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February – Community Focus.

Firstly, St Dennis Parish Council would like to focus on the community spirit that makes the village shine. The Parish Council feels the need to thank all the key workers for all their hard work through the first wave of this pandemic and once again through this Lockdown.

Local businesses have come into their own and adapted to create a support system that have provided people with additional help where needed. Thank you for protecting, supporting our community, and adapting quickly.

We want to thank the people who came forward to use their time to help their family, friends, and neighbours through volunteering. This Lockdown as with the first sees the reintroduction of “shielding” for those who are clinically extremely vulnerable. Volunteer Cornwall would like to hear from you if you can give your time to help those in need.

During this recent lockdown now more than ever, we must pull together. For now, stay at home, protect the NHS, and save lives.

Good Citizen Award Scheme 2021-Cancelled.

Sadly, the Parish Council have made the decision to cancel this event. Due to the fear that with current restrictions and with no real outline in place on the easing of these constraints presently, we cannot allow the ceremony to place, whilst keeping the public safe. With this analysis we have taken the decision to postpone the ‘Good Citizen Award Scheme’ till 2022.

There are many unsung heroes who work tirelessly daily. Last year and once again this year as the world slowed down, we have seen first-hand the great deeds that go unnoticed and receive little or no recognition. Thinking ahead, The Good Citizen Award Scheme 2022 will be the perfect chance to recognise their contributions to our community and the impact they have on keeping us protected and pushing for a better tomorrow.

Footpaths.

During the most recent restrictions, the local footpaths have seen an increase in use. Whilst using these paths, please use them appropriately and respect the space and the surrounding areas. Additionally, be our eyes and look out for anything that may need reporting such as, accessibility or safety problems (e.g. Broken fencing). Please report it to the clerk through the usual methods.

Small Grants.

St Dennis Parish Council has pleasure in being able to award small grants to organisations whose work benefits the Parish of St Dennis and its residents and welcomes applications for funding from qualifying bodies. This year, with most events cancelled, we have not received the usual level applications. We know that there are several good causes who may benefit from a small grant, which may benefit the residents. Application forms can be found on our website.

Hardship Fund.

St Dennis Parish Council are pleased to be working together with St Dennis & Nanpean Community Trust and St Stephen in Brannel Parish Council to provide the Hardship Fund. If you or someone you know, is currently finding it hard to make ends meet and need assistance to purchase essential items, we are here for you. Do not hesitate to get in touch. Any queries relating to this fund should be addressed to the clerk.

Councillor Vacancy.

In keeping with our community focus this month there is still a Councillor vacancy. If you have lots of enthusiasm and take a keen interest in the wellbeing of the Parish of St Dennis, why not consider filling this vacancy? To register an interest, contact the office and we can provide you with further information. After all democracy is not a spectator sport. Get into the game and make a difference!

Important Update.

Following current guidance, the Playing Field, Outdoor Gym Equipment, and the Skate Park are closed for your safety. The Children's Park area is now closed between 5pm and 8am. When you are using this area please use it responsibly, respect the social distance rules and sanitize before and after use.

As always if you have any concerns that we can help with please give us a call during our office hours 9:30am till 12:30pm Monday to Friday. For any issues that you would like raised at a Parish Council meeting please feel free to contact the office, where we can also share with you the zoom link to attend these Council meetings.