



Annual Report 2017/18

Chairman's Report 2017 - 2018

For the past year we were in the fortunate position of having a full Council for most of the year. This comprising of ten residents prepared to give up spare time to serve their local community.

Again this year we have continued with arranging and funding 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 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. Last year I spoke about the developers plans for Menehay Fields and I am sorry to say this is still ongoing with the developers having gone to Appeal against the refusal by Cornwall Council to allow them permission to build unnecessary houses on perfectly good agricultural land. This is in contravention of the Cornwall Local Plan which was made law last year.

We have also fought against the temporary closure of the footpath from Budock Churchtown to Bickland Water Road. The path has now been diverted whilst building work goes on.

Our Neighbourhood Development Plan team is progressing well and when finished the plan will be a good weapon to use against the indiscriminate planning desires of developers. It will enable us to work with these people to help decide where houses should be built.

In order to help preserve the wellbeing of our parishioners a defibrillator was purchased as reported last year. We have this year, complemented this with a further installation at Treverva on the side of their Village Hall for the benefit the residents of that village should the need arise.

The fortnightly Community Speed Watch at Treverva continues and appears to be successful in helping to reduce the speed of those travelling through the village. To further help control speeding in the Parish it is planned to install flashing speed visors in both Treverva and Budock within the next year.

Regular meetings with our Highways and Environment Manager have been set up to discuss any ongoing problems.

During the year we purchased a salt bin for Parc Stephney, this and the others in the village were kept filled during the two snowy spells in March.

In an effort to discourage people discarding used dog poo bags, notices have been put up around the Parish.

Grants have been made to both Budock and Treverva Village Halls to enable them to continue to provide excellent facilities for the residents. Both Village Halls have had post boxes installed to aid with communication.

As I have previously stated, 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, Lois Iddon, and forbearance from my fellow Councillors and I thank them all.

Councillor Phil Hart

Chairman

May 2018

Budock Parish Council

Members of the Council 2017/18:

Cllr Phil Hart (Chairman)
Cllr David Heritage (Vice Chairman)
Cllr John Bastin
Cllr Malcolm Bennett
Cllr Richard Bownas (from 31/07/17)
Cllr Mrs Irene Clark
Cllr Peter Fairbank
Cllr Treve Geraty
Cllr Nigel Hennell
Cllr John Palmer

Cornwall County Councillor:

Cllr John Bastin

Clerk: Mrs Lois Iddon

Parish Council Office

Budock Parish Council office is situated within Budock Village Hall. Opening hours are currently 9.30am to 12.30pm on a Tuesday and 2.00pm to 5.00pm on a Friday.

Contact details: telephone 01326 373727

Email: clerk@budockparish.net

Website address: www.budockparish.net

Attendance at the ten Full Council Meetings held from May 2017– April 2018

Cllr Bastin	10	Cllr Bennett	10
Cllr Bownas (from July 17)	6	Cllr Mrs Clark	9
Cllr Fairbank	10	Cllr Geraty	10
Cllr Hart	10	Cllr Hennell	8
Cllr Heritage	10	Cllr Palmer	5

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 £21,227. This amount has remained unchanged again for 2018/19.

Expenditure

During 2017/18 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 purchase of a Defibrillator for Treverva village (sited on Treverva Village Hall) and grants to both Budock and Treverva Village Halls towards necessary works including the replacement of the coin meters to accommodate the new one-pound coin.

The Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group was set up during this year and currently their expenditure is being met by the Parish Council. So far this expenditure is well within the agreed budget.

The unusual wintery weather meant the salt bins in the parish, including the new one in Parc Stephney, had to be refilled for the first time for over 5 years (some of them twice.) All salt bin purchase and replacement salt costs have now been devolved to the Parish Council.

Accounts 2017/18

Full details of the Council's accounts are now available on our website - www.budockparish.net - 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)	£ 5,854
Footpaths & Open Spaces	£ 2,785
Council Office/Equipment/Administration	£ 2,329
Defibrillator, Installation + Training	£ 1,784
Neighbourhood Development Plan	£ 1,751
Village Hall Grants	£ 1,076
VAT (Reclaimable)	£ 1,014
Salt bin top ups	£ 785
Subscriptions	£ 549
Insurance	£ 350
Weed Spraying	£ 267
Audits	£ 245
New salt bin for Parc Stephney	£ 195

Planning applications:

During 2017/18 the Council was consulted on 56 planning applications within the parish.

A summary of those applications is:-

- Development - 3
- Single new builds / rebuilds - 3
- Tree Works - 7
- Extensions, Alterations & Other – 24
- Amendments to conditions – 10
- Change of Use - 1
- Misc & Withdrawn - 8

There was one appeal against a decision made by Cornwall Council which was refused by the Planning Inspectorate.

Councillors – 2017/18

Cllr Phil Hart was elected as Chairman and Cllr David Heritage as Vice Chairman for the year 2017/18. The Council had a full complement of ten for the majority of the 2017/18 period with the co-option of Cllr Bownas in July 2017.

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 except for the June and October meetings which are held at Treverva Village Hall. The schedule of meetings for the next 12 months is:-

30 th July 2018	
24 th September 2018	25 th March 2019
29 th October 2018	29 th April 2019
26 th November 2018	20 th May 2019 (<i>incl Annual Parish Meeting</i>)
28 th January 2019	24 th June 2019
25 th February 2019	29 th July 2019

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

All meetings and the agendas are also advertised in advance on our website – www.budockparish.net - and copies are placed on the Parish Noticeboards at least three full working days before the meeting date.

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 in regard to a planning application on the agenda, please notify the Clerk at least 24 hours before the meeting, preferably by email.

The Year Ahead

The 2018 -19 year sees the Council with a new Chairman (Cllr Malcolm Bennett) and a new Vice Chairman (Cllr Peter Fairbank).

The Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group will continue working towards a Plan that will in time be presented for approval by the local electorate.

As well as the usual expenditure it is intended to get permanent speed visors located in both Budock Water and Treverva, and also to replace any of the public seats that are getting beyond repair.

Currently there is an Electoral Boundary Review in respect of the Cornwall Council Divisions and this will be followed by a Town and Parish Council Boundary Review. The Parish Council is currently fighting to keep the rural identity of Budock Parish.