

ANNUAL REPORT

CARN BREA PARISH COUNCIL



MAY 2016

Carn Brea Parish Council

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 made up of a park at Wheal Fortune, heath at Carn Brea Hill, an open space in Pool and an historic well 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 31st March 2016 was **6171**.

Annual General Meeting May 2015

Councillor Charles Bickford and Councillor Robert Drew 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 Bernard Webb was elected as member for Four Lanes ward in March 2016, following the resignation of Mr. David Tellam.

Changes in staff

Mrs. S. Kneebone resigned as full time Caretaker in March 2016 and will continue as cover Caretaker. Mrs. J. Baker was appointed as Caretaker in March 2016.

Awards

Mrs. Pat Coombe presented the Clarence Coombe Award to Mr. R. Bullen and Mr. J. Taylor, for their work with CRASH, at the May Annual Parish meeting.

Four Awards were presented to local resident for their contribution to the community. The Chairman presented awards to Mrs. Lisa Andrew-Rowe (for her work with Rainbows, Ms. G. Gillvray (for her community work in Four Lanes), Mrs. Tracey Jolly (for her work encouraging children to learn to swim) and Mr. Robert Hendry (for his community work in Four Lanes).

Mr. Roy Barratt was presented with a Special Award in recognition of his outstanding support with the Carn Brea Parish Remembrance Service



Events

Carol Concert

The Carol concert was held on Tuesday, 8th December 2015 at Treloweth Community Hall. Carols were sung in the hall and accompanied by members of the St. Stythians Band and Cur Tereba Nesa choir. The audience enjoyed the 1st Pool Brownies singing a Brownie carol and listening to 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 evening concluded with refreshments.



Remembrance Service

Carn Brea Parish Council' annual Remembrance Service was held at Treloweth Community Hall War Memorial on Sunday, 1st November at 11.00 a.m. The Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr. C. E. N. Bickford welcomed members of the Parish and Mr. R. Barratt officiated at the ceremony with Mr. Williams carrying out the duties of Parade Marshall. Fr. Peter Fellows conducted the service and the hymns were accompanied by Redruth Town Band. Wreaths were laid on behalf of Cornwall Council, the Parachute Regiment, Illogan Royal British Legion, Camborne Royal British Legion, the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, the Royal Air force, the Labour Party and Carn Brea Parish Council. The 1st Pool Rainbows and the 1st Pool Brownies laid posies.

A slide show of the Carn Brea Book of Remembrance was shown while Veterans, serving members of the Forces and local residents enjoyed a light pasty lunch.



Gardening Competition

The Parish held its sixth 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. This year saw the introduction of a new trophy, The Dash Cup for Best Overall Display, in the Community Together Category. The trophy was kindly donated and presented by the DASH Group. The DASH Trophy was presented to Mrs. Tanya Dovey representing the Appin Garden Community Garden Group (& Little Gem's Let Us).



Grant Aid

The Council has a policy to encourage a community spirit in the Parish. This year a total of £1784 was granted to various organisations through grants and donations to help the local community. The Council considers the applications for grants and donations at the Full Council meetings in January and July annually.

Devolution

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

Pool in Bloom

The Pool in Bloom scheme once again brightened the main road through Pool and received many compliments for local residents. Contributions were gratefully received from local businesses. There are now 85 baskets adorning the main road and Moorfield Road.



Parish Newsletter and Website

The Council strives to improve the dissemination of information to the local residents and the Parish Newsletter is a permanent quarterly publication. The website provides information on forthcoming events e.g. gardening competition, Remembrance Service and Carol concert. Councillor information, contact details, agendas and minutes from Full Council meetings are available on the site.

Planning Committee

Over the period January 2015 to December 2015 the Planning Committee has considered a total of 86 planning applications in its role as a statutory consultee on behalf of the parish. The Committee supported 67 applications, objected to 15 applications, 2 applications were noted and 1 application was incomplete. The Committee is awaiting the outcome of one request for a site visit.

Treloweth Community Hall and Open Space

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

Treloweth Community Hall and Moorfield Road Open Space continues to be the subject of vandalism with plants being removed from the sensory garden and granite benches being destroyed. The damaged bench has been replaced.

Local residents have raised concerns about the likelihood of a young child or dog leaving the park unsupervised and getting into the road outside, with the potential for an accident. This has led the Council to improve the gateways on Moorfield Road open space.

A display of Flanders poppies flourished in the bed surrounding the War Memorial wall and will be replaced for the next season to commemorate those that have fallen during conflict. Areas around the avenue of trees were seeded and will be seeded again this year with

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 and is in the process of being catalogued.

To book the Treloweth Community Hall please contact:

Mrs. J. Baker on 01209 717332

Community updates

The Council has had discussions with Cornwall Council to install new road signs marking the location of Pencoys and its distinction from Four Lanes. Cllr. D. Elliott CC and Mr. B. Dickinson from Cormac have helped the Council to bring this project to fruition.

The Council is in the process of restoring the BT telephone kiosk at Piece (outside the Countryman Inn) to its bright red colour.

The 1st Pool Brownies have helped to enhance the area on Church Road (opposite Pool Academy) with the planting of bulbs. Brownies and their leaders attended the area with Cllr. R. Drew to fill the newly installed planters with bulbs. They were rewarded for their hard work with cupcakes and drinks.

The Handypersons have planted various areas in the Parish with spring/autumn bulbs to bring a splash of colour into the community. Local residents have kindly donated shrubs and these have been located around the Treloweth Hall area.

Police Liaison

It is a pleasure to report that our locally generated system of bi-monthly meetings with our Neighbourhood policing Team has been recognised as best practice and is to be rolled out across the rest of Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly. Pat on the back for Carn Brea!

The meetings are attended by all neighbouring town and parish councils, from Camborne to Carharrack and from Stithians to Portreath, with each council having appointed a Police Liaison councillor. Meetings are held at council offices across the area on a rolling basis.

Exchanges between us are frank and robust, and the officers attending are to be commended for the hard work and endeavour they display in responding to concerns raised with them.

Financial restrictions on policing emanating from Whitehall have translated into changes in policing provision locally as commanders struggle to achieve best value with a diminishing budget.

Regrettably a decision has now been made to close the police base in Heartlands and require the team to operate from Camborne Police Station. On the bright side, the team remains in existence, which was not always guaranteed, and we have decided to make our Parish Offices available to the team to use during our opening hours.

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

Government Legislation & Consultation Documents

The Parish Council continues to see a plethora of changes to Government Legislation. This year has seen further regulations and guidelines to encourage greater transparency and January 2017 is the staging date for pensions. The Council has been consulted on a diverse number of issues including the closure of libraries, the Devon & Cornwall 'engagement Activity with Town & Parish Councils' and the Cornwall Council Trading Review.

**CARN BREA PARISH COUNCIL
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st March 2016

Year ended		Year ended
31 st March 2015		31 st March 2016
£		£
	<u>INCOME</u>	
71487	Precept	101487
14126	Grant	10954
1606	Agency Services Reimbursement	1606
56	Interest on Investments	71
2638	Hall Lettings	2716
485	Grant/Donations	1010
	Misc. income	1113
56	Insurance refund	365
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90454		119322
	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
13949	General Administration	13331
41918	Wages/Staff Costs	48905
600	Legal /Audit Costs	600
0	Election Expenses	0
1781	Parish Paths Partnership	1786
1200	S. 137 Payments/Donations	1784
3481	Capital Expenditure	4404
133	Ground Maintenance/Litter	0
3355	Regeneration	2550
3510	Treloweth Community Hall	7838
2437	Newsletter	1762
340	Hospitality	336
152	Training	0
5655	Pool in Bloom	4461
518	Gardening Competition	464
1425	In House Maintenance	1178
2700	Tractor Lease	2700
75	Carn Brea Monument	230
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83229	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	92329
	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	
62217	Opening Balance at 1st April	71846
<u>90454</u>	Add Total Income	<u>119322</u>
152671		191168
<u>83229</u>	Deduct Total Expenditure	<u>92329</u>
69442		98839
<u>2404</u>	Transfers (to)/from Reserves	<u>(14342)</u>
<u>71846</u>		84497