



# Annual Report 2016/17

## Chairman's Report 2016 - 2017

For the last year the Council had its full complement of Councillors. The Councillors are all local residents who are prepared to give up some of their precious spare time to serve the community. We are sorry to report that during the year our long serving ex-councillor Hazel Perham passed away.

As reported last year some work previously carried out by Cornwall Council (CC) has been devolved to local parishes but without any accompanying funds, and this means that the Parish Council has had to find the money from its precept for the work to continue to be carried out. The Parish Council has now introduced such a programme of weed control on various roadside edges and verges within the parish and this will be undertaken on a regular basis.

The Parish Council acts as agent for the Cornwall Council Highways team under the Local Maintenance Partnership (LMP) scheme whereby it arranges and pays contractors for the regular routine cutting and maintenance of the footpaths in the parish, and then reclaims a proportion of that expenditure from CC. The Parish Council will have to find more money from its own resources if it is to continue keeping the paths in good order although CC has again managed to offer a small increase in its proportion of the funding for the year 2017. The footpaths undoubtedly form an essential part of the heritage and assets of the parish – they are enjoyed by residents and visitors alike and it would be a tragedy if they are allowed to become neglected. The free leaflet showing the main public footpaths in the parish continues to be well received and supplies of it have been made widely available.

Last year we had great concerns regarding developers. The government continued to favour applications for large scale development within the parish as there was no Local Plan in place to identify areas for development. I am pleased to be able to report that CC's Local Plan which identifies areas for future development was given assent last November and this, in conjunction with the Development Planning Document will give more control over the outcome of planning applications as can be shown by the recent Menehay Fields submission. To further strengthen our position regarding where building may take place in

the Parish a Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group has been formed. Once a Neighbourhood Plan has been developed, agreed by our electorate and CC it becomes a formal document and will be a very strong weapon when considering future planning applications. We will continue to work with our neighbours on Falmouth and Penryn Councils where applications may affect our Parish.

The plan for a suitable memorial to those residents of the parish who lost their lives in the various wars came to fruition last autumn and a polished granite plaque has been sited on the outside of the Budock Village Hall. This was dedicated on 11th November and a short service was held with wreaths being laid by the Parish Council, our Divisional Member and the Womens' Institute. Granite bollards have been placed to ensure that the memorial is not accidentally damaged by cars using the car park at the front of the Village Hall.

A defibrillator was purchased and is situated on the front wall of Budock Village Hall. A training session and a short talk on the use of CPR was held for local businesses and Village Hall hirers to explain its use. It is planned to supply Treverva with a defibrillator in the coming year.

The Community Speed Watch at Treverva is thriving and sessions are held every two weeks or so. It is certainly serving its purpose to keep speeds down and the roads safer.

The Council has made grants to the Village Halls in both Budock and Treverva as it is felt that these are vital hubs to the villages and need to be kept in good order. A grant was made to Budock Village Hall towards the cost of redecoration, refurbishment of the floors and other minor matters. Treverva Village Hall was awarded grants towards decoration and replacement plumbing. A grant was also made to St Budock Church to assist with the upkeep cost of the cemetery. Funds were also provided for the purchase of 30mph and speed awareness stickers to be used around the parish to try and make motorists more aware. At the Feast Night in November the Community Award was presented to Ray Selley for all his hard work picking up litter in and around the village making it a nicer place to live.

I must reiterate the comments made by the Chairman in last year's report and say that if anyone can spare any time, however little, this would be appreciated by the Management Committees of the two Halls and the village Playing Field. These are assets of the Parish that are well used by all but looked after by a handful of people, some of whom have been doing so for many years. Should you be interested, contact details can be found on the Parish Council's website [www.budockparish.net](http://www.budockparish.net).

In this year as Chairman I have received amazing support from our Clerk and forbearance from the Councillors, for which I thank them all, especially Peter Fairbank the ex-Chairman for all of his guidance.

Councillor Phil Hart

Chairman

May 2017

## Budock Parish Council

### Members of the Council 2016/17:

Cllr Phil Hart (Chairman)  
Cllr David Heritage (Vice Chairman)  
Cllr John Bastin  
Cllr Malcolm Bennett  
Cllr Mrs Irene Clark  
Cllr Peter Fairbank  
Cllr Treve Geraty  
Cllr Rob Gibson  
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.

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Website address: [www.budockparish.net](http://www.budockparish.net)

### Attendance at the ten Full Council Meetings held from May 2016 – Apr 2017

Cllr Bastin	8	Cllr Bennett	8
Cllr Mrs Clark	10	Cllr Fairbank	10
Cllr Geraty	10	Cllr Gibson	9
Cllr Hart	10	Cllr Hennell	9
Cllr Heritage	9	Cllr Palmer	8

## 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 for 2017/18, largely due to the fact that the Street Lighting Loan has been repaid.

## Expenditure

During 2016/17 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 Budock village (sited on Budock Village Hall), and a War Memorial Plaque, along with granite bollards were among the major items purchased on behalf of the whole community. Considerable Grants were made to both Budock and Treverva Village Halls towards necessary refurbishment works.

## Accounts 2016/17

Full details of the Council's accounts are now available on our website – [www.budockparish.net](http://www.budockparish.net) on the Transparency Code tab found under the main Parish Council tab.

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

Village Hall Grants	£ 6,161
Salary & Training	£ 5,460
Footpaths & Open Spaces	£ 2,994
Council Office/Equipment/Administration	£ 2,471
Defibrillator, Installation + Training	£ 1,540
VAT (Reclaimable)	£ 1,217
Granite bollards + Installation	£ 970
Balance for new War Memorial Plaques	£ 850
Subscriptions	£ 566
Neighbourhood Development Plan	£ 471
Audits	£ 375
Insurance	£ 329
Small grants	£ 262
Weed Spray	£ 254

## Planning applications:

During 2016/17 the Council was consulted on 41 planning applications within the parish.

A summary of those applications is:-

- Development - 17
- Tree Works - 5
- Extensions, Alterations & Other – 19

There were 4 appeals against decisions made by Cornwall Council of which 3 were allowed and 1 refused.

## Councillors – 2016/17

Cllr Phil Hart was elected as Chairman and Cllr David Heritage as Vice Chairman for the year 2016/17. The Council had a full complement of ten throughout the 2016/17 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 except for the June and October meetings which are held at Treverva Village Hall. The schedule of meetings for next 12 months are:-

31 <sup>st</sup> July 2017	
27 <sup>th</sup> September 2017	26 <sup>th</sup> March 2018
30 <sup>th</sup> October 2017	30 <sup>th</sup> April 2018
27 <sup>th</sup> November 2017	21 <sup>st</sup> May 2018 ( <i>incl Annual Parish Meeting</i> )
29 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	25 <sup>th</sup> June 2018
26 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	30 <sup>th</sup> July 2018

Additional Planning Meetings take place 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 advertised in advance on our website – [www.budockparish.net](http://www.budockparish.net) and also by notices placed on the Parish Noticeboards at least three full working days before the meeting date.

Residents of the parish are most welcome to attend any meeting.

**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.**

## **Footpaths and Public Rights of Way**

Footpaths and Public Rights of Way are some of the most valuable assets of the parish, serving the useful purposes of enabling people to get around the parish without using cars or public transport and also providing amenity spaces for everyone to enjoy.

The Parish Council acts in partnership with the Cornwall Council and appoints and pays its own contractor to do the cutting and maintenance work. When this has been carried out satisfactorily we are able to claim back much of the cost from Cornwall Council. Now that some paths are only routinely trimmed once each year it may be that some will get overgrown in between the scheduled cuts. If you find this to be the case please let the Parish Council know about it – although we cannot guarantee to have the work carried out as money might not be available, we can ensure that the Highways Authority in the Cornwall Council are made aware of the problem. The unitary authority is ultimately responsible for maintaining the paths in a satisfactory condition but again that will be subject to their budgetary constraints.

Please remember that the Parish Council (acting as agent for Cornwall Council) is only responsible for any growth **underfoot** on the paths – brambles, nettles, branches etc growing out from the edges of fields or walls are the responsibility of the landowner to keep trimmed in order to keep the path open and clear. The landowner also has a legal responsibility to reinstate any footpath, bridleway or byway that they plough or disturb when sowing or cultivating a crop and this must be done within 14 days of the first disturbance. Any subsequent disturbance to the Right of Way must be made good within 24 hours unless the landowner has been allowed an extension by the Highways Authority. If you come across cases where the path has not been reinstated properly, please inform the Parish Council, or alternatively let the Cornwall Highways Authority know about it by using their website and filling out a Public Rights of Way Report Form. It is also important to remember that any Right of Way is identified as such on the Definitive Map and unless the landowner allows access to other areas of their land you must stick to the actual footpath and not wander off the path.

One final point – if you walk along the paths with your dog, please remember to clear up after it. Bins for dog and other waste are sited around the parish so please use them or clean up and take the waste home with you and keep the paths pleasant for everyone to enjoy. During the last 12 months there has been a noticeable increase in the number of dog bags left in hedges / side of paths etc. PLEASE ensure you act responsibly.