

*CARNBREA PARISH COUNCIL*

*ANNUAL REPORT*

*MAY 2010*



### **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 2009**

Councillor Mr. Malcolm Moyle and Councillor Mr. Charles Bickford were elected as Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively.

Councillor Mr. M. Moyle - 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 2009 – April 2010.**

Cllr. Mrs. Terri Bishop resigned in June 2009.

Cllr. Mrs. Audrey Metcalfe resigned in June 2009.

Cllr. Mr. D. Tellam was co-opted to the Council in June 2009 as member for the Barncoose Ward.

Cllrs. Ms. Tracey Butler and Mr. R. Hancock were elected to the Council in September 2009 as members for the Four Lanes Ward.

### **Changes in staff**

There were no changes in staff during the year May 2009 to April 2010.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Planning Committee**

Under the Chairmanship of Cllr. C.E.N. Bickford the Committee made 111 observations on planning applications in the Parish.

### **Awards**

The Four Lanes History Forum was nominated for the Clarence Coombe Award, which was presented at the Annual Parish Meeting in May 2009 by Mrs. Pat Coombe. PCSO's Beverly Faull and Shaun Harvey were presented with Awards for Local People at the Annual Parish Meeting.



### **Regeneration Committee**

The Council has been involved in the consultation process on such schemes as the Heartlands Project, the Barncoose Link Road and the South Crofty/Dudnance Lane Framework Plan.

### **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, 1st November at 11.00 a.m. The Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr. Mr. M. Moyle gave a short welcoming speech. Officiating was Clive Rawson, County Chairman of the Royal British Legion, who read out the names of the fallen that had been inscribed on the new tablet at the foot of the memorial. The service was conducted by Fr. Peter Fellows and the hymns were accompanied by Redruth Town Band. Mr. Brian Plint and Mr. Eric Boon (Parade Marshalls) organised the laying of wreaths and the Reveille was played by Dennis Floyd of the Stythians Band. Wreaths were laid on behalf of RAF Portreath, Carn Brea Parish Council, Royal British Legion (County Chairman), Camborne Town Council, Illogan Parish Council, Gwennap Parish Council, Redruth Royal British Legion, Illogan Royal British Legion and the 1<sup>st</sup> Pool Guides, 1<sup>st</sup> Pool Brownies and 1<sup>st</sup> Pool Rainbows.



### **Carol Concert**

The Council held its fourth Carol Concert on Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Illogan Youth Band. The evening was well attended and made an enjoyable start to the Christmas festivities.

### **Notice Board**

The Council has installed a notice board in the village of Brea, as a joint project with Camborne Town Council. The notice board will enable the Council to disseminate information to the wider community.

### **Bus Shelters**

A new bus shelter has been installed at Pencoys, Four Lanes, with the aid of Cornwall Council grants.

### **Benches**

Benches have been installed in Barncoose Avenue at the request of the League of Friends of Redruth and Camborne Hospital. The benches have been dedicated to May and Bill Long who were staunch supporters of the League of Friends and Chairman of the League of Friends and Chairman of Carn Brea Parish Council respectively.

### **Landscaping**

The area in Four Lanes Square has been cleared and graveled and planters have been installed.



### **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. The Parish Plan has been added to the web site.

### **War Memorial**

Research continues into the fallen from the Parish and a tablet has been added to the foot of the war memorial with the names of those that have been found. The Tregajorran War Memorial has been taken from storage at Cowlin's Mill and installed on the wall outside the Parish 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.

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

An extension has been added to Treloweth Hall for the archiving of documents and the storage of equipment. The hall has been decorated and new chairs and blinds purchased.

The benches and picnic sets that had been vandalised have now been repaired are now back in place to allow local residents the opportunity to enjoy the open space. The Council has purchased a ride on mower to allow the Council owned land to be cut on a more frequent basis.

Treloweth Community Hall is used most evenings for classes and activities including belly dancing, slimming and keep fit. 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

### **Grant Aid**

The Council has a policy to encourage a community spirit in the Parish. This year a total of £3000 was granted to various organisations through grants and donations to help the local community.

### **Crime Report – April 2009 to April 2010**

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| • Calls made – 2627                           | <i>Last year same period -2470</i>                  |
| • Crimes Committed - 708                      | <i>Last year same period – 782</i>                  |
| • Arrests made - <i>figures not available</i> | <i>Last year same period- figures not available</i> |

**UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR April 2009 – March 2010  
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

Year ended 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2009 £		Year ended 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2010 £
	<b><u>INCOME</u></b>	
68549	Precept	68700
1231	Agency Services Reimbursement	1377
2169	Interest on Investments	45
3150	Hall Lettings	2570
2317	Grant/Donations	8303
100	Inland Revenue refund	75
16	Misc income	
0	Cancelled cheque	1
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77532		81071
	<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>	
9030	General Administration	11156
34545	Wages/Staff Costs	35253
1390	Legal /Audit Costs	970
0	Election Expenses	111
1471	Parish Paths Partnership	1377
3400	S. 137 Payments/Donations	3000
2032	Capital Expenditure	7007
3098	Ground Maintenance/Litter	1638
7455	Regeneration	6634
2839	Treloweth Community Hall	4715
2438	Quality Council	1866
365	Hospitality	278
150	Training	25
4919	Parish Plan	0
2984	Pool in Bloom	2451
21996	Treloweth Hall Extension	4348
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<b>98112</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>80829</b>
	<b><u>GENERAL FUND</u></b>	
35653	Opening Balance at 1st April 2009	45753
<u>77532</u>	Add Total Income	<u>81071</u>
<b>113185</b>		<b>126824</b>
<u>98112</u>	Deduct Total Expenditure	<u>80829</u>
15073		45995
<u>30680</u>	Transfers (to)/from Reserves	<u>(5800)</u>
<u><b>45753</b></u>		<u><b>40195</b></u>

**Balance Sheet  
FOR YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2010**

As at 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2009 £		As at 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2010 £
	<b>LONG TERM ASSETS</b>	
0	Investments	0
	<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>	
0	Debtors	0
0	Prepayments	
1452	Recoverable VAT	568
<u>68742</u>	Bank and Cash in Hand	<u>69868</u>
<b>70194</b>	<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>70436</b>
	<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	
<u>1000</u>	Creditors and Accruals	<u>1000</u>
<b>69194</b>	<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>69436</b>
	<b>Represented By:</b>	
45753	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>40195</b>
<u>23441</u>	<b>EARMARKED RESERVES</b>	<u><b>29241</b></u>
<u><b>69194</b></u>		<u><b>69436</b></u>

The above statement represents fairly the financial position of the authority as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010, and reflects its income and expenditure during the year.