

CARNBREA PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

MAY 2009



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 2008

Councillor Mrs. Terri Bishop and Councillor Mr. Charles Bickford were elected as Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively.

Councillor Mrs. T. Bishop - Officer for Health & Safety at Work

Councillor Ms. A. Fuller - 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 2008 – April 2009.

Cllr. Mrs. B. Fielder was co-opted to the Council in May 2008 as member for the East Hill Ward.

Cllr. Mrs. U. Emmerson resigned as a member for the Barncoose ward in February 2009.

Changes in staff

There were no changes in staff during the year May 2008 to April 2009.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning Committee

Under the Chairmanship of Cllr. C. Bishop the Committee made 129 observations on planning applications in the Parish.

Awards

Mr. Graham and Mrs. Bridget Carter were nominated for the Clarence Coombe Award, which was presented at the Annual General Meeting in May 2008 by Mrs. Pat Coombe.



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.

Pool in Bloom

The Pool in Bloom scheme continues to receive a favourable response.

Remembrance Service

Carn Brea Parish Council's annual Remembrance Service was held at Treloweth Community Hall War Memorial on Sunday, 2nd November at 11.00 a.m. The Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr. Mrs. Terri Bishop 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. The Reveille was played by Bill Bishop of the Royal British Legion. Wreaths were laid on behalf of Kerrier District Council, Carn Brea Parish Council, Camborne Town Council, Redruth Town Council, Illogan Parish Council, Gwennap Parish Council, RAF Portreath, Royal British Legion, Parachute Regiment, Burma Star Association, Redruth Royal British Legion and Illogan Royal British Legion. Posies were laid by the 1st Pool Guides, 1st Pool Brownies and 1st Pool Rainbows.



Carol Concert

The Council held its third Carol Concert on Monday, 8th December at 6.00 p.m. at Treloweth Community Hall. Due to the inclement weather the carols were sung in the hall and accompanied by the award winning Camborne Youth Band. The evening was well attended and made an enjoyable start to the Christmas festivities.

Coffee Mornings

Themed coffee mornings have been organized throughout the year to allow local residents to meet Councillors and discuss any concerns. The first coffee morning allowed residents to view old photographs of the area, the second included a fascinating talk from Kingsley Rickard on King Edward Mine and the coffee morning in November incorporated a craft fayre. All events were well attended and gave residents the opportunity to chat to Councillors whilst enjoying homemade cakes and coffee.

Notice Board

The Council has installed a notice board in the village of Tregajorran at the request of local residents. It is hoped that an additional notice board will be installed in the next few weeks, in Brea, as a joint project with Camborne Town Council. The notice board will enable the Council to disseminate information to the wider community.



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 Plan

The Parish plan has now been completed with the aid of local residents view taken from questionnaires and events held throughout the Parish. If you require a copy please contact the office.

Government Legislation & Consultation Documents

The Council has seen a plethora of changes in Government Legislation again this year. The number of documents being received by the Parish Council has multiplied and will continue to increase with the cessation of the District Council. The white paper, *Communities in Control: Real Power, Real People* is about passing power into the hands of local communities and sets out a range of policies to achieve this, building on work still in progress from the 2006 white paper, *Strong and Prosperous Communities*. Consultation documents received have included the Boundary Commission proposals, 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 and the Heartlands project. A more comprehensive list can be found in the Council's Best Value Report. The forthcoming year will bring new and exciting challenges for the Parish Council with the inception of the new unitary authority and continuing consultations on potential changes under the *Communities in Control* white paper.

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. A copy of the report is available from the Parish office.

Council Owned Property

Wheal Fortune Park

Regrettably all of the granite benches and picnic sets have had to be removed from Wheal Fortune Park due to vandalism. Trees and flower beds have also been destroyed.

Treloweth Community Hall and Open Space

Sadly, the additional granite benches and picnic sets that had been installed in the open space at Treloweth Hall were vandalised and are now being repaired. It is hoped that benches and picnic sets will soon be back in place to allow local residents the opportunity to enjoy the open space.

Treloweth Community Hall is used most evenings for classes and activities including belly dancing, slimming and spiritual meetings. The hall also contains a collection of old photographs and prints of the parish.

To book the Treloweth Community Hall please contact –
Mr. S. Wherry on 01209 212377

Bus Shelters

A new bus shelter has been erected outside Taylor's Tyre Service in Barncoose and a grant application has been made to erect a shelter at Pencoys in Four Lanes in the next financial year.

Grant Aid

The Council has a policy to encourage a community spirit in the Parish. This year a total of £3400 was granted to various organisations through grants and donations to help the local community.

Crime Report – 1st May 2008 to 30th April 2009

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| • Calls made – 2544 | <i>Last year same period - 2535</i> |
| • Crimes Committed - 754 | <i>Last year same period – 903</i> |
| • Arrests made - figure not available | <i>Last year same period 238</i> |

UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR April 2008 – March 2009
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Year ended 31 st March 2008		Year ended 31 st March 2009
£		£
	<u>INCOME</u>	
56316	Precept	68549
1201	Agency Services Reimbursement	1231
3465	Interest on Investments	2169
2677	Hall Lettings	3150
250	Grant/Donations	2317
150	Inland Revenue refund	100
540	Misc income	16
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64599		77532
	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
9432	General Administration	9030
34521	Wages/Staff Costs	34545
685	Legal /Audit Costs	1390
238	Election Expenses	0
1500	Parish Paths Partnership	1471
3250	S. 137 Payments/Donations	3400
1627	Capital Expenditure	2032
2021	Ground Maintenance/Litter	3098
1732	Regeneration	7455
2704	Treloweth Community Hall	2839
2590	Quality Council	2438
373	Hospitality	365
0	Training	150
1803	Parish Plan	4919
3852	Pool in Bloom	2984
0	Treloweth Hall Extension	21996
3000	Mineral Tramways	0
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69328	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	98112
	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	
54196	Opening Balance at 1st April 2008	35653
<u>64599</u>	Add Total Income	<u>77532</u>
118795		113185
<u>69328</u>	Deduct Total Expenditure	<u>98112</u>
49467		15073
<u>(13814)</u>	Transfers (to)/from Reserves	30680
<u>35653</u>		<u>45753</u>

Balance Sheet
FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2009

As at 31 st March 2008		As at 31 st March 2009
£		£
	LONG TERM ASSETS	
0	Investments	0
	CURRENT ASSETS	
0	Debtors	0
0	Prepayments	
702	Recoverable VAT	1452
<u>92272</u>	Bank and Cash in Hand	<u>68742</u>
92974	TOTAL ASSETS	70194
	CURRENT LIABILITIES	
<u>3200</u>	Creditors and Accruals	<u>1000</u>
89774	NET ASSETS	69194
	Represented By:	
35653	GENERAL FUND	45753
<u>54121</u>	EARMARKED RESERVES	<u>23441</u>
<u>89774</u>		<u>69194</u>

The above statement represents fairly the financial position of the authority as at 31st March 2009, and reflects its income and expenditure during the year.