



Budock, A Climate Conscious Parish

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF BUDOCK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 23rd MAY 2024
HELD IN BUDOCK VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Cllrs Bastin, Hart, Hennell, and Spear

IN ATTENDANCE: Miss T Hladkij, (Clerk) Cllr D Saunby Cornwall Council divisional member **Members of the public** None

2023/24-1 SAFETY PROCEDURES

The Chairman confirmed all safety procedures.

2023/24-2 TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Burnett, Brierley, Chatterjee, and Palmer

It was proposed by Cllr Hart and seconded by Cllr Bastin and:

RESOLVED: that the apologies from Cllr Burnett, Brierley, Chatterjee, and Palmer for non-attendance at the full council meeting held on 23rd May 2024 were accepted.

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously

2023/24-3 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 22nd MAY 2023 AND THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THEM

It was proposed by Cllr Spear and seconded by Cllr Hennell and:

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on the 22nd May 2023 are received and approved.

On a vote being taken this was approved unanimously

2023/24-4 TO RECEIVE THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2023 – 2024

There have been ups and downs in Council membership over the last twelve months. We have however finished the year with a Council of 9 members, these being residents of the parish who are prepared to give up spare time to serve their local community.

In May last year the Council decided that one member of the Parish should be recognised for the tremendous amount they had done for the community. In late spring I had the pleasure of presenting the award to Irene Clark for everything that she had done to help parishioners over many years.

In past years I have commented on the great concerns we as a Council have had regarding developers and their apparent desire to build on every piece of land that abuts to Falmouth. Most of which was not actually needed for housing and would be better left as a green belt to define the boundary of Falmouth and Budock. Unfortunately, the housebuilders, Persimmon, have succeeded in gaining permission to build 40 homes on the field at the top of Bickland Hill. This was despite the effort of both Budock Parish Council and Cornwall Council Planners who both refused the application, and it was only when the application went to appeal that Persimmon were successful. So much for the need to protect the boundaries of both Budock and Falmouth!

Although it might not seem like it the speed visor that the Parish Council arranged to be put up on the hill leading in to the village has succeeded in reducing the number of speeding motorists by a third. The message is slowly getting through.

As ever we have continued with arranging the weed control on roadside edges and verges together with the routine cutting and maintenance of the major footpaths within the parish. These footpaths are an essential part of the heritage and assets of the parish and are enjoyed by locals and visitors alike.

For the forthcoming year we will be co-opting an individual to become our tenth member to bring us back to full strength. In order to make the Council more accessible to our parishioners it has been decided to hold surgeries so that we can be made aware of people's needs and opinions. Details of time and place will be advertised when they have been arranged. Most importantly in view of the recent appeal decision we will be keeping a very close watch on property developers so that we may protect the rural nature of our Parish.

If anyone reading this report feels that they can spare time to assist at the Playing Field or either of the Halls then please do so as these assets are looked after by a handful of volunteers some of whom have been doing so for many years. Contact details can be found on the Parish Council's Website www.budockparish.net.

Again this year I have received phenomenal support from our Clerk, Tracy Hladkij, and forbearance from my fellow Councillors and I thank them all.

Phil Hart Chairman May 2024

2023/24-5 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMMUNITY

BUDOCK VILLAGE HALL

Chairperson Report 2023-2024

The past year has been one of change for the village hall.

The allocation of the grant from the Cornwall Count Council Community Capacity fund has allowed us to look at refurbishing the hall for the future use of village residents. The committee have been working with Marraum Architects to draw up plans that will enable us to have better access to the lower hall, to update all the internal facilities, to improve the insulation and heating and to add a new entrance and disabled toilet to the downstairs hall space. A very successful public consultation was held, and the feedback from the event integrated into our plans. We are now at the point where the plans have been submitted for planning and now that the only external extension will be to add a disabled toilet and access, we are hoping to not have to pay the planning fees. The next stage will be to apply for funding to complete the work.

Alongside the refurbishment project the committee have run a range of events these have included quarterly community luncheons, a folk night, a summer prom in the park and a fund-raising jumble sale. I would like to thank all the people involved in these events as they take time and effort and your contribution is highly appreciated.

The Hall is being increasingly used by a range of organisations and for private party bookings. The recent increase in hall fees should mean that the monthly income will cover the costs of the running the hall putting us on a much more stable financial situation. May 2024

BUDOCK OVER 60'S CLUB

I am pleased to say that during that last year our membership numbers have again increased which has helped with the increasing costs incurred in running of the club and the covering of expenses of entertainment and coach trips.

Our programme of events continues to include various groups of singers, talks such as Mr Mumford's time in Africa working with children and Kevin Bishop's time with the BBC, all of which were most enjoyable.

We also started the year off with a visit from our Community Policemen which covered personal safety and in particular scamming issues and how to avoid such incidents. This talk was greatly appreciated and very useful to all our members.

We look forward to another successful year.

Joan Martin Deputy Chair Budock Over 60's Group

TREVERVA VILLAGE HALL

Treverva Village Hall continues its very slow but steady recovery in its utilisation by local groups. We are grateful that lettings from Budock Parish Council have resumed as in previous years and use as a Polling Station remains.

Our Treasurer Mr Len Cheshire, reports that income from lettings - although modest - is the best figure for some considerable time. Some internal repair work has been done to keep any deterioration at bay, and a plan has been roughly made to carry out an external smarten up.

As ever, the bills have to be paid - Insurance, fire appliances, electricity and water, and they do not get any cheaper. Mr Cheshire keeps on top of this, only a proportion of which is offset by letting income.

Best Regards, Paul Bennett, Chair Treverva Village Hall Committee

2023/24-6 TO DISCUSS PRIORITIES FROM THE COMMUNITY

None were discussed.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.20 pm.

Signed:19th May 2025

Chairman