



Annual Report 2019/20

Chairman's Report 2019 – 2020

This year has been the busiest year anyone can remember, leaving aside the challenges posed by the Covid19 pandemic. The parish council has adopted a way of working as advised by C.A.L.C., which means we will continue to follow the current guidance until something approaching “normal” returns. We will not be holding an annual general meeting until May 2021, and all officers of the council will remain in post. The office is closed, and our clerk is working from home.

Parish Council

The parish council consists of 10 councillors, elected, or co-opted from across the parish, who are prepared to give of their time freely in administering the council on behalf of the parishioners. The parish council employs a part-time clerk.

Lois Iddon, our clerk for many years, decided for personal reasons to retire and we were very sorry to say goodbye to her. Her initial replacement did not prove to be a success and, despite attempts to find a way forward, she offered to resign in November 2019. The council then needed to fill the post with a temporary clerk to remain legal. To our great relief, councillor Phil Hart offered to take on that role and was voted in as an acting clerk. Phil did an amazing job and, as Chairman, I will be eternally grateful not only for the dedication and skills he has brought to the task, but also the working partnership formed between us which was so necessary in steering the council through what has been a very difficult period.

Resignations

In addition to the retirement of Lois, Peter Fairbank also decided to retire in November, followed again in November by Irene Clark. I would like to thank them both for their invaluable contributions over the years to the work of the parish council.

Neighbourhood Development Plan

At the beginning, this was a truly daunting task: the complexity of the evidence required to form the plan, and the process which would typically take about three years, required skill, knowledge, and dedication. I am delighted to report that the N.D.P. document has now been submitted to Cornwall Council. This has been a tremendous achievement in large part down to the efforts of a small team brought together, led, and encouraged by David Heritage. There is still some way to go before the plan is officially adopted but the early signs are encouraging. I know I speak for you all when I offer congratulations to David and his team for a job well done.

Community Governance Review

So much has happened since the start of our campaign “Defend our Parish”, and I want to remind you of the actions we have taken:

1. We had meetings with both Falmouth and Penryn representatives.
2. Questionnaires
3. Petitions
4. A public meeting in Budock Village Hall.
5. A presentation to the panel in Falmouth.
6. Presentations to the C.G.R. panel at County Hall and to Cornwall Council, both of which were voted on and were lost.

At this point those of us involved began to despair that huge swathes of the parish would be handed to Falmouth. We subsequently wrote to the panel, outlining how we thought the process was flawed and, for different reasons, Falmouth agreed. At last Falmouth agreed to meet with us to try and find some common ground. We negotiated a boundary which was acceptable to both parties and this was ratified by both our councils. Included in that agreement was an undertaking by Falmouth Town Council that they would not seek any further expansion into Budock Parish for a period of 25 years. This was presented to the C.G.R. panel who said they would support a locally agreed boundary agreement.

N.B. Due to Covid 19, the review is temporarily suspended.

Planning

For many years, the parish has been under pressure from large developers and this continues to be the case. With the N.D.P. now gaining weight, it will bolster our arguments against any proposed over-development in our rural parish.

The Planning Working Group has become a real asset to the council. By looking at planning proposals away from the pressure of a parish council meeting, it has been possible to put forward more detailed and coherent responses. We have also been able, through our divisional member, to engage with the planners to raise concerns, when appropriate, and to find acceptable solutions in a spirit of co-operation.

Road Safety

The council is continuing to look at ways to improve road safety across the parish, as speeding is a frequent complaint by our residents. The council has voted to fund and install VAS units in collaboration with a contribution from the Community Network Panel.

Litter Picking

The council purchased litter-picking equipment and held an initial event in Budock and Treverva. This was a great success involving councillors and residents. Following on from this, a group regularly meets in Budock and this has been much appreciated by the community. The council hope to build on this with further events across the parish.

As I stated at the beginning of my report, this has been an incredibly busy year. It has put a lot of pressure on some members of the council and I would just like to thank them:

- Phil Hart – for all he has done and continues to do; his experience has been invaluable.
- David Heritage – for all his support and welcome advice.

- John Bastin – for the countless hours we have spent on the ‘phone dealing with many of the challenges the parish council has faced.

And to those of you whose support has been crucial over the past twelve months.

We welcome our two new councillors, Andrew Bastin and Peter Grounds, and look forward to working with them.

Finally, welcome to Tracy, our new clerk. Tracy has made a good start under difficult circumstances. Her skills and tenacity, allied to a good sense of humour, stand her in good stead.

I wish you all well and look forward to meeting again under normal conditions.

Malcolm Bennett

Chairman

May 2020

Budock Parish Council

Members of the Council 2019/20:

- Cllr Malcolm Bennett (Chairman)
- Cllr Phil Hart (Vice Chairman elected Nov 2019)
- Cllr Andrew Bastin (from 24th February 2020)
- Cllr John Bastin
- Cllr Richard Bownas
- Cllr Mrs Clark (Resigned 25th November 2019)
- Cllr Fairbank (Vice Chairman till he resigned on the 5th November 2019)
- Cllr Treve Geraty
- Cllr Pete Grounds (from 24th February 2020)
- Cllr Nigel Hennell
- Cllr David Heritage
- Cllr John Palmer

Clerk: Miss Tracy Hladkij

Parish Council Office

Budock Parish Council office is situated within Budock Village Hall. The office is currently closed due to COVID 19 until further notice.

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Cornwall County Councillor:

Cllr John Bastin

Attendance at the ten Full Council Meetings held from May 2019 – April 2020

Cllr Andrew Bastin (From February 2020)	0	Cllr Geraty	7
Cllr John Bastin	7	Cllr Grounds (From February 2020)	0
Cllr Bennett	9	Cllr Hart	8
Cllr Bownas	8	Cllr Hennell	8
Cllr Mrs Clark (Resigned 25 th November 2019)	6	Cllr Heritage	9
Cllr Fairbank (Resigned 5 th November 2019)	6	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 £21,350. This amount for 2020/21 is £21,990 an annual increase of £640.

Expenditure

During 2019/20 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 has been submitted to Cornwall Council and is ongoing.

Accounts 2019/20

Full details of the Council's accounts will be 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)	£ 6,228
Council Office/Equipment/Administration	£ 3,454
Footpaths & Open Spaces	£ 3,019
Neighbourhood Development Plan	£ 1,649
VAT (Reclaimable)	£ 1,370
Defibrillator upgrade and maintenance	£ 934
Subscriptions	£ 751
Grants	£ 640
Defend Budock Parish Questionnaire	£ 495
Insurance	£ 370
Audits	£ 325
Weed Spraying	£ 294
Litter Picking	£ 281
Training & Conference	£ 275

Planning applications:

During 2019/20 the Council was consulted on 41 planning applications within the parish.

A summary of those applications is: -

- Development - 1
- Single new builds / rebuilds - 7
- Tree Works - 2
- Extensions, Alterations & Other – 14
- Amendments to conditions – 7
- Change of Use – 5
- Misc. & Withdrawn - 5

Councillors – 2019/20

Cllr Malcolm Bennett sat as Chairman for the year 2019/20.

Cllr Phil Hart as Vice Chairman from November 2019

Cllr Fairbank Vice Chairman till he resigned on the 5th November 2019

Cllr Clark resigned 25th November 2019

Cllr Andrew Bastin and Cllr Peter Grounds were co-opted on in February 2020.

The Council had a full complement of ten for the majority of the 2019/20 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 the next 12 months is: -

27th July 2020

28th September 2020

26th October 2020

30th November 2020

25th January 2021

22nd February 2021

29th March 2021

26th April 2021

24st May 2021 (*incl Annual Parish Meeting*)

28th June 2021

26th July 2021

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 at least 24 hours before the meeting, preferably by email.

The Year Ahead

The 2020 -21 year sees the Council continuing with our current Chairman (Cllr Malcolm Bennett) and Vice Chairman (Cllr Phil Hart).

The Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group will continue working towards a finalised Plan.

It is intended to get the permanent speed visors fitted in both Budock Water and Treverva,

The Electoral Boundary Review - Budock Parish Council held constructive talks with Falmouth Town Council and have agreed a new proposed boundary which will be submitted in due course.