



Annual Report 2022 / 2023

Chairman's Report 2022 – 2023

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 June, to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, a bench with suitable plaque was purchased. It has been sited in the Pump Garden for the use of residents and those waiting for buses.

Throughout a large part of this last year, we were involved with a planning application to build houses on the land earmarked as a boundary between Budock and its neighbour Falmouth. After a long battle this application was refused by Cornwall Council thus preserving Budock from coalescing with Falmouth.

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 as we have just discovered that the developers mentioned above have now appealed Cornwall Council's decision.

It would appear that the opinions of the population and the need to protect the rural nature of this part of the Parish count for nothing in the developers' eyes, they are only interested in building houses wherever they can and the profits that these houses will bring for them.

These houses not actually needed, and the land 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 www.budockparish.net.

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 2023

Budock Parish Council

Members of the Council 2022 / 23:

Clerk: Miss Tracy Hladkij

Cllr Phil Hart (Chairman)
Cllr Andrew Bastin (Resigned April 22)
Cllr John Bastin (Vice Chairman till April 22)
Cllr Matthew Brierley
Cllr Phil Burnett
Cllr Katherine George
Cllr Pete Grounds (Vice Chairman from May 22)
Cllr Nigel Hennell (From July 22)
Cllr Sarah Murney (Resigned November 22))
Cllr John Palmer
Cllr Toby Spear (From March 23)
Cllr John Wright

Cornwall County Councillor:

Cllr David Saunby

Attendance at the ten Full Council Meetings held from April 2022 – March 2023

Cllr Andrew Bastin	0	Cllr Hart	10
Cllr John Bastin	7	Cllr Hennell	4
Cllr Brierley	6	Cllr Murney	5
Cllr Burnett	10	Cllr Palmer	5
Cllr George	7	Cllr Spear	0
Cllr Grounds	8	Cllr Wright	7

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 £25,000. This amount for 2023/24 is £25,750 an annual increase of £750.

Expenditure

During 2022/23 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.

Accounts 2022/23

Full details of the Council's accounts will be available on our website - www.budockparish.net - on the Transparency Code tab. Which is found under the Home page / Council Documents / Finance and Transparency tab.

The main items of expenditure during the year were: -

Salary & Training (Cllr + Clerk)	£14,475
Council Office/Equipment/Administration	£ 1,612
Footpaths & Open Spaces	£ 4,200

VAT (Reclaimable)	£ 1,320
Subscriptions	£ 1,235
Grants	£ 169
Insurance	£ 340
Audits	£ 450
Weed Spraying	£ 340
Website	£ 230
Seating	£ 610

Planning applications:

During 2022/23 the Council was consulted on 32 planning applications within the parish.

A summary of those applications is: -

- Development - 3
- Single new builds / rebuilds - 8.
- Tree Works - 5
- Extensions, Alterations & Other – 11
- Amendments to conditions – 3
- Change of Use – 1
- Misc. & Withdrawn - 1

Councillors – 2022/23

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The Council had an average of 80% complement of ten for the 2022/23 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: -

31 st July 2023	
25 th September 2023	25 th March 2024
30 th October 2023	29 th April 2024
27 th November 2023	20 th May 2024 (<i>incl. Annual Parish Meeting</i>)
29 th January 2024	24 th June 2024
26 th February 2024	29 th July 2024

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

In view of upcoming changes in legislation the Council are aiming to preserve the Parish in a number of ways.

In June 2022, a 20mph speed limit was introduced into the village. I am pleased to report that the number of vehicles exceeding this limit is reducing month on month. It is hoped that another Speed Visor may be installed to help this process, investigations will also be made as to whether a Community Speed Watch can be brought into being this can help to monitor speeds on a real time basis with offenders being reported to the police. These measures will help the residents to move around the Parish more safely at the same time helping to reduce pollution from motor vehicles.

We will be strongly resisting building developments which are not in accordance with the Budock Parish Neighbourhood Plan so that we may continue to enjoy the rural nature of the parish as a whole. The Parish Council is not against the building of houses, but we feel that any building should take place in unobtrusive and sustainable sites.

It is felt that it is incumbent upon the Council to ensure that the Parish is a pleasant and safe place to live in and carry on our normal day to day lives. As part of this we all, Parish Council, and residents, must do everything we can so that the local environment can be kept clean and tidy for the enjoyment of all.

We should all remember that this Parish is where we live and realise how blessed we are to have the countryside all around us and know it should be respected.