

CARN BREA PARISH COUNCIL

**ANNUAL REPORT
MAY 2008**



Carn Brea Parish

The Parish of Carn Brea, which is also known as the electoral area of Illogan South, 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. It also maintains an area of land at Four Lanes.

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

Annual General Meeting May 2007

Councillor Malcolm Moyle and Councillor Mrs. Terri Bishop were elected as Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively.

Councillor M. Moyle - Officer for Health & Safety at Work

Councillor Mrs. T. Bishop - Police Liaison Officer

Councillor C. Jordan - Tree Warden

Membership of the Council

The Council consists of sixteen Councillors, with five members representing each of the wards of Barncoose, Pool and Four Lanes and one member representing the East Hill Ward (Tuckingmill). Councillors are elected every four years, the latest election being May 2007.

Changes in Membership and staff from May 2007 – April 2008.

Cllrs. C. Bickford, Ms. A. Fuller and Mrs. U. Emmerson were co-opted to the Council in September 2007.

Cllrs. Mrs. R. Trengove (Four Lanes ward) was disqualified for non attendance in November 2007.

Cllr. A. Russell (Tuckingmill ward) resigned from the Council in February 2007.

Cllr. Mrs. Metcalfe was co-opted to the Council in March 2008 as member for the Four Lanes ward.

Changes in staff

Mr. R. Baker and Mr. S. Sperring resigned as Handypersons in November 2007 and January 2008 respectively.

Mr. J. Blewett and Mr. D. Henning was appointed as Handypersons October 2007 and January 2008 respectively.

Mrs. Vida Perrin resigned as Parish Clerks Assistant in January 2008 and Mrs. Melanie Williams was appointed Administrative Assistant in January 2008.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning Committee

Under the Chairmanship of Cllr. C. Bishop the Committee made 168 observations on planning applications in the Parish.

Awards

The Council awarded the 'Local People Award' for service to the community to Mr. Jim Taylor.

Mrs. Marilyn Stoneman was nominated for the Clarence Coombe Award, which was presented at the Annual General Meeting in May 2007.

Regeneration Committee

The Regeneration Committee has liaised with Carn Brea Regeneration Advisory Committee and other regeneration groups to ensure the Council's input into schemes for the area. The Council has been involved in the consultation process on such schemes as the Heartlands Project, the Barncoose Link Road and the Trevenson Road Improvement Plan (TRIP), Robinsons Shaft & Pool Village Centre. Kerrier District Council has been consulted on the Preservation and Listing of Historical Buildings.

Historical Prints/Photographs

The Community Hall now houses a collection of historical prints and photographs depicting areas around the Parish. Further prints have been added to the collection during the year.

Parish Newsletter/Website

During the past year the Council has striven to improve the dissemination of information to the electorate and the Parish Newsletter has become a permanent quarterly publication. The Parish Website was launched in March 2007 giving Parishioners the opportunity to view information about the Council electronically.

Parish Trail/Parish History

The Four Lanes Parish Trail was launched in February 2007. Copies of the new trail were circulated to all households in the Parish along with the spring newsletter and all three Parish Trails (Pool, Illogan and Four Lanes) can be viewed electronically on the Council website. Further copies of the trails are available from Treloweth Community Hall.

Pool in Bloom

The Pool in Bloom scheme was extended in the spring 2006 season and continues to receive a favourable response.

Carol Concert

The Council held its second Carol Concert on Monday, 10th December at 6.00 p.m. at Treloweth Community Hall. This year the weather was kind, if a little chilly, allowing the carols to be sung by floodlight accompanied by the award winning Camborne Youth Band. The evening was well attended and made an enjoyable start to the Christmas festivities.

Remembrance Service

Carn Brea Parish Council's annual Remembrance Service was held at Treloweth Community Hall War Memorial on Sunday, 4th November at 11.00 a.m. The Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr. Malcolm Moyle welcomed everyone with a short reading. Officiating was Roy Barratt, County Chairman of the Royal British Legion and the service was conducted by Fr. Peter Fellows. The hymns were accompanied by Redruth Town Band and Brian Plint organised the laying of wreaths. Eric Boon of Redruth British Legion was the Parade Marshall and James Taylor of the Burma Star Association recited the Kohima Epitaph. Reveille was played by Bill Bishop of the Royal British Legion. Wreaths were laid on behalf of Kerrier District Council, Carn Brea Parish Council, Illogan Parish Council, Royal British Legion, Duke of Cornwall Light Infantry, Parachute Regiment, Burma Star Association, Redruth Royal British Legion and Illogan Royal British Legion. Posies were laid by the 1st Pool Brownies and the 1st Pool Rainbows after the ceremony.



Parish Plan

The Parish plan is a grant aided scheme to help rural communities have a greater say in their affairs. An essential part of the plan is to obtain the views of residents of the Parish in order to set priorities. A questionnaire was distributed to all households in the Parish and prioritization events were held throughout the Parish to allow members of the public to give their views. Once the questionnaires were completed the data was independently analysed by the Cornwall Rural Community Council and the data collected from the questionnaires and the events has been collated. The information will be used as evidence of the requirements for our Parish, to put pressure on local authorities and to back up applications for funding for our community. Although there is no guarantee of funding for any project, the ones that have the community's support will have a better chance of success. The Parish Plan is now in the process of being drafted.



Government Legislation & Consultation Documents

The Council has seen a plethora of changes in Government Legislation this year including further changes to the '**lighter audit**' process and the introduction of the Freedom of Information Act General Rights of Access in January 2005 allows the electorate greater access to information. A copy of the information available can be found in the Treloweth Community Hall foyer. The publication of the Annual report, Best Value Report and the web site should ensure that parishioners are better informed of the Council's activities.

The number of documents being received by the Parish Council has multiplied this year and will continue to increase, as District and County Councils have a duty to consult as part of their **Best Value regime**. The Rural White Paper stresses that there is a greater need for partnership between all types of authorities and a greater willingness to work together. Consultation documents have included the Kerrier Local Development Framework Statement of Community Involvement and Planning Issues, Cornwall County Council Consultation on Path Priorities in the new Public Paths Strategy, a review of the Regional Spatial Strategy, Cornwall Waste Development Framework and Cornwall and West Devon Mining Landscape World Heritage. A more comprehensive list can be found in the Council's Best Value Report.

Best Value

In 1999 the Local Government Act laid out a requirement for all councils with an income over £500,000 to fulfill the duty of Best Value. These duties include the annual publication of a Best Value Performance Plan, carrying out a rolling programme of service reviews and subjection to Best Value audit and inspection. However, the Government has recognised that the duties of Best Value would not be cost effective for smaller parish councils, but it has encouraged such councils to adopt the Spirit of Best Value. In order to secure continuous improvement Best Value requires parish councils to look at their function in terms of the '**5 Cs**'. These are: -

Challenge - why, how, and by whom a service is being provided

Compare performance with the performance of other parish councils and organisations providing similar services

Consult local people and key partners, including local businesses and voluntary organisations in setting council priorities

Use fair and open **Competition** wherever practicable as a means of securing efficient and effective services.

Collaborate with other authorities and public service providers, particularly in developing, delivering, monitoring and improving services.

Carn Brea Parish Council believe that the principle of the council examining the services that they provide is a sound one, which should provide value for money for the taxpayer. They have therefore published this report reviewing the services that they have provided and hope that the publication of this report will lead to a better understanding of what the Parish Council does and how it spends the ratepayer's money.

UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR April 2007 – March 2008
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Year ended 31 st March 2007 £		Year ended 31 st March 2008 £
	<u>INCOME</u>	
54732	Precept	56316
1234	Agency Services Reimbursement	1201
2714	Interest on Investments	3465
4008	Hall Lettings	2677
6550	Grant/Donations	250
250	Inland Revenue refund	150
0	Misc income	540
204	Refunds	0
820	Insurance Claim	0
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70512		64599
	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
9033	General Administration	9432
33036	Wages/Staff Costs	34521
635	Legal /Audit Costs	685
0	Election Expenses	238
2035	Parish Paths Partnership	1500
5000	S. 137 Payments/Donations	3250
920	Capital Expenditure	1627
2251	Ground Maintenance/Litter	2021
2838	Regeneration	1732
2968	Treloweth Community Hall	2704
2388	Quality Council	2590
327	Hospitality	373
62	Training	0
0	Parish Plan	1803
1855	Pool in Bloom	3852
68	Liveability Projects	0
2894	Parish Trail (Awards for All)	0
0	Mineral Tramways	3000
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66310	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	69328
	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	
63469	Opening Balance at 1st April 2007	54196
<u>70512</u>	Add Total Income	<u>64599</u>
133981		118795
<u>66310</u>	Deduct Total Expenditure	<u>69328</u>
67671		49467
<u>(13475)</u>	Transfers (to)/from Reserves	<u>(13814)</u>
<u>54196</u>		<u>35653</u>

Balance Sheet
FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2008

As at 31 st March 2007 £		As at 31 st March 2008 £
	LONG TERM ASSETS	
0	Investments	0
	CURRENT ASSETS	
170	Debtors	0
0	Prepayments	
795	Recoverable VAT	702
<u>97238</u>	Bank and Cash in Hand	<u>92272</u>
98203	TOTAL ASSETS	92974
	CURRENT LIABILITIES	
<u>3700</u>	Creditors and Accruals	<u>3200</u>
94503	NET ASSETS	89774
	Represented By:	
54196	GENERAL FUND	35653
<u>40307</u>	EARMARKED RESERVES	<u>54121</u>
<u>94503</u>		<u>89774</u>

The above statement represents fairly the financial position of the authority as at 31st March 2007, and reflects its income and expenditure during the year.