

Clerks Report for May 2024

Playing Field:

- The binoculars in the playing field have been painted.
- The plastic picnic benches have signs of mildew around the base of the legs. Several cleaning products have been tried but have not worked. The office will be contacting the manufacturer to ascertain the best product for removal.
- Over the last month, the safety D-link on the swings was removed and has since been replaced by our staff.
- The latch on the gate within the children's play area has been bent. We are currently sourcing a replacement. This will be repaired by our staff.
- Missing bolts have been reported on two items of gym equipment. One has been replaced, but the other bolt was specialised and needed to be ordered. Hazard tape was placed on the equipment but has since been removed, so it is now chained and padlocked to prevent use.
- Worn zip wire guides were reported to the office, and quotes have been obtained for repairs. We have been informed that, despite the wear, the equipment can still be used.
- There have been reports of missing bolt covers on gym equipment.
- The post-installation for the repair of the fencing has been undertaken. The work is due to be completed this month.

Cemetery:

- A member of the public reported growth around one of the benches (between sections A – B). This has been cut back by our staff.
- A new lock had to be fitted to the cemetery door by a local locksmith due to staff concerns that it was not working properly. This was authorised by the office due to the urgent nature of the work and placed on the delegated decision list for approval at this month's meeting.
- The doors have been painted where this work was undertaken.
- The benches have been checked by staff and the plastic ones cleaned.
- Wildflower seeding by the gate and in the lower babies section has been completed.
- The office has been extremely busy in the past month with a general increase in EROB transfers, burials, and memorial permits in May.

General:

- The benches within other areas of the Parish have been checked by staff. The bushes around the bench at Enniscaven have been cut back. All benches need painting, and the maintenance operatives will be undertaking this now that the weather has improved. Some benches are beginning to show signs of deterioration; the majority are approximately 24 years old. It may be beneficial for the Council to consider a plan to start a scheduled replacement of all of them over the next few years.
- The first cut for the footpaths has almost been completed. Footpath 4 is the only remaining path and should be completed in early June.
- Weed spraying throughout the Parish has started and is due to be completed over the next month.
- The guttering on the public toilets has been cleaned by our staff.

- Following the vandalism of the bus shelter outside the doctor's surgery, the Perspex has now been replaced.
- A thank you letter has been sent to Cornish Lithium for their offer to donate a Christmas tree.
- Advance notice letters for the patching and line work have been sent to all residents on Trelavour Square, informing them of the proposed work and to establish if there would be any problems for homeowners in complying with the removal of vehicles to undertake the work. The office is currently awaiting a start date, which will be forwarded to residents in due course.
- The litter picking equipment has been loaned out this month for the guides to undertake a beach clean.