

## **NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Finger Post – Coldharbour Corner**

Work has now been completed on this. It has been moved inwards slightly away from the road to hopefully avoid any future damage to the post and the broken finger has now been repaired. Many thanks to everyone who donated and fundraised to help this happen.

### **Reporting Issues to Cornwall Council**

Cornwall Council now have a number of different online forms that can be used to report certain issues. These portals can be used by anyone, not just the Parish Council, to make a report. Although the Clerk is happy to report any matters that are brought to her attention, if the person who raises the concern makes the report themselves, this ensures that the exact location is correct and that the person will receive regular updates from Cornwall Council so they will know when work has been completed. These include:

**Highways:** To report any issues regarding the state of the roads in the Parish e.g. potholes, damaged bollards, missing street lights go to: <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/transport-and-streets/roads-highways-and-pavements/highway-maintenance/potholes/report-a-pothole>. By using this link you can see if the issue has been reported previously, and any repairs carried out in the last 24 hours.

**Flooding:** Floods can occur during prolonged rainfall and after flash storms. Cornwall Fire and Rescue service provide detailed information on preparing for and dealing with flooding of properties: <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/community-and-living/cornwall-fire-and-rescue-service-homepage/keeping-safe/flooding>. To report flooding on the highway, for all non-urgent problems such as blocked gullies and drains, small areas of standing water or water flowing onto the highway from adjoining land: <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/transport-and-streets/roads-highways-and-pavements/highway-maintenance/drainage-and-flooding-on-the-highway/report-highway-flooding>. To report urgent problems, where there are large areas of standing water or the road is impassable and is causing a safety hazard or water from the highway is flooding adjacent properties, please telephone 0300 1234 2222 (24 hours service) giving details of location. The Parish Council would like to thank anyone who has helped clear drains in the recent bad weather, your assistance is much appreciated.

**Planning Enforcement:** Following the new General Data Protection Regulations that came into force in May, Parish Councils can no longer discuss possible matters of planning breaches at their meetings. It is however important that any infringements are reported to Cornwall Council in order for them to be able to investigate them. This can be done via the link: <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/planning/enforcement>.

**Japanese Knotweed** is an invasive species that unfortunately spreads very quickly, can choke the watercourses and damage property. Managing Japanese Knotweed is the responsibility of the owner of the land it is on. If you own property bordering a river then you are responsible from the edge of your property to the middle of the river. If you see Japanese Knotweed growing on Cornwall Council land then please do report it using the following link: <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/trees-hedges-and-woodland/invasive-plants/japanese-knotweed/what-we-are-doing-about-japanese-knotweed/japanese-knotweed-in-cornwall>

## **Meetings**

The Council welcomes all residents to the monthly Parish Council meetings. There is a 15 minute period near the start of the meeting, which is set aside specifically so that residents can voice any concerns they have on any parish matter. After this period they may choose to leave, or stay and listen to (but not join in) council deliberations. The Parish Council needs to know residents views on parish matters to enable it to make balanced judgements and sound decisions on the important matters that affect our community. The Parish Council usually meets on the last Tuesday in the month at 7.00pm (exceptions to this are December). The meeting dates for the next four months are: 19<sup>th</sup> December, 29<sup>th</sup> January, 26<sup>th</sup> February & 26<sup>th</sup> March. Please note the December meeting is Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December not the 18<sup>th</sup> as originally planned as the Gilbert Hall is not available. Agendas for, and minutes from, all meetings are published on the Parish Noticeboard and the Parish Council website.

## **Contact**

You can contact the Parish Council by email at: [towednackparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:towednackparishcouncil@gmail.com), by telephoning the Clerk, Fiona Drew, on 07986 667509, or by contacting any member of the Council as follows:

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