

Linkinhorne Parish Council

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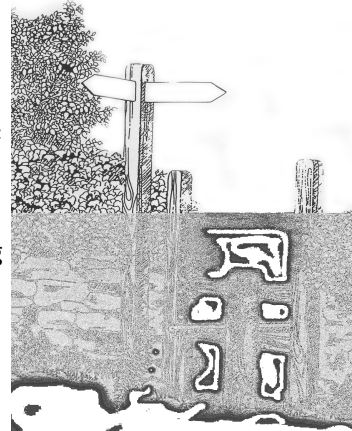
Annual Report 2007/08 to the parish

Public Rights of Way Committee

The committee that monitors and maintains the footpaths in the Parish has continued work during 2007 and will continue into 2008/2009. Following a competitive tendering process, a new contractor has been awarded the local maintenance partnership tender to maintain the paths for 2008/09. Additionally, the County Council's Heritage & Countryside Service completed a review of the parish public rights of way in January 2008 and held a follow up meeting with the public rights of way committee to discuss the footpath work identified in the review. While there were no major works identified, the Service will be completing strengthening and repair works during the early summer months.

The Public Rights of Way Committee members are:

Roger Cullingham, Chairman
Diane Baker
Catherine Brunsdon
Cllr Christine Hordley
Cllr Ian Horrell
Cllr David Lobban
Cllr Beryl Martin



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Christine Hordley
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David Lobban
Beryl Martin, District Councillor
Richard Masson, Chairman
Dave Roberts
Mike Todd
Kay Willisson
Bernard Wooster

Our year began with the parish council elections. Your council comprises thirteen members and while it was encouraging to welcome some new faces it was still necessary to co-opt a few individuals to make up our complement.

In the past year a great deal of your council's time was taken up with proposals for the new unitary County Council, known as OneCornwall. Your councillors have attended many meetings and presentations but the final scheme has yet to emerge. Change is inevitable and it will affect us all but no matter what the final outcome, your parish council see it as their main priority to ensure that services to parishioners are maintained or improved.

For the last four years your council has been concerned with the provision of affordable housing for local residents. In April plans were approved at District level for a scheme at Upton Cross; funding is in place and we expect work to begin this summer. There will be 12 new homes ranging from single occupancy units to a four bed-roomed family home. If you are interested please contact the Affordable Housing Team on 01579 341381.

Continued progress has been made on the collection of recyclable materials and doorstep collections are now parish wide. The collection centre at Sterts is still well supported but is often spoiled by selfish individuals using it as a dumping ground.

We strive to effect safety improvements on our roads. The speed restriction at Minions has now been extended and your council continue to press for traffic calming at Upton Cross in the vicinity of the school.

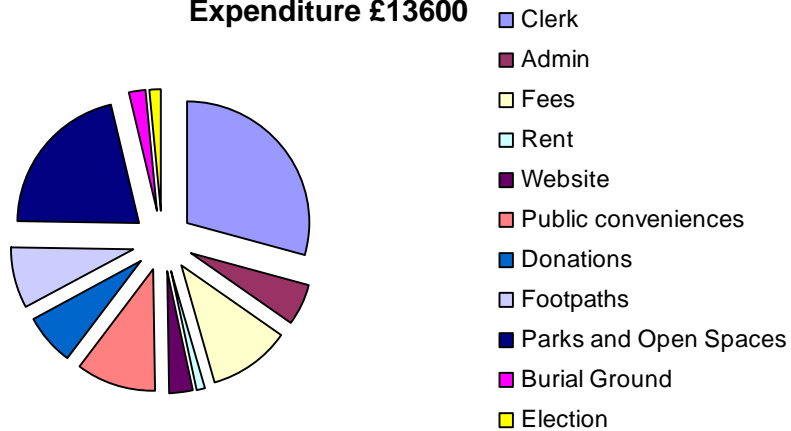
The planning element of your council's work progresses normally and we have dealt with over 70 applications in the past year. We are fortunate to have the skilled help of two of your councillors who are professionals in this field.

I have not yet mentioned the help we receive from our local police officer who attends our meetings regularly. Similarly, the support from our County and District Councillors is unwavering. The Public Rights of Way Committee is similarly unrelenting in its work, keeping the footpaths in good order, producing the walks booklets and organising events. We are also fortunate in having an energetic and knowledgeable Parish Clerk to keep us all in line. My thanks are due to all of these people without whom the job would be impossible.

Richard Masson, Chairman

Financial Report

Expenditure £13600



Expenditure in 2007/08 has increased slightly on the previous year with the additional costs arising from:

- ?? Increased maintenance costs of Jubilee Field, including the replacement of the two gates, minor repairs to the play equipment and also the purchase of the goal post last autumn
- ?? hedge maintenance and tree work in the civic burial ground
- ?? re-tiling of the ladies toilets arising from health and safety concerns
- ?? completion of the new refreshed website for the parish
- ?? refurbishment of parish benches and replacement of plaques where missing
- ?? the ever increasing costs of insurance
- ?? increased Clerk costs to reflect more accurately the hours worked
- ?? election year charges from Caradon District Council.

Maintenance costs of the public rights of way remained at the previous year's level.

Overall the level of income was up slightly on the previous year. The parish council reviewed their banking arrangements and interest earned on money held over the course of the year increased substantially on the previous year. Additionally, the parish council established a working group to refresh the parish plan document and the group were successful in obtaining a grant of £2251 to cover the costs of the work which will take place in 2008/09. However, the grant from Caradon District Council for maintaining the public toilets at Upton Cross was reduced to nil in 2007/08 with the full cost now being borne by the parish. If anyone would like a full copy of the end of year financial statement please contact the Clerk.

Donations have been made to the following organisations:

Anglican Cemeteries –for maintenance of the burial ground	100.00
Methodist Cemetery –for maintenance of the burial ground	100.00
Parson's Meadow– for maintenance of the field	300.00
Citizen's Advice Bureau	100.00
Victim Support	50.00
Samaritans	50.00
Cornwall Playing Fields Association	50.00
Cruse Bereavement	50.00
Cornwall Women's Refuge Trust	50.00
Linkinhorne Luncheon Club	75.00

Income £20235

