

**CARN BREA PARISH COUNCIL**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

**MAY 2015**



## **Carn Brea Parish**

The Parish of Carn Brea lies between the twin towns of Camborne and Redruth. The boundaries include several villages, hamlets and rural areas as well as the urban area of Pool and Illogan Highway. The southern boundary is the village of Four Lanes, to the east Carnkie and Carn Brea Village, to the north Pool and West Tolgus and to the west part of Tuckingmill and Brea. The Council owns approximately 21 acres of land. This is made up of a park at Wheal Fortune, heath at Carn Brea Hill, an open space in Pool and an historic well at Carn Brea Village. Carn Brea Monument was transferred from Cornwall Council to the Parish Council (as a Community Asset Transfer) on 125 year lease in May 2012.

### **Carn Brea Parish consists of the following villages and hamlets:**

Barncoose, Blowinghouse, Bosleake, Bowling Green, Broad Lane, Carnarthen, Carn Brea Village, Carnkie, Forest, Four Lanes, Higher and Lower Brea, Illogan Highway, Pencoys, Piece, Pool, Tolskithy, Tregajorran, Treskillard, Tuckingmill and West Tolgus

### **Electorate**

The number of electors in the Parish as at 17<sup>th</sup> February 2014 was **5969**

### **Annual General Meeting May 2014**

Councillor Charles Bickford and Councillor Paul Holmes were elected as Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively.

Councillor C.E.N. Bickford - Officer for Health & Safety at Work

Councillor R. Drew - Police Liaison Officer

### **Membership of the Council**

The Council consists of sixteen Councillors, with five members representing each of the wards of Pool and Four Lanes, four members representing Barncoose and one member representing East Hill ward (Tuckingmill) and West Tolgus ward.

Councillor Peter Sheppard was co-opted as member of the Barncoose ward in September 2014, following the resignation of Ms. Amanda Fuller.

### **Changes in staff**

The Caretaker, Mr. S. Wherry resigned in April 2014 and Mrs. M. Williams added the caretaker duties to her duties as Administrative Assistant. Mrs. M. Williams resigned as Administrative Assistant in June 2014 and resigned from her position of Caretaker in September 2014. Miss S. Noakes was appointed as Administrative Assistant in July 2014 and Mrs. S. Kneebone was appointed as Caretaker in June 2014.

## REPORTS

### Awards

The Carn Brea Village Hall committee was nominated for the Clarence Coombe Award, which was presented at the Annual Parish Assembly in May 2014. The Chairman presented Miss Amanda Fuller, with an award for her hard work with the Council since 2007.

### Events

#### Carol Concert

The Carol Concert was held on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> December at Treloweth Community Hall. The carols were sung in the hall and accompanied by members of the St. Stythians Band and Cur Tereba Nesa Choir. The evening was compered by Cllr. C.E.N. Bickford, with readings by Cllr. C.E.N. Bickford and Cllr. R. Drew. The festivities concluded with mince pies and tea.



#### Remembrance Service

Carn Brea Parish Council's annual Remembrance Service was held at Treloweth Community Hall War Memorial on Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 11.00 a.m. This year the Council commemorated the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of World War 1. The Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr. C.E.N. Bickford gave a short welcoming speech. Officiating was Mr. R. Barratt and Mr. Williams acted as Parade Marshall and organised the wreath laying. The service was conducted by Fr. Peter Fellows and the hymns were accompanied by Redruth Town Band, who also played the Reveille. Wreaths were laid on behalf of Carn Brea Parish Council, Cornwall Council, Camborne Town Council, Portreath Parish Council, Illogan Parish Council, The Parachute Regimental Association, The Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, Camborne Royal British Legion, Illogan Royal British Legion, Gwennap British Legion, the 1<sup>st</sup> Pool Brownies & Rainbows and Camborne /Redruth Labour party. Mr. R. Barratt laid a wreath on behalf of the County Branch of the Royal British Legion.

The Council unveiled a Book of Remembrance and displayed poems, photographs and historical accounts of WW1 and WW2. A slide show of the poppies, compiled by Mr. B. Edgeler and planted in remembrance of those who laid down their lives was shown. One hundred and sixteen pounds and sixty one pence was raised for the Poppy Appeal.

### **Gardening Competition**

The Parish held its fifth gardening competition in July. All classes in the competition were well represented and the presentation evening in September made an enjoyable evening complete with pasties, saffron buns and a slide show.



### **Grant Aid**

The Council has a policy to encourage a community spirit in the Parish. This year a total of £1200 was granted to various organisations through grants and donations to help the local community.

### **Parish News**

#### **Devolution**

The Council continues to be in discussion with Cornwall Council regarding the devolution of areas of land within the Parish.

#### **Pool Crossing**

After twenty five years of campaigning by the Parish Council the crossing in Fore Street, Pool has been upgraded to a puffin crossing.

### **Telephone Kiosk at Piece**

Following the BT consultation on the retention of telephone kiosks the Council has adopted the kiosk outside the Countryman Inn in Piece. The apparatus has been removed by BT but the kiosk has been retained by the Council as part of the heritage of the area.

### **Planning Committee**

Over the period January to December 2014 the Planning Committee considered a total of 84 planning applications in its role as a statutory consultee on behalf of the parish. The Committee supported 73 and opposed 11 applications. The views of the Committee are provided to Cornwall Council Planning. In this period our views were accepted by Cornwall Council Planning on 75 applications, representing 91% of the total.

### **Regeneration Committee**

#### **Bus Shelters**

The bus shelter removed from outside Morrison's, due to Health and Safety concerns has been re-installed.

#### **Boulders**

Boulders have been installed at Trevenson and Four Lanes to mark the boundaries of the Parish.



### **Common Land**

Carn Brea (the hill) has been successfully registered as 'Common Land'.

The official announcement was made by Sue Arnott of The Planning Inspectorate,

who had examined our application for registration, and formally decided that 'Land at Carn Brea, in the Parish of Carn Brea, Cornwall' would be officially registered.

Carn Brea is already part of a World Heritage Site, an area of Great Landscape Value/Great Historic Value and much of it is a Conservation Area.

But having it declared Common Land creates a higher degree of protection for the beautiful hill we see from all parts of our Parish, and importantly ensures a legal Public Right of Access, the 'right to roam'.

The process of registration was complicated and required detailed historical research, necessary to satisfy the many criteria in the Commons Act 2006.

The Council received much generous assistance from Martin Wright of Cornwall Council, and enjoyed the support and co-operation of residents and land-owners on or close to Carn Brea. We are grateful to them all.

Access to Carn Brea hill is now a legal right – for activities such as walking, running, sight-seeing, birdwatching, climbing and picnicking – and we are delighted to have achieved this for this and future generations.

#### **Historical Prints/Photographs**

The collection of historical prints and photographs depicting areas around the Parish has increased during the year. Cllr. R. Drew is compiling a catalogue of the prints, many of which are displayed in the Community Hall at the Parish Office in Moorfield Road.

#### **Landscaping**

The area opposite Pool Academy has been tidied and bench repaired. Wild flower seeds have been scattered on a derelict piece of ground in Four Lanes and hopefully will enhance the area in the spring/summer.

#### **Parish Newsletter/Website**

The Council has striven to improve the dissemination of information to the electorate and the Parish Newsletter is a permanent quarterly publication. The website continues to provide information on meeting dates and forthcoming events e.g. gardening competition, Remembrance Service and Carol concert. Councillor information and minutes from Full Council and Planning meetings are also available on the site.

#### **Pool in Bloom**

The Pool in Bloom scheme brightened the main road through Pool again this year and received many compliments from local residents. Contributions were gratefully received from local businesses. The Council is hoping to extend the scheme in 2015.



## **Government Legislation & Consultation Documents**

The Parish Council continues to see a plethora of changes to Government legislation. There has been new Model Standing Orders and Financial Regulations from CALC along with other new regulations and guidelines to encourage greater transparency. The Council has been consulted on a diverse number of issues including the review of polling districts and polling places, a BT consultation on payphone kiosk removal, and the Devon & Cornwall Police Community Engagement plan.

## **Council Owned Property**

### **Wheal Fortune Park**

The flower beds have been repaired after damage from motor cycles and have been seeded with wild flowers.

### **Treloweth Community Hall and Open Space**

Treloweth Community Hall is used most evenings for classes and community activities including slimming club, dog training classes and charity fund raising events.

Treloweth Community Hall and the Moorfield Road open space continues to be the subject of vandalism with plants being removed from the sensory garden. The new flowers flourished with a display of Flanders poppies to commemorate to the centenary of the start of World War I. Areas around the avenue of trees were seeded and will be seeded again this year with a collection of wild flowers.



The hall also contains a collection of old photographs and prints of the parish. This collection has been extended during the year.

**To book the Treloweth Community Hall please contact:**

Mrs. S. Kneebone on 01209 202489

Email: [carnbreapc@btconnect.com](mailto:carnbreapc@btconnect.com)

Police Liaison

The Council continues to enjoy excellent liaison and co-operation from our Neighbourhood Policing Team, based at Heartlands.

However, during the last year two decisions taken by Devon & Cornwall Police, both of which have had an impact on the parish, were challenged by the Council. Firstly the decision to close a number of police station enquiry desks across the County, which requires Carn Brea Parish residents to go to either Camborne or Truro Police Stations to conduct business. Despite our objection, and that of other Town and Parish Councils, the closures have been made. We continue to lobby for other facilities to improve access to our officers.

Secondly the decision to stop officers from attending formal Town/Parish Council meetings and discussing local policing issues. All local Town/Parish Councils joined us in raising our concerns with both the Chief Constable and the Police and Crime Commissioner. We are pleased to report that with the help of the local Inspector reduced frequency of attendance at Council meetings has been agreed, and bi-monthly meetings between the Inspector and representatives of all local Town/Parish Councils now take place.

If you have a local policing concern please contact us, we may be able to help.



**UN-AUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2014/2015**  
**INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT CARN BREA PARISH COUNCIL**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015**

**Year ended  
31<sup>st</sup> March 2014**

**Year ended  
31<sup>st</sup> March 2015**

£

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<u>£</u>	<b><u>INCOME</u></b>	<u>£</u>
70092	Precept	71487
13464	Grant	14126
1606	Agency Services Reimbursement	1606
52	Interest on Investments	56
1770	Hall Lettings	2638
100	Grant/Donations	485
255	Misc income	
70	Cancelled cheque	34
210	Insurance refund	56
<b>87619</b>		<b>90488</b>
	<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>	
12300	General Administration	13983
41043	Wages/Staff Costs	41918
802	Legal /Audit Costs	600
582	Election Expenses	0
1632	Parish Paths Partnership	1781
1900	S. 137 Payments/Donations	1200
1435	Capital Expenditure	3481
1209	Ground Maintenance/Litter	133
1830	Regeneration	3355
3290	Treloweth Community Hall	3510
3123	Newsletter	2437
491	Hospitality	340
449	Training	152
4289	Pool in Bloom	5655
425	Gardening Competition	518
1171	In House Maintenance	1425
	Tractor Lease	2700
	Carn Brea Monument	75
<b>75971</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>83263</b>
	<b><u>GENERAL FUND</u></b>	
56149	Opening Balance at 1st April	62217
<u>87619</u>	Add Total Income	<u>90488</u>
143768		152705
<u>75971</u>	Deduct Total Expenditure	<u>83263</u>
67797		69442
<u>(5580)</u>	Transfers (to)/from Reserves	<u>2404</u>
<b><u>62217</u></b>		<b><u>71846</u></b>