create this temporary parking but this was turned down, with eight members of the Council voting against the proposal. At this same meeting, Barbara Bell proposed the creation of a 100 space car park in the second field (currently used for grazing) and this was carried. However, Andy Penny then tabled an amendment to this to include the accommodation of an additional 100 cars in an overflow area and this was turned down.

Confused? Losing the will to live? Well, don't be. Things seem to now be getting sorted and Parish Council Chairman, Barbara Bell told *Trio*: "At an extraordinary meeting on February 22nd the Parish Council voted to assume the management of the proposed car park project including the planning application, funding and appointment of contractors to ensure compliance with applicable local government regulations and audit rules. A fee proposal to submit a planning application, provide cost estimates and manage the subsequent works from MOR Design (who are already working on the playing field project) was accepted. A formal request for support and advice of the Head of Finance, March 2010

PARKING ... TRAFFIC ... PARKING

Let's grab this Good Fairy with both hands when the beach car park closes every day as the tide comes in, we all see the effect this has on the upper part of the village. Day visitors drive around and around, lost and confused, and then dump their vehicles outside of your houses in Tintagel Terrace, Hartland Road, Mayfield, Silvershell, Trewetha Lane, New Road, Lundy Road and Hilsons. When the beach car park is permanently closed, this will become a permanent problem for the residents of Port Isaac. The vehicle blight will be inconvenient, unsightly and dangerous for everyone. This is wholly unnecessary and avoidable.

Our current Parish Council, who are faced with the unenviable job of trying to find a solution to this, is one of the smallest and most impoverished in the county. All parishioners suffer through it's lack of funding and, under current conditions, it is obvious that this situation will not improve. So play equipment will deteriorate, benches will need painting, hedges need cutting etc etc – all the day to day things that we niggle the Parish Councillors to put right need to be paid for throughout the parish, and they plead to us that they have no money.

Wouldn't it be unbelievable if the good fairy came down and waved her magic wand and put it all right? Well, for once these things don't just happen in fairy tales. By using a little of our ingenuity and enhancing the Parish Field, all the parish can benefit... Provide the children with a much larger play area with equipment/benches on the lower side of the

Of course, if the good fairy also said that come this summer, you can use the field next

door which is also yours, for even more play area and equipment and parking than you

could possibly imagine you would ever need, and it could all be self funding, you would

think that she was joking. But no, it's true. It is not a joke. This is the incredibly fortunate

situation that we are in. St Endellion Parish Council would then be in a healthier financial

There are, I know, moves afoot to provide a car park on land not owned by the Parish up

at the hamlet of Trewetha. That idea does not address our dilemma. Because this is so

far out of the village, visitors will simply drive past in the hope of finding somewhere closer to park, and we will end up with exactly the same situation as we have now - traffic chaos

and parking all around the residential areas. Plus, the Parish Council will lose the heaven sent opportunity to substantially increase it's income and improve the facilities it can offer.

ourselves. If we do not compromise on the use of the parish field, we will end up with the

community still moaning that 'something should be done'. Surely, no one in their right

worst of both worlds – an increasingly poor parish, a village blighted by cars, and an angry

We cannot prevent change, it happens. It is often imposed on us, as in our current

circumstances. All we can do is embrace it as an opportunity to improve things for

position to spend on projects across the parish, so that all parishioners benefited, not



Trio sent a copy of the October issue to Cornwall County Council and NCDC for them to comment on the plans that were included for reorganising the playing field and adding a car park. These are the replies received ...

Cornwall County Council

... The County Council are aware of the traffic issues and concerns raised by the Parish Council and many residents recently. We have replied to everyone who has contacted us explaining the current situation from the County Council's point of view.

Firstly, the request for additional parking restrictions (yellow lines) along Trewetha Lane and the side road junctions is acknowledged and has been placed on my divisional request list for such similar schemes in the area. The request list will be discussed with the elected members of the new single Cornwall Council after April 2009. At present we have no details of budgets or processes to deal with these types of scheme requests within the new single authority.

Secondly, the request for improved traffic management in the lower part of the village is a subject which has been discussed for many years. The major issue is the parking in the harbour. Whilst this is allowed to continue then there will always be tourist vehicles driving up and down Fore Street causing conflict with other highway users.

A scheme to restrict vehicular access in the lower part of the village could be investigated. However, it is acknowledged that additional off-road parking would be required elsewhere to cater for the displaced vehicles from the harbour. Again the proposal for such a scheme will be placed on my divisional request list.

The County Council are willing to work with all parties to assist in assessing solutions to these particular issues.

> Paul Allen Divisional Surveyor, Cornwall County Council

North Cornwall District Council

... I am pleased to offer my views on the matter and these are based purely around



football field [where, incidentally, the play equipment was before]. This has the immediate advantage of being safely away from the increasingly busy road, out of the prevailing winds, and having the benefit of the finest view of any play area in the country for those accompanying their kids. Use the section of the field that runs alongside Trewetha Lane for parking; it will provide the Parish Council with a substantial income that would at least treble their current one. And this is the unbelievably good bit, if the majority want the play area to stay where iis

merely those in Port Isaac.

mind wants to go on like that?

we're really honest, not many people go anyway.

November 2009 [next to the busy road], it can. Let the visitors park in the bottom half of the field where, if

The new car park Let's not lose our historical seems to be the topic perspective.... on everyone's lips; it's

August 1967 – Car parking problems in Port Isaac. Matter discussed by parish council alongside the usual pressing issues [dog mess, plaques on benches, litter, dog mess, uncut hedges, lack of funds, the toilets, dog mess etc].

December 3rd 1967 – Worlds first heart transplant.

December 23rd 1968 – Apollo 8 orbits the moon.

February 13th 1969 – First human egg fertilised in test tube.

April 9th 1969 – Maiden flight of the Concorde.

July 21st 1969 – Neil Armstrong is the first man to step on the moon. Neil was a Port Isaac boy who had served on the parish council for some years, finally resigning in exasperation at the impossibility of finding a solution to the car parking problem.

April 9th 1970 – The Beatles split, following years of success with hits such as 'She Loves You', 'Yellow Submarine', 'Hey Jude' and 'Ticket to Park and Ride'.

July 31st 1971 – Astronauts drive 'moon buggy' on the surface of the moon, but return to Apollo 15 after failing to find anywhere to park.

January 26th 1972 — Britain joins EEC [now the EU]. PM Edward Heath promises economic prosperity and a car park for Port Isaac.

January 23rd 1973 - Vietnam war ends.

1974 - 1977 - Bad hair and flares....

1977 - present....the Falklands War, Fall of Communist Europe, mobile phones, PCs, the internet, E mail, the rise of Islam, cheap flights, texting, the credit crunch, and of course, the turn of the millennium...

2010 - a proper car park for Port Isaac? I think it may be a bit tricky....

February 2010

here can't have been many times over the last 40

operational practicalities rather than the official view of NCDC

I do agree that parking in and around the village is becoming increasingly more difficult. Officers in my team have, over many years, been in regular contact with the parish council and other organisations, about issues within the village including parking/ congestion. We have tried to identify suitable sites for extra parking provision but costs and access to suitable land have been inhibiting factors.

The suggestion you have received from a villager looks again at the potential use of the playing field. This seems a sensible suggestion and would certainly help the situation, particularly if 100 cars could be accommodated and there is no loss of existing facilities in this locality.

As you know, we service the recycling banks located in the existing main car park and there are operational difficulties involved. Relocating these banks to an alternative car park site would reduce the movement of heavy traffic in the busy main areas and 'free' up additional car park spaces in this car park. I have discussed the matter recently with the Chairman of the parish council and did agree with him that there is merit in establishing additional parking at/near to the playing field site.

Obviously such plans would need to be considered by the NCDC Planning Department and County Highways and it is not for me to comment here.

We will of course keep you abreast of any developments and if there is an opportunity to re-locate and enhance the recycling facilities we would be keen to examine this further.

> **Mike Beckett** Head of Operational Services, NCDC

> > November 2008





The new Car Park saga continues ...

And the car park still remains the topic everyone is talking about (although the proposed closure of the Roscarrock Hill Public Toilets gave it a run for its money this past week!). On March 20th "TV 'Doc' gets new car park" made the front page of the Cornish Guardian, with a further mention of the proposed Port Isaac Car Park on page 34 and another article on page 36. Local opinions vary but with Easter looming, and at the time of writing, the Trewetha Lane car park remains closed and this is clearly going to cause problems.

Jon Cleave

But though the beach has closed

And folk can wander round at will,

They won't eat many pasties

If they have to climb that hill!

Richard Cook

August 2010

Summer parking in Port Isaac

As you are all very well aware, parking in Port Isaac this summer has been as bad as ever.



The parish council will be debating 'overflow parking' as an agenda item at their next meeting on September 8th at 7pm at the primary school.

The PC is aware of the problems, we need the solutions!

We have more cars coming into Port Isaac than we have spaces for. So what do we do? There maybe space for additional cars at the bottom of the new car park but this is unlikely to be enough to remedy the problem .

Are there landowners that would make suitable land available for July and August? How far out the village is too far? St Endellion? Or should we put signs up when we are full?

Your comments and ideas please. We

years that the Parish Council has received a round of applause and unanimous approval and compliments from the members of the public present at the meeting - but on July 12th it did! I say 40 years because that's the figure that is constantly , quoted about how long the village has had traffic problems and needed alternative parking to the beach.



To put things into context, Andy Penny attended the March 11th Parish Council meeting and submitted a report to Trio. Here are the main points of that report:

- There was a large public contingent at the meeting, in the main to ensure that the playing field was not commandered as temporary parking until the new car park is finished - it is not.
- Andy Penny and others again made what seems the sensible suggestion of postponing the construction of the . new car park until the end of the summer and using it as it has been used for the past couple of years. There seems to be several reasons why this cannot happen and construction on the new car park should have already begun - it hasn't - with a view to completion by July 4th.
- Our County Councillor, Brian Gisbourne, said that he was now concerned about the car parking situation said, "You cannot leave tonight until you make a decision".
- Local landowners are to be contacted to see if they can accommodate some temporary short term parking. ٠
- 25-30 temporary parking spaces will be available for parking on the playing field hard standing.

Whilst the Cornish Guardian concentrates on the cost by CORMAC of £397,000 to build the new Car Park and an additional £40,000 spent on consultant's fees, a lot of locals are more immediately concerned with where visitors are going to park over the next three months, particularly as filming on the next series of *Doc Martin* is about to begin, bringing an additional influx of cars, plus three Bank Holiday weekends. The loan and costs are a fait accompli - it's how life in Port Isaac will be over the next few months that is causing a lot of worry. Hopefully next month's *Trio* will have better, more positive news. In the meantime, the following letters have been received in response to the Cornish Guardian coverage. April 2013

New car park now open!

by the time you read this the new car park at the entrance to the village should be up and running ...

Parish Council Chair, Barbara Bell tells *Trio* all about it

If I hear another person says 'All you've got to do' about Port Isaac's new car park, I will throttle them. It's not that simple. Obtaining council planning permission is difficult to say the least because car parks anywhere are a blot on the landscape and in our Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, a tenfold one. That is why parish council members employed a professional landscape architect to produce a design for a 135 space car park that was acceptable to council planners. Parish councillors and members of the public had a number of opportunities to question the design as it evolved and a few did.

It has always been parish council policy that a permanent car park should not burden our Council Tax precept payers. If the new car park generates insufficient revenue to repay the Public Works Loan Board loan we expect Cornwall Council, which earns £130,000 per annum from its New Road car park, to guarantee to make up the difference. After months of wrangling there was a breakthrough on 28 May at negotiations between senior highways officials and a team of parish councillors when the vital principal of underwriting our loan repayments was conceded. It coincided with a very clear statement the same day to Cornwall Council transportation leader Graeme Hicks from the Chair of the Port Isaac Harbour Commission that the harbour board had received a Andy Penny Department of Transport guidance on health and safety that compelled it to close the harbour car County Councillor park to visitors. July 2010 September 2014

Has Cormac subcontracted out the work on the new car park?



know all the negatives, let's have the positives. Before we can think about restricted areas we have to know where we are going to park all these cars.

