

## PARISH OF PELYNT

### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING Meeting held in the Village Hall on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 7.00pm.

#### PRESENT

Cllr K Wakeham (Chairman)	Cllr P Evans
Cllr E Gibbs	Cllr C Beall
Cllr W E R Philp	Cllr S Smith
Cllr C Puckey	Cllr J R Philp
Cllr A Taylor – arrived 7.19pm	Cllr R Pugh

Eleven members of the public and PCSO S Cocks were also in attendance.

#### 1. P0078 APOLOGIES

Cllr J Nyman, PCSO S Cocks.

#### 2. P0079 MATTERS ARISING

No matters arising received.

#### 3. P0080 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Parish has had a busy year again with various developments which will provide open market housing, affordable housing and eco holiday lets. The new play area project has started and is now waiting for funding to be released and additional funding to be arranged. As Trustees of the Village Hall it's good to see the refurbishments completed and the changes being welcomed by most users. Additional salt bins were provided this year and in place just in time for the spell of bad weather. The Parish took part in commemorating the centenary year of the end of World War I by lighting a beacon and ringing of the church bells. Thanks to Cllr John Philp for arranging and lighting the beacon on his land and to the bell ringers for taking part. Two speed monitors were purchased this year by the Parish Council to try and resolve speeding issues in the village. Another idea being looked into is a pedestrian refuge for pedestrians to cross the road safely this would be close to the village hall. Highways have the final say on the position of the island and this was the only area they would support because of visibility issues. Two new councillors have joined the Parish Council this year and I would like to thank them for joining us. I would also like to thank members of the public who attend meetings it's nice to see so many of you every month and we value your comments and suggestions. I would like to thank members of the Council, Cllr Richard Pugh and the Clerk for their support during the year.

#### 4. P0081 CORNWALL COUNCILLORS REPORT – Cllr R Pugh In full as received.

The last year has been very frustrating full of issues that should be done but for one reason or another have not been done. The drain in Richmond Road still overflows, the parking area in Luffman Close has not been devolved to the Parish Council, the enforcement at Greystone Pool has not been expedited and still problems exist at Pennellick Farm. All issues with Cornwall Council that require constant pressure to try and get them completed. Most unsatisfactory but the evergreen excuse of the lack of funding always prevails. Two out of three new building developments have commenced which will supply affordable homes for Pelynt residents. I must congratulate the Parish Council for completing the installation of the VAS speed visors – a great addition to road safety. My £400 Community Chest money was used for a loft ladder in the Village Hall. We know that Pelynt will join Looe West in two years time and that my existing area has been redistributed in all directions, it does not exist anymore. We have once again filled many potholes but extra funding for roads has made the process quicker. I would like to thank Kevin and all of the Parish Council members for their help and support. I try to give you the best advice, when requested, that I can offer. I would especially like to thank Jan for everything she does for the Parish Council and the Parish, her help and support has been immense. I would like to thank everyone who attends the meetings every month, your input is very valuable. It has been a good year for the Lanreath/Pelynt mini bus. The bus account has £4000 in the bank and we thank you for your contribution towards the running costs. The mileage is about 11,500, the annual costs for insurance, road tax and ten week checks amounts to £2000.

#### 5. P0082 REPORTS FROM:-

##### a) Pelynt Academy Headteacher – In full as received.

Mrs Edwards, Head Teacher was unable to send a report at this time.

##### b) Pelynt Parochial Church Council – In full as received.

On 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2018, after due notice, the five parishes of Lanreath, Lansallos, Lanteglos by Fowey, Pelynt and Talland became one United Benefice – The Benefice of Trelawny - with Rev'd Marilyn Elliott as the Rector and Rev'd Gary Eve continuing as the curate. There was much celebration on Trelawny Day (30<sup>th</sup> June) when Bishop Trelawny's coffin plate, which was stolen from the church eighteen months previously was returned, having been purchased in a charity shop in Norfolk, along with two books, for the princely sum of £5. The coffin plate has undergone restoration and a service of celebration for its return is being planned for 3p.m.on

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May. Our work with children and young families is crucial and so I am delighted that in addition to monthly 'Collective Worship' and 'Open the Book' in school, we were able to host another successful 'Experience Day' for them in Church - when staff and pupils alike 'Experienced Christmas'. It was also good to welcome the whole school into Church for Harvest and their Nativity in December. A group also joined the Armistice Day Service which also commemorated the end of the First World War, when they took an active part in the service and laid a wreath. There have also been visits from Pelynt Pre-school at Easter, Harvest and Christmas. During the year there were a number of "occasional offices" which included six funeral/memorial services (plus four at Glyn Valley) and two baptisms. The wider community is invited to join Church life as much as possible with Harvest supper, Trelawny Day, coffee mornings, Pelynt Male Voice Choir concerts and many fund raising events which help to bring people together; and of course everyone is welcome to join us for our regular worship. The parish magazine continues as one of our major elements of outreach – thanks to Jan Cook for producing it and the group of dedicated people who deliver it to every home in the parish. The Church is open daily and everyone is welcome to browse 'The History Exhibition' (thanks here to Carol Vivian's research and hard work in putting the displays together) or sit quietly to think and pray. By far the most challenging thing we had to face in 2018 was the greater responsibility now devolved to the Deanery and a considerable amount of time and effort was spent discussing the way our MMF (Mission and Ministry Fund) contribution to the Diocese is calculated – which from 2019 onwards will be on a 'cost' basis. This has now lead to the 'Deanery Plan' – that is where clergy are deployed across the Deanery - bearing in mind that we will now be expected to pay for the ministry we have. So that raises two questions – firstly, can we afford the luxury of two priests, albeit one being part time? And secondly, can we manage with less? I am sure this topic will cause a great deal of debate in the coming months – at least I hope you will all engage with, and pray about the real issues we are facing in the very near future. Finally we are very grateful for the close cooperation we receive from the Parish Council and thank you most sincerely for all the help and support you give us.

c) **Methodist Chapel – In full as received.**

The weekly Sunday Services at 11am continue as usual with 2 of the Services being united with The Parish Church. Community outreach is important to us with our Monthly lunches on the third Wednesday of the month, Memory Cafe on the third Thursday of the month and C Club on the first Monday of the month. Work on upgrading the lighting to environmentally friendly, cost effective systems has recently been completed.

d) **Village Hall – In full as received.**

Finances are stated to be stable and the amount of bookings is very good. The refit of the kitchen and toilets has generally been well received, however a letter was received from a parishioner regarding the alterations to the village hall. The ladies who provide the teas etc. when events are held are finding it difficult to cope with the one remaining hatch on health and safety grounds. It was decided to alter the layout of the various events, moving more stalls on to the stage and clearing the space in front of the exits and serving hatch for safety reasons. Pelynt Secret Army – an army of men were recruited secretly from the surrounding villages during the war in case the country was invaded. Seven men were recruited from Pelynt and there is a request from John Jolliffe to have a plaque and a seat somewhere in the village to commemorate them. These could be erected on the piece of land outside the front of the village hall. Mr Jolliffe is contacting the men's relatives for their approval to be included and then funds would be needed to be raised by local people. Caretaking – a list has been drawn up of committee members who volunteered to be on a daily rota for checking that the hall is kept in a clean and tidy condition. Provision of a book to be signed when the premises have been checked to be kept in the kitchen. The committee is still seeking funding to upgrade the Gents' toilet, and the flat roof will need attention in due course owing to a possible leak. In conclusion, the village hall is well used by many organisations and is a great asset for the village.

e) **Royal British Legion – In full as received.**

The Pelynt and Lanreath Branch of the Royal British Legion is still thriving and, at present has 62 members. As last year, a strong committee is in place and our Chairman Paul Cook continues as our hard working leader. We have an interesting programme of events covering the year and are pleased to receive the support that we do, both from members of the community and local businesses, also from the new proprietor at our established headquarters The Jubilee Inn. Branch activities enable us to contribute to The Poppy Appeal, this last year in excess of £5K and to the County Legion Welfare Fund and in this way support and help those less fortunate than ourselves. I would like to take this opportunity to make it clear that our events, coffee mornings etc., are open to all members of the public, everyone is welcome. We have each month between 35/40 people attending our coffee mornings and they are great enjoyable social get togethers.

f) **Women's Institute - In full as received.**

The group is continuing to meet and all is well.

g) **Pelynt Male Voice Choir –**

Pelynt Male Choir have had another very successful year. We have entertained in many venues around the county and further afield. One of the highlights of the year was our annual away trip to Derbyshire where we

performed two concerts, one with a school jazz band and one with a brass band, and also had the chance to perform a short concert in Chatsworth House. As usual we had a very enjoyable weekend and look forward to our trip to Sussex at the end of April this year. Another highlight of the year was being asked to sing with 3 other choirs at The Royal Cornwall Show to Prince Charles to celebrate his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday. We pride ourselves that we raise large amounts of money for charities whilst enjoying ourselves and entertaining people. For several years now we have held a charity supper thanks to our wives and supporters and raise over £1000 a year for the Cancer charity, Relay for Life. We particularly enjoy singing in the village at events to celebrate Bishop Trelawny and to support the Royal British Legion. We are always looking for new members. If you are interested please contact our Chairman or Secretary.

**h) Gardening Club – In full as received.**

Due to lack of support, the Garden Club still has not been able to continue with monthly meetings, but we shall be running the Summer Show as usual on Saturday, 20th July to be opened this year by Roger Philp.

**i) History Club – In full as received.**

The History Club continues to meet nine times each year and has maintained a good level of support both from the village and surrounding areas. It is encouraging to see that many new people in the village are now joining us, all showing a real interest in the history of the local area and wider Cornwall. Our visiting speakers during the past year have given talks on a wide variety of subjects ranging from ‘Industrial Archaeology of the Tamar Valley’, ‘Your Cornish House’, and ‘Cornish Milestones’. We have also had talks from our local historians on ‘Polperro through other’s eyes’, ‘Looe Museum’ and ‘Memories of Lanreath School’ The programme is already prepared for next year and we look forward to continued support each month.

**j) Thursday Club – In full as received.**

The Club continues to thrive with a good attendance, although new members are always welcome. There is no membership fee, just an attendance charge of £2 which includes coffee and biscuits and a raffle. A varied range of Speakers present on a wide range of subjects each month. The Club also holds social events. The Chairman would like to thank all those on the Committee for their continued and valuable support to make the Club a success. Thursday Club meet on the last Thursday of each month. Events are always advertised in the Parish Magazine and on the Village Hall notice board.

**k) Pelynt Players/Sound Baths/Soul Sisters – In full as received.**

Soul Sisters and SoundBaths continue to have regular meetings in the hall throughout the year. Pelynt Players have also used the hall for Cinderella. The refurbished kitchen has been brilliant and has been appreciated by all. All groups feel gratitude for having a hall in our village.

**l) Beavers Club – In full as received.**

No report received.

**m) Pelynt Social Club – In full as received.**

Pelynt Social Club is bucking the market trend and continues to go from strength to strength with more members and longer opening hours. This combined with the growth of our tenant, Pelynt Stores, has made the site a very busy place indeed. The club is host to around 20 teams of sports and games as diverse as football and bingo, euchre and billiards. The planned takeaway is proving as difficult to deliver as Brexit, but we hope to provide the village with a new food facility by the end of the year. The car park will be resurfaced in the near future as the massive growth of traffic is taking its toll on the surface. The growth of new homes in the village and the consequential increase in the population will hopefully enable us to welcome more new members.

**n) Pelynt Young Farmers**

Cllr Andy Taylor reported that the Young Farmers group is the second smallest club in Cornwall with a young and active membership. Last year the group raised £7000 for charity by organising various events. The Young Farmers have also been involved in community projects including power washing the Village hall and tidying the adjacent flower bed. The Young Farmers will also help this year in running the annual village event of Trelawny Fair to raise funds for Macmillan and the Air Ambulance.

**6. P0083 PARISH PROBLEMS**

Some residents expressed the opinion that the recently installed VAS monitors were not slowing vehicles down through the Village. They felt that the provision of a road refuge, in conjunction with the proposed island at the north end of the village, being provided by the developers of Trelawny Parc would be beneficial. The VAS vehicle speed logging system will be downloaded by the clerk to enable members to see recorded details of traffic speeds. A complaint was received regarding vehicles associated with the development sites parking on the road and in Luffman Close causing visibility issues, the clerk will contact site managers. It was resolved to accept the above reports for the Annual Parish Meeting.

**Proposed Cllr W E R Philp.**

**Seconded Cllr C Beall.**

**All agreed.**

**The meeting closed at 7.30pm.**