



Probus Parish Council

Annual Report 2016-2017

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How the Precept was spent 2016-17

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

Income

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| Precept | £46,039.84 |
| Council Tax Grant | £2,894.89 |
| Bank Interest | £5.32 |
| Cemetery | £1,772.00 |
| Vat refund | £3,640.17 |
| Other Grants | £2,586.44 |
| Car Park | £1,260.00 |
| Other Income | £2,414.79 |

Total **£60,613.45**

Outgoings

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| Parish Clock | £152.00 |
| Administration incl. staff wages | £20,106.09 |
| Playing Field/ Play area & MUGA | £10,414.74 |
| Village Hall | £1,894.19 |
| Cemetery Maintenance | £3,600.00 |
| Capital Projects- bus shelter | £2,586.44 |
| Grants | £1,317.00 |
| Streetlights | £2,505.61 |
| Car Park | £466.00 |
| Public Toilets | £3,244.74 |
| Vat | £3,145.35 |
| Total | £49,432.16 |
| Net Income | £11,181.29 |

Chairman's Report 2016-17

Another busy year has gone by for the Parish Council, and may I pay a tribute to all our Parish Councillors who have given regular attendance and contributions.

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

In last year's report, we had a request from the pupils of Roseland School for a bus shelter opposite Probus Filling Station. After consultation with Cornwall Council, the residents, and a successful grant application, the bus shelter was erected in this financial year.

We have seen the commencement of the Wain Homes development in Tregony Road.

The Council appreciates the contribution of our Cornwall Councillor Bob Egerton with his regular updates, news sheets, and 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.

This is my last year as a member of the Probus Council as I will be standing down at the Council Elections in May. There comes a time when we all must realize we cannot go on for ever and for me it is now! Thank you for your support over the years, it has been a privilege to serve the parishioners of Probus.

Michael C. Williams.

Chairman.

Meeting Dates 2017/18

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| May 15 th 2017- Annual Meeting | December 18 th 2017 |
| June 19 th 2017 | January 15 th 2018 |
| July 17 th 2017 | February 19 th 2018 |
| September 18 th 2017 | March 19 th 2018 |
| October 16 th 2017 | April 16 th 2018 |
| November 6 th 2017- Budget | May 21 st 2018 – Annual Meeting |
| November 20 th 2017 | |

Village Hall Annual Report

When visiting the Village Hall lately you may have noticed some changes. With thanks to the good work of our Vice Chair Laura Keam and Secretary Robert Dodd and the bid drawn up for us by the CRCC, we were lucky enough to be awarded a grant of £10,000 from the National Lottery Big Lottery fund. The money is being used to fund various improvements to bring the hall up to date.

A new cooker has been purchased along with one hundred new chairs. The hall is also to be repainted this year. We are hoping to put a sink in the back storage room with storage space for the use of the hall cleaner. The stage and surrounding walls have been painted and we have replaced the ageing and torn stage curtains with a brand new set.

We are starting to benefit from cheaper electricity thanks to an agreement with the Low Carbon Ladock group who funded the installation of solar panels on the hall roof.

Thankfully, the bookings continue to come in and we were once again pleased to be able to accommodate the Probus Parish Players this year for another successful pantomime.

To enable the hall to remain viable though we must continue to let out our rooms on a regular basis and would like to remind everyone that if you have the need for a clean and modern reasonably priced village hall or smaller meeting room with full kitchen facilities, WiFi and the use of a projector and sound system if required, then please contact our lettings secretary who will be pleased to discuss your request.

Once again I would like to thank the hall management committee for their hard work and commitment to making this an excellent facility within our parish.

Kevin Blayney. Parish Council representative on the Village Hall Committee.

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.

The field has been spiked and fertilised this year and hopefully the same will be done again next year.

Funding for a new pavilion is still ongoing.

Parish Council representatives on this Committee are Cllr Mark Champion & Cllr Clive Jones.