

Probus Parish Council

Annual Report 2013/2014

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Chairman's Report

By Councillor Vivian Rogers



When I took over as Chairman last year I was expecting it to be as busy as the previous year had been, which, up to a point, it has.

We had the usual minor problems with the Parish Clock which would stop for no apparent reason, misuse of the children's play area and the MUGA suffered a small fire on the surface. I should point out that both these items are maintained by the Parish Council with monies from the rates precept so the cost fall back on to all of us as ratepayers.

Then we had the planning application from Wainhomes - they had come back with their application for the site on Tregony Road. I have known applications to raise hackles when I was on the old Carrick Planning, but nothing like this. I think it has united the village in protest over what has been suggested, particularly the idea of exiting onto the bypass. Cornwall Council planners met recently and unanimously refused consent. It is understand Wainhomes will appeal the decision. Next, the "eco-friendly" bus shelter proposed by Highways for the top end of the Square raised its head, and promptly got it bitten off! I think this raised as big a storm as the Wainhomes project and resulted in Highways having a rethink and coming up with a shelter far more in keeping with the conservation area it was to be placed in. It appears Highways can put these shelters wherever they decide without having to get planning permission. So I think on the whole we have got the best of a bad job on this.

Wind turbines had also been on our agenda with the council doing their best to get them refused or at least re-sited where they will cause less harm.

To finish, Trelawney Garden Centre are starting work on the old Demonstration Garden site and hope to have part of it up and running by the end of the Summer.

I would like to thank all my fellow council members for their support during the past year and look forward with trepidation to the year to come.

Vivian Rogers

How the Parish Precept was spent in 2013/2014

The main income of Parish and Town Councils is provided by local residents via the Parish Precept, an element of your Council Tax. The other income is provided by renting out car parking spaces and burials.

A major expenditure was the Play Area, with repairs to play equipment. Another major expenditure this year was streetlighting. We had to replace the pole at the bottom of Tregony Road. The Parish Council is responsible for eight streetlights in total, including the Jubilee Lamp in The Square. Other necessary expenditure included the day-to-day operation of the Parish Council (clerk, litter picker and administration), along with maintenance of grass verges and cemetery, plus maintenance and cleaning of the public toilet and bus shelters, servicing the Parish Clock and looking after the car park.

PARISH PRECEPT:
2014-15

Probus Parish Precept is £45,000 which equates to a B and D property paying £57.58 pa.

Income	£
Precept	43,813.52
Interest	5.31
Burial Fees	1,189.00
Other Receipts	5,720.64
VAT Refund	6,669.78
TOTAL	<u>57,398.25</u>

EXPENDITURE

General Administration

Village Hall	1,162.69
Administration	20,608.07
Capital	419.99
Section 137	517.00
Burial Ground	4,038.54
Playing Field	7,192.35
Street Lighting	2,541.68
Car Park	1,400.00
Public Toilets	2,853.51
Other Payments	0.00
VAT	2,393.74

TOTAL	<u>43,127.57</u>
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NET INCOME	<u>14,270.68</u>
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Balance at Bank 31st March 201	<u>45,505.90</u>
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PARISH COUNCIL GRANTS

The Council is empowered to make some grants to local organisations to help with special events or purchases. None of this is "free money". It comes out of YOUR pocket (via the Precept/Council Tax), so we have to carefully consider the merits of each and every application. We have to budget 18 months ahead so the budgeted sum for 2013/14 will need to be agreed between October and November 2013.

YOUR PARISH COUNCIL 2013-14



Councillors (from left to right): William Sutherland, Kevin Blayney, Chairman Vivian Rogers, Timothy Dart, Michael Williams and Barry Willcox. Front row: Mary Eyles (resigned), Liz Deards, Parish Clerk Amanda Kendall and John Cole. (Not in photograph: Mark Champion and Clive Jones).

COUNCIL MEETING DATES FOR 2014/15

The Parish Council meets at Probus Village Hall on the third Monday of each month at 7.30 pm. The Planning Committee meets as and when required to consider any planning applications for which observations are required in advance of the next full council meeting.

MEETINGS ARE NOTIFIED ON THE PARISH NOTICE BOARD AND ON THE WEBSITE.

Residents are welcome to attend any meetings, take part in the public participation and listen to the proceedings. Meeting dates are as follows:

MONDAY, 19th MAY 2014
(Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting of the Parish Council).

MONDAY, 16th JUNE 2014

MONDAY, 21st JULY 2014

NO AUGUST MEETING

MONDAY, 15th SEPTEMBER 2014

MONDAY, 20th OCTOBER 2014

MONDAY, 3rd NOVEMBER 2014
(Precept Setting)

MONDAY, 17th NOVEMBER 2014

MONDAY, 15th DECEMBER 2014

MONDAY, 19th JANUARY 2015

MONDAY, 16th FEBRUARY 2015

MONDAY, 16th MARCH 2015

MONDAY, 20th APRIL 2015

Playing Field Representative Report

By Councillors Liz Deards and William Sutherland

Councillor Deards and myself attended our first meeting in August on hearsay rather than notification to be told on arrival the meeting was cancelled but would be held the following Monday. The assumption being that we could attend.

We attended that meeting and made our report to the Parish Council. The new pavilion being the big topic and fund-raising from various bodies, etc. A subsequent meeting was attended on 9th September with the next meeting scheduled for 11th November, at 7pm. Having asked for proper notification, I received an e-mail via the Clerk from the Playing Field secretary, but the Clerk only received it on the morning of the 11th therefore I didn't see it until the 12th. So, unfortunately, Councillor Deards and I were unable to attend due to a lack of communication. We have heard nothing since the last meeting, therefore assume no meeting has been held this year.

*Parish Councillors and Playing Field Committee Members
April 2014*

Village Hall Representatives Report

By Councillors Kevin Blayney and John Cole

Once again, the Village Hall has had a very successful year. Bookings have continued to grow and we are pleased to be able to state that the Hall is in use almost every day and most evenings of the week. The Hall is in a very good state of repair and we are currently in negotiation to install a wi-fi system, which should prove to be an advantage to many groups looking to book a venue as we will be one of the few halls in the area to have this facility. The committee have once again worked hard together to achieve this success. On a more sombre note, we are sorry to say our hard-working chairman Alan Nicholls and our very efficient secretary Laura Keam have decided to stand down from their posts at the Annual General Meeting. We are desperately seeking new people to fill these posts. Up to now people have been reluctant to apply for these posts. If these are not filled the committee will not be able to function. The Hall will have to close which will be a disaster. Please come forward to help us if you possibly can. We would like to thank all the committee for all their hard work and commitment over the last year and hope things will be able to continue in the same way in the future.

*Parish Councillors and Village Hall Committee Members
April 2014*

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