



Probus Parish Council

Annual Report 2017-2018

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How the Precept was spent 2017-18

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	£45,337.95
Council Tax Grant	£1,878.51
Bank Interest	£5.32
Cemetery	£1,961.00
Vat refund	£1,758.98
Other Grants	£3,283.39
Car Park	£1,310.00
Other Income	£167.90

Total £55,703.05

Outgoings

Parish Clock	£1,000.00
Administration incl. staff wages	£23,591.12
Playing Field/ Play area & MUGA	£9,194.57
Village Hall	£167.00
Cemetery Maintenance	£3,877.55
Capital Projects	£308.22
Grants	£3,563.74
Streetlights	£765.90
Car Park	£666.37
Public Toilets(exc caretaker)	£866.02
Vat	£2,253.41

Total £46,253.90

Net Income £9,449.15

Upgrading of Parish Council streetlights has taken place and adoption by Cornwall Council although invoice is outstanding. Other projects have not been completed by year end, i.e. mobile speed sign, additional streetlight & bus shelter refurbishment which is why there is an income.

Chairman's Report 2017-18

It has been an election year for the Parish Council. The first point I must make is to thank the outgoing Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr Michael Williams who not only stood down as Chairman but also along with Cllr Rogers announced their retirement from Parish Council services. Their combined service to Probus through the Parish Council exceeds 50 yrs. We are indebted to them both for their long service & commitment. Later in the year we were to lose the services of Cllr Tim Dart, again a sad loss given his commitment and enthusiasm.

On the plus side we have 6 new members this year in the form of Cllr Nik Budden, Cllr Jon Hull, Cllr Stephen Dalton, Cllr Ross Goldsworthy and most recently Cllr Michael Maskill and Cllr John Myners. It is heartening for me to acknowledge the time & commitment made by each Councillor in their voluntary role.

During the last year we have ensured that maintenance work has been carried out on those facilities for which we are responsible. This ranged from ensuring the public toilet doors and facilities are in good order to refurbishing the bus shelter on Fore St opposite what is now a SPAR village store & Post Office, and included the repair & replacement of drain covers in the road leading to the village hall and arranging for seven out of eight street lights in the village to be adopted by Cornwall Council, thereby reducing the burden & risk to the Parish Council. We remained responsible for the street lamp in the main square and ensured that this was repaired and in full working order.

Early in the year we received a presentation from Mr Denning, representing the company with approved planning consent for the new Garden Centre. The process of development can be painfully slow and we remain optimistic that there will be start on the site in this calendar year. Later in the year we held a public meeting for residents to express their views on the ways in which the village might benefit if there proved to be a further significant development of housing in Probus. We are grateful to all those who attended and for their comments and ideas.

The Parish Council also undertook some alterations to the Mixed Use Games Area (MUGA) adjacent to the playing fields. This was in response to issues raised by local residents about the difficulties experienced with stray balls going over the existing netting. Subsequently the scaffolding and netting were raised to increase the degree of prevention.

In 2016 the nation addressed the commemorative centenary of the battle of the Somme and the Battle of Jutland. This year we will all be commemorating the centenary of the end of World War One. The Parish Council has made arrangements for a commemorative stone with a plaque and a commemorative bench to be installed alongside the Jubilee Garden area, which is near the Village Hall. A beacon will be lit in synchronisation with other Parishes and communities across the country.

Just mentioning the Village Hall reminds me of the need to offer the Parish Council's thanks to all those involved in running and maintaining the Village Hall. I am sure that all the residents of Probus would join me in congratulating them in their work. Similarly, we should also acknowledge and thank all those involved with the Playing Field committee in ensuring that these facilities are kept in good order for the support they give to the community.

Lastly, I would like to say that the Parish Council, in response to a number of residents continuing to raise the issue of traffic and in particular speeding traffic in the village, has invested in a second radar operated speed awareness sign. This is a mobile unit, which can be set up in different locations in the village and will act as a deterrent to speeding motorists. We originally purchased a battery-powered sign but later discovered that a new solar powered version was available. Consequently we were able to amend our order, and reduce the cost. We expect this to be delivered in May this year and its first location point will be in Chapel St.

The Parish Council appreciates the continued contribution, following his re-election, of our Cornwall Councillor Bob Egerton with his regular news sheet.

We are indebted to our Clerk Mrs Amanda Kendall for all the work done on behalf of the Council and its members. We must also thank Glen and Vic for their contribution to maintaining the fabric of our Village.

Thank you for your support, it has been an honour to serve the village of Probus in my year as Chairman

Nicholas M Gillard, Chairman

Meeting Dates 2018/19

May 21 st 2018 – Annual Meeting	December 17 th 2018
June 16 th 2018	January 21 st 2019
July 16 th 2018	February 18 th 2019
September 17 th 2018	March 18 th 2019
October 15 th 2018	April 15 th 2019
November 5 th 2018- Budget	May 20 th 2019 – Annual Meeting
November 19 th 2018	

Village Hall Annual Report

The Village Hall continues to be used by a good number of local clubs and organisations as well as the NHS Blood Transfusion Service, Slimming World and other commercial users. It is also being used by people for individual birthday parties and other types of celebrations and meetings.

A major refurbishment project is nearing completion at a cost of over £13,000. This was partly funded with grants of £10,000 from The Big Lottery and £500 from Probus Parish Council. The hall has been redecorated, cooker replaced, stage curtains renewed, 100 padded stacking chairs purchased and improvements made to the cleaners area.

6 chairs with arms and slightly higher seat have been purchased to supplement the stacking chairs. These have been well received by some of the less agile users of the hall. A very generous donation of over £500 from Slimming World will be used to purchase another 6 of these chairs. The Luncheon Club has been inspected by the food safety officer and had its 5-star hygiene rating renewed. Some minor remedial work has been carried out to further improve the standard of the kitchen.

A new Letting Secretary has been appointed. Mr Frank Fuller has recently taken on the role and will be actively promoting the hall with the aim of increasing utilisation of the improved facilities. The committee thank Liz Horder for her sterling service over recent years and her help in passing on a high quality booking system to Frank.

The Committee feel that the hall is now in an excellent condition and with the added benefit of a free to use wi-fi system in place would welcome enquiries from individuals and organisations from within the parish and beyond.

If you are in need of this type of venue please do not hesitate to contact Frank Fuller on 07749 368162 or email : probusvillagehallenquiries@gmail.com.

Kevin Blayney and Ross Goldsworthy
Probus Parish Council Representatives.

Playing Field Annual Report

Thank you to the Playing Field Committee and Graham Smith for keeping the area well maintained. There are several football teams using the field each week for their games so this is no mean feat.

Funding for a new pavilion is still ongoing.

Parish Council representatives on this Committee are Cllr Mark Champion & Cllr Jon Hull.