



Probus Parish Council

Annual Report 2015-2016

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How the Precept was spent 2015-16

The main income of Parish and Town Councils is provided by local residents via the Parish Precept, an element of your Council Tax.

Income	
Precept	£51,269.15
Council Tax Grant	£3,265.96
Bank Interest	£5.34
Cemetery	£2,889.00
Vat refund	£5,426.73
Other Grants	£700.00
Car Park	£1,220.00
Other Income	£3,459.95
Total	£68,236.13
Outgoings	
Parish Clock	£1,050.00
Administration incl. staff wages	£19,949.68
Playing Field/ Play area & MUGA	£10,163.15
Village Hall	£2,976.42
Cemetery Maintenance	£4,246.33
Capital Projects- 30mph sign	£5,500.00
Grants	£517.00
Streetlights	£956.16
Car Park	£1,093.00
Public Toilets	£3,120.31
Vat	£4,268.85
Total	£53,840.90
Net Income	£14,395.23

Chairman's Report 2015-16

Another year has gone by in the life of the Parish Council, which has been eventful for its members and may I pay tribute to all who have attended regularly. We have lost two members in the last year, John Cole on retirement, and Shirley Mugford on work commitments.

We welcomed Nicholas Gillard as a new member of the Council last month, but we still have a vacancy.

The only month that the Council does not hold a meeting is August, with the exception for Planning Applications.

During the year we have had installed, and paid for the Flashing 30 mph sign at the request of local residents. Repairs have been made to the Pavilion where a window was broken, and to the Skate Board Ramp in the Playing Field. Repairs were also carried out to the Village Hall, and the trees around the car park have been lopped. The clock in the Church, which is the responsibility of the Parish, has undergone an overhaul at the cost of £898.00.

We have tried to register the land opposite Treviglas Lane as an open space, but we have been informed by Cornwall Council that it is part of the Highway according to the 1907 Ordnance Survey Map.

Last autumn we had a request from the pupils of Roseland School for a bus shelter opposite Probus Filling Station, after consultation with Cornwall Council and local residents, we applied for a grant towards the cost. This was successful, and we are waiting its installation.

The Council appreciates the contribution of our Cornwall Councillor Bob Egerton with his regular news sheets, and updated bus timetables distributed to every household.

We are extremely grateful to our Clerk Mrs Amanda Kendall for all the work done on behalf of the Council and its members. Also included in our thanks are Glen and Vic for the contribution they make to our Village.

Thank you for your support, it has been an honour to serve the village of Probus.

Michael C. Williams.

Chairman.

Meeting Dates 2016/17

May 16 th 2016	January 16 th 2017
June 20 th 2016	February 27 th 2017
July 18 th 2016	March 20 th 2017
September 19 th 2016	April 17 th 2017
October 17 th 2016	May 15 th 2017 (Annual Meeting)
November 21 st 2016	
December 19 th 2016	

Village Hall Annual Report

Once again the hall has had a very successful year with bookings holding up thanks to the sterling work of our Lettings Secretary Liz Horder. Robert Dodd has continued his good work as Secretary and Ryland Shephard as our treasurer. Jonathan Keam keeps the hall in running in perfect order as facilities manager.

Over the past few months, vice chair Laura Keam, has been working with CRCC to write a bid for funding to improve our facilities at the hall. As you can appreciate there is always work to be done and if successful a wish list has been drawn up of items we feel would make the hall more inviting including re-decoration of the interior and a new cooker for the kitchen. There is also a feasibility study being carried out by CEP which may result in the provision of solar panels on the hall roof.

We were fortunate again this year to be the venue for the annual Probus Pantomime which was a huge success once again.

We would like to thank all of our regular users and also those of you who have used it for occasional parties, meetings or social events as you all contribute to the provision of this wonderful venue for the parish.

Our grateful thanks also go to all members of the Hall Committee for their continued support.

Kevin Blayney and Bill Sutherland, Parish Council representatives on the Village Hall Committee.

Playing Field Report

Last year we were able to report the many good things achieved in the playing field.

This year has been much quieter although not without its problems, not least being the weather. The loss of help from volunteer grounds man Justin Vanstone due to spinal problems was a blow. His input is sorely missed and we wish him well for the future.

Many thanks to Richard Bray for scarifying and reseeding the football pitch in the off season. The surface has improved greatly but of course the wettest winter has had its effect, making maintenance more difficult especially with the number of matches having to be played. Graham Smith (Treasurer) has taken on the task of mowing and strimming etc. and keeps the playing field looking good.

The search for Pavilion replacement funds has proved negative so far but continues with avenues still to be explored. Let's see what this year brings!

Bill Sutherland and Liza Deards, Parish Council representatives on the Playing Field Committee.