



Probus Parish Council

Annual Report 2018-2019

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MAY 2019

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How the Precept was spent 2018-19

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	£47,041.61
Council Tax Grant	£1,456.12
Bank Interest	£4.94
Cemetery	£2,287.00
Vat refund	£3,088.07
Other Grants	£1,392.47
Insurance claim	£2,785.00
Car Park	£1,520.00
Other Income	£428.16
Total	£60,003.37
Outgoings	
Administration incl. staff wages	£24,503.05
Playing Field/ Play area/ MUGA/OS	£14,735.37
Village Hall	£195.00
Cemetery Maintenance	£4,939.16
Capital Projects	£5,241.75
Grants	£3,378.21
Streetlights	£3,005.34
Car Park	£760.36
Public Toilets(exc caretaker)	£384.12
Vat	£4,827.01
Total	£61,969.37
Net Income	-£1,966.00

Additional expense this year on streetlights, bringing them up to standard for adoption by Cornwall Council, all streetlights now adopted except Jubilee Lamp in The Square so ongoing costs will be significantly reduced.

Chairman's Report 2018-19

2018-19 has been a busy year for the Parish Council and I would like to begin this year's report by thanking Mrs Amanda Kendall for her support and guidance as Clerk to the Council.

We have been fortunate enough to have full membership over the past year albeit with the resignation of Cllr John Myners at the beginning of the year but closely followed the addition of Cllr James Faull as a new member. The input and commitment of Councillors across the year is very much appreciated.

Maintenance & repairs to the facilities & assets we are responsible for have been carried out as required. This included refurbishment of the second bus shelter in the lower part of Fore St.

We must thank Glen and Vic for their continuing contribution as unsung heroes and their dedication to maintaining the fabric of our Village.

The Parish Council took on financial responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep of the two Defibrillators located in the village, and we are very grateful to Councillor Nik Budden for carrying out fortnightly checks of the equipment.

Playing Field Committee updated its constitution and continues to do a fantastic job in keeping the facilities in such good condition given their age. New garage doors were installed this year with our support, and we also contributed to the work & cost of repairs to the roof of the football pavilion toilet facility. This was a difficult time as it involved the safe removal of asbestos and it was necessary to cordon off the area and provide temporary facilities for the duration of the work.

We have organised running repairs to the Parish Council Clock on the Church Tower, which continues to be a challenge given its age & condition. In response to a suggestion from residents we have installed new street lighting in Treviglas Lane which now also provides illumination to the entrance to Gwel an Nans. In addition to this we implemented the decision to have seven out of eight street lights in the village, previously owned by the Parish Council, to be adopted by Cornwall Council, thereby reducing the burden & risk to the Parish Council. We remain responsible for the street lamp in the main square which has been serviced again this year.

In terms of significance and community involvement the highlight of the year was the commemoration of the centenary of the end of WW1. The commemorations included, unveiling of a new memorial stone at the verge near the Village Hall. The memorial stone is surrounded by stones painted with poppies. These were collected and painted by the children & young people of the village. A new memorial bench was commissioned and installed next to the new memorial.

The re-enactment event took place across the day with Donny Earl playing a reveille on the bagpipes in the square at 6am, volunteers from the village dressed in WW1 uniform attending events during the day, and finishing with the re-enactment of the calling to war of 5 men who lived in the village. Each soldier's call to war had been researched and their story told by children from Probus and Grampound Road schools. The whole event was truly inspiring and

there were in excess of 300 people attending the re-enactment in the evening which culminated with the last post and lighting of the Beacon.

The approved Garden Centre development at the site on St Austell Rd is in the early stage of site clearing. The process of development is painfully slow and we remain optimistic that work will continue and pick up pace during the rest of this year.

Section 106 funds have been made available to the Parish this year. The funds were designated as part of the Wain Homes housing development and set aside for improvements and/or renewal of play equipment in the play area of the Park. I am delighted to report that the children at Probus School were able to contribute by looking at the different proposals for new equipment. From a play equipment user's perspective, the school children were able to review the presentations provided by different suppliers of play equipment and make the decision as to which equipment should be installed. An order for the equipment has been placed and we look forward to it being installed in summer this year and to the children from the Probus School Council cutting the tape at an opening ceremony once the job is completed.

The Moveable Radar Speed Sign has been in place and does its job for the past year. We purchased additional solar panels which have been placed in the designated locations. This means we can move the speed sign from location to location with a power source already in place. There were some occasions in the middle of winter when the solar panels could not provide enough charge for the sign to work. This was for a period of a few weeks in January when it seemed like we were all living in perpetual darkness. Nevertheless, several residents have commented to the Parish Council that they feel the speed sign has made a difference in encouraging people to slow down. Particular reference was made to the impact on slowing traffic as it enters the Village via St Austell Rd. We will continue to move the speed sign around the designated locations and to monitor the data it provides.

We have started assessing the work involved to refurbish one of the Holy Wells, located near Truck Hill, which is within the village curtilage. Depending on the outcome of this initial assessment this may become one of the community projects for the next year or so.

The Village Hall has continued to make improvements to the building and continues to be at the beating heart of the Village. The Parish Council gives its 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 the Village Hall Committee for making sure the facility is looked after and continues to be a cornerstone of the community. We should thank the outgoing members of the committee: Chairman, Cllr Kevin Blayney; Secretary, Mr Robert Dodd; Facilities manager, Jonathan Keam, for their input & commitment over several years.

Similarly, we should also acknowledge the dedication, commitment and entertainment provided again this year by Probus Players. This year's pantomime was an even bigger success with more people attending. We look forward to the next production.

The Parish Council appreciates the continued contribution and support of our elected Cornwall Councillor Bob Egerton with his regular attendance at Parish Council meetings and news sheet.

This report would not be complete without mentioning and thanking “Probus News” which plays such an important role in keeping residents informed of what is happening on a month by month basis and for attending the Parish Council meetings.

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 2019/20

May 20 th 2019 – Annual Meeting	December 16 th 2019
June 17 th 2019	January 20 th 2020
July 15 th 2019	February 17 th 2020
September 23 rd 2019	March 16 th 2020
October 21 st 2019	April 20 th 2020
November 4 th 2019- Budget	May 18 th 2020 – Annual Meeting
November 18 th 2019	