

# **Annual Report 2021 / 2022**

### Chairman's Report 2021 - 2022

There have been several ups and downs in Council membership over the last twelve months. We did however finish the year with a full Council of 10 members, these being ten residents of the parish who are prepared to give up spare time to serve their local community.

In July, the Budock Parish Neighbourhood Plan was 'made' and now carries great weight in planning matters. My thanks to the stalwarts who carried out this long and complicated process.

In late spring it was decided by the Council that one member of the Community should be recognised for what they had done for the community. In late spring I had the pleasure of presenting the award to Gaynor Field of the Village Stores for everything that she had done to help parishioners during the pandemic.

Again, this year we have continued with arranging the weed control on roadside edges and verges together with the routine cutting and maintenance of the major footpaths within the parish. These footpaths are an essential part of the heritage and assets of the parish and are enjoyed by locals and visitors alike.

Unfortunately, we still have great concerns regarding developers and their apparent desire to build on every piece of land that abuts to Falmouth. Most of which is not actually needed for housing and would be better left as a green belt to define the boundary of Falmouth and Budock.

If anyone reading this report feels that they can spare time to assist at the Playing Field or either of the Halls, then please do so as these assets are looked after by a handful of volunteers some of whom have been doing so for many years. Contact details can be found on the Parish Council's Website <a href="https://www.budockparish.net">www.budockparish.net</a>.

Again, this year I have received phenomenal support from our Clerk, Tracy Hladkij, and forbearance from my fellow Councillors and I thank them all.

**Phil Hart** 

Chairman May 2022

### **Budock Parish Council**

#### Members of the Council 2021 / 22:

Cllr Phil Hart (Chairman)

Cllr Malcolm Bennett (Vice Chairman) till Oct 2021

Cllr Andrew Bastin

Cllr John Bastin (Vice Chairman) from November 2021

Cllr E Bennett (From July till September 2021)

Cllr Matthew Brierley (From September 2021)

Cllr Phil Burnett (From March 2022)

Cllr Katherine George (From March 2022)

**Cllr Pete Grounds** 

Cllr Sarah Murney (From July 2021)

Cllr John Palmer

Cllr John Wright

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### **Cornwall County Councillor:**

Cllr David Saunby

### Attendance at the ten Full Council Meetings held from May 2021 - April 2022

Cllr Andrew Bastin	8	Cllr Grounds	9
Cllr John Bastin	10	Cllr Hart	10
Cllr Bennett	5	Cllr Murney	6
Cllr Brierley	5	Cllr Palmer	4
Cllr Burnett	1	Cllr Wright	7
Cllr George	1		

### **Precept**

The main income of the Parish Council is provided by the Parish Precept which is an element of your Council Tax. Budock Parish Precept for the year was £21,990. This amount for 2022/23 is £25,000 an annual increase of £3,010

## **Expenditure**

During 2021/22 Budock Parish Council's recurring expenditure included the day-to-day operation of the Parish Council, along with maintenance of public footpaths and grass cutting at Budock Playing Field.

The Neighbourhood Development Plan held a referendum in July 2021 and was adopted.

### **Accounts 2021/22**

Full details of the Council's accounts will be available on our website - <a href="www.budockparish.net">www.budockparish.net</a> - on the Transparency Code tab found under the main Parish Council tab.

#### The main items of expenditure during the year were: -

Salary & Training (Cllr + Clerk)	£13,500
Council Office/Equipment/Administration	£ 1,230
Footpaths & Open Spaces	£ 3,135

Neighbourhood Development Plan	£	250
VAT (Reclaimable)	£′	1,170
Subscriptions	£	1,150
Grants	£	350
Insurance	£	375
Audits	£	350
Weed Spraying	£	325
Elections	£	255
Website	£	870

### Planning applications:

During 2021/22 the Council was consulted on 53 planning applications within the parish.

A summary of those applications is: -

- Development 4
- Single new builds / rebuilds 6
- Tree Works 13
- Extensions, Alterations & Other 21
- Amendments to conditions 5
- Change of Use 1
- Misc. & Withdrawn 3

### Councillors - 2021/22

Cllr Phil Hart sat as Chairman from May 2021

Cllr Malcolm Bennett sat as Vice Chair from May 2021 to October 2021

Cllr J Bastin sat as Vice Chairman from October 2021

Cllr M Bennett resigned October 2021

Cllr E Bennett and Cllr S Murney were co-opted on in July 2021

Cllr M Brierley was co-opted on in September 2021

Cllr E Bennett resigned in September 2021

The Council had an average of 70% complement of ten for the 2012/22 period

The Parish Council meets at 7.30pm on the last Monday of each month unless this is a Bank Holiday. There are no scheduled meetings held in August or December. Meetings usually take place in the Budock Village Hall. The schedule of meetings for the next 12 months is: -

25<sup>th</sup> July 2022

26<sup>th</sup> September 2022 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023

28<sup>th</sup> November 2022 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023 (incl. Annual Parish Meeting)

30<sup>th</sup> January 2023 26<sup>th</sup> June 2023 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023

Additional Planning Meetings are arranged as needed. The agenda for these are published on our noticeboards at least three full working days beforehand.

All agendas notices are advertised on the Parish Noticeboards at least three full working days before the meeting date. Minutes are also advertised on the Parish Noticeboards after the meetings and on our website – www.budockparish.net

Residents of the parish are always most welcome to attend any meeting and listen to the proceedings.

Please note that if you wish to speak at a meeting regarding a planning application on the agenda, please notify the Clerk by the agreed date and time on the agenda for that meeting, preferably by email.

#### The Year Ahead

The 2022 -23 year sees the Council continuing with our current Chairman (Cllr Phil Hart) and Vice Chairman (Cllr Grounds).

In the forthcoming year, the Council is to strive to protect the Parish in several ways. There will be further actions to help to reduce the speeding through the village and thereby make it safer for pedestrians. We will strongly resist building developments which are not in accordance with the Budock Parish Neighbourhood Plan so that we may retain the rural nature of the parish.

We will continue with our litter picks and hopefully make them more frequent and covering more of the Parish again so that the local environment can be kept clean for the enjoyment of all. We will investigate other options for maintaining and improving the Parish environment.

After all this is where we live, and we should respect our surroundings we are so much luckier than a lot of areas so we must strive to retain the nature of our Parish.

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