

Probus Parish Council Annual Report 2015/2016

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Chairman's Report Councillor Vivian Rogers



Well, hello everyone, another year almost gone. This is my last year as Parish Council Chairman and it has been an eventful one. I had been hoping to report the result of the Wainhomes appeal before having to write this report, but by the time the magazine is published, we might well have got the result. We put up a good defence which

was mainly due to the sterling work of our parish clerk, Amanda Kendall, who put in many hours getting everything together.

Going back a few months, the bus shelter in The Square was the talk of the village. Now, apart from the cars parking around it, it seems to have blended in very well. The pictures on the front are a tribute to the past.

Lastly, the demonstration garden site. David Danning, of Trelawney Gardens, came to the Parish Council March meeting and brought us up to date. It would seem that Blue Diamond, the group who will be running the site, have only leased it from Trelawney, along with the one at Wadebridge. New planning has to be submitted soon and hopefully work will start around August with the centre opening late Spring 2016.

I have enjoyed my two years as chairman, but it is time to hand over to a new chairman, allowing me to return to the back benches once more.

Vice-chairman's Report

Councillor Michael Williams

In October 2014 Councillor Barry Willcox retired after many years of valiant service for which the Council expressed their thanks. That left a vacancy on the council and we are pleased to welcome Ms Shirley Mugford who joined us.

The Council has undertaken on behalf of Cornwall Council to cut the grass in the Churchyard, and have increased the number of cuts from three to ten per year. This will include all the verges which are owned by Cornwall Council, and those owned by the Parish Council.

During the year we have revamped the Play Area with a new climbing frame, orbiter, and toadstool seating for the younger children. We have included additional CCTV in the Playing Field along with barriers.

The Parish Clock, which was installed in 1924, has had problems over the years with Jackdaws nesting in the Church Tower. This has had an adverse effect on the work mechanism of the clock causing it to malfunction.

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COUNCIL INCOME

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.

PARISH PRECEPT, 2015-16

Probus Parish Precept is £51,269.

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 2016/17 will need to be agreed in November 2015.

When the bells were rehung in 1938 they were lowered and a floor removed. Over the years the Jackdaws and weather has caused the netting in the tower to be intergrated. For Health and Safety reasons, it was necessary for this floor to be replaced enabling people to work on fixing a stronger mesh. The church floor was mainly grant funded. In the meantime, the clock has undergone a full service by the manufacturer and is expected to be fully function again.

In the Cemetery, we have made improvements by cutting back the hedge, replacing it with wooden fencing, along with additional fencing around the shed.

At the lower end of the village - at the request of local residents - we have installed 30mph Flashing Sign making motorists aware that they are entering 30mph zone.

The Play Area and Playing Field was mostly funded by s106 monies which were facilitated by the Parish Council. I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow Councillors for their attendance and support over the year and to Amanda, our Parish Clerk. We all express a special thanks for the way she has given the correct guidance.

Playing Field Representative Report *Councillor Bill Sutherland*

This year has seen much activity by the Playing Field Committee with a new Chairman, re-elected Treasurer and Secretary determined to progress the playing field facilities. The main items of achievement being the laying of a new water main to the pavilion to restore the much-needed water pressure. Many thanks to Phil Dymond for his extensive groundworks and to Paul Ashby-Johnson for his plumbing services.

A dugout has been erected (ingenious use of a bus shelter) with a second to follow and tubular steel barriers to each side of the pitch are now in place. Both items apparently a coming requirement of the FA. Many thanks are extended to Jason Bullen for this work. While we are thanking people, the Playing Field Committee wish to acknowledge the financial help given by the Parish Council towards the new water main. Also s106 money towards the barriers.

You may have noticed how much better the whole area looks? This is due to the volunteer grounds man, Justin Vanstone, along with a few members of the football community, notably Graham Smith, who seems to organise and participate in the remedial work undertaken. We understand the next challenge for the Playing Field Committee is the pavilion itself. There are plans afoot to replace it but funding is a problem.

In the meantime, fairly extensive refurbishment has been carried out with more required, in certain areas, just to keep it functional while the bigger plan is being explored/implemented. Once again the labour for this refurbishment has been provided by just a few when many benefit from the facility. If anyone feels they can help with a small amount of donated time/effort they can contact Graham Smith on 01726 882753.

One observation is that for all the waste bins placed in the Playing Field, people delight in leaving their rubbish on the floor! Please bin it.

In conclusion, we feel that our community in general should be appreciative of the Playing Field Committee’s efforts to keep this valuable facility running and available to all. **THEY DESERVE OUR SUPPORT.**

Village Hall Representative Report

Councillors John Cole and Kevin Blayney

We are very pleased to report the village hall has had another successful year. The committee, under new Chairman Kevin Blayney, is running very well, with Robert Dodd as secretary. The hall is being used most days and evenings of the week. Our lettings secretary Liz Horder is getting constant enquiries by phone and email from people wanting to use the hall.

Within the last 12 months - and thanks to a grant from the Parish Council - it has been able to install superfast broadband and put electric hand dryers in the toilets.

In the kitchen, the ageing fridge has been replaced and new rings to update the cooker. Following a request from one of our regular hirers, some more tables were purchased which can be used when more than one room is in use by groups. We have also had a lot of the upholstered chairs steam cleaned.

It was good to welcome Probus Parish Players to the hall again this year where they produced an excellent pantomime.

We would like to thank all members of the village hall committee for their continued support.

How the Parish Precept was spent in 2013/2014

INCOME	£
Precept	45,000.00
Interest	5.31
Burial Fees	1,257.00
Other Receipts	40,973.67
VAT Refund	11,651.68
TOTAL	<u>98,887.66</u>

EXPENDITURE	
Village Hall	3,013.27
Administration	20,078.95
Legal Fees for Public Inquiry (Wainhomes)	10,627.55
Capital	24,959.00
Section 137	515.00
Burial Ground	6,626.02
Playing Field/Play Area/Open Spaces	18,632.98
Street Lighting	669.28
Car Park	1,430.84
Public Toilets	3,226.24
Other Payments	0.00
VAT	11,530.11
TOTAL	<u>101,309.24</u>

NET INCOME	<u>-2,421.58</u>
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*Don't forget!
You can keep
up-to-date with
Probus Parish Council*

via the website

www.probusparishcouncil.gov.uk

Down load Minutes and Agendas. See what Planning Applications are current. Also useful contact numbers for village organisations.

If you wish to add an organisation or promote an event, please contact the Clerk (01726 883614) or email probuspc@gmail.com who will be happy to add you to the site.

**HELP KEEP YOUR
VILLAGE
LITTER FREE**
Use the bins provided

DOG OWNERS
*Please use the dog bins
throughout the village*

COUNCIL MEETING DATES FOR 2015/16

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 come along to any meetings, take part in the public participation, and listen to the proceedings. Meeting dates for 2015/16 are as follows:

MONDAY, 15th JUNE 2015 at 7.30 pm

MONDAY, 20th JULY 2015 at 7.30 pm

NO AUGUST MEETING

MONDAY, 21st SEPTEMBER 2015 at 7.30 pm

MONDAY, 19th OCTOBER 2015 at 7.30 pm

MONDAY, 2nd NOVEMBER 2015 at 7.30 pm *

MONDAY, 16th NOVEMBER 2015 at 7.30 pm

MONDAY, 21st DECEMBER 2015 at 7.30 pm

MONDAY, 18th JANUARY 2016 at 7.30 pm

MONDAY, 15th FEBRUARY 2016 at 7.30 pm

MONDAY, 21st MARCH 2016 at 7.30 pm

MONDAY, 18th APRIL 2016 at 7.30 pm

MONDAY, 9th MAY 2016 at 7.30 pm

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MONDAY, 17th OCTOBER 2016 at 7.30 pm

MONDAY, 7th NOVEMBER 2016 at 7.30 pm *

MONDAY, 19th DECEMBER 2016 at 7.30 pm

* Precept Meeting



MULTI-USE GAMES AREA

Many games can be played on this area - football, tennis, netball, hockey, etc.

£5 per hour incl. electric

To book a session, please contact the Parish Clerk (Amanda Kendall) on

01726 883614

or email probuspc@gmail.com