

Neighbourhood Plan and I wish them every success. I think the plan is very important for Pelynt as it is the only real method of controlling how big Pelynt will grow. The Minibus is being used again with the resumption of the Liskeard Trip on a Monday and Truro at the end of the month. The two drivers are Derek Stephenson from Lanreath and Geoff Bowyer from Pelynt and at the moment they are taking 3 people from Pelynt and two from Lanreath on the Liskeard shopping trip. Due to Covid the bus can only carry eight instead of 15. The bus is still having 10 week tests with the cost increased to £95 from £40. The bus has only covered 300 miles in the last year. This is only a flavour of what we have covered this year but I have enjoyed my time attending all the Zoom meetings for the last 12 months. I would like to thank Kevin who has been an excellent Chairman and the rest of the parish council for all their hard work and dedication. I would like to thank Jan for all her hard work. We have emailed and spoken so many times this year to sort out problems. I try not to call on a Tuesday or Thursday but sometimes it cannot be helped. Thank you Jan.

5. P0088 REPORTS FROM:-

a) Pelynt Academy Headteacher

No report received.

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

This has been an unusual year in so many ways. The first lockdown saw the Church closed for services so contact and support was maintained through phone calls and emails. We were allowed to open for certain occasions, which necessitated removing many moveable objects and a programme of deep cleaning, enabling us to hold one wedding, two funerals and three internment of ashes. We have managed to hold four general services and have kept the Church open for private prayer on a Wednesday. On each occasion the rules on distancing and the wearing of masks were obeyed and with no singing of hymns it was certainly services with a difference. In July we were able to hold a meeting and picnic outside to say goodbye to the Revd Marilyn as she started her retirement. Marilyn and her husband, David, had been with us for over seven years and they had worked hard to keep the Church central to village life and to integrate us into the new Benefice of Trelawny. Their hard work and dedication has been much appreciated and we all wish them a long and happy retirement. A Transition Team, representing all five parishes in the Benefice, soon produced a ‘Statement of Needs’ and advertising for a new Rector began. Interviewing candidates over Zoom was a new experience but after only seven months we were delighted to welcome the Revd Richard Allen as our new Rector. He and his wife, Harriet, moved into the Rectory in February and have already started to involve themselves in village life. The Church is now slowly starting to open for services and private prayer and we hope that we may be able to be fully open by May.

c) Methodist Chapel – In full as received.

Pelynt Methodist Church resumed Services for Christmas and after the last lockdown opened again on Easter Sunday and is open for regular Sunday Services. We look forward to welcoming all back to monthly Lunches, Memory Cafe and C Club which will start again as soon as it is safe to do so.

d) Village Hall – In full as received.

The Village Hall has been closed for nearly a year while lockdown restrictions have been in place. During this time we have allowed the surgery to use the hall for flu vaccinations and a meeting and these events were given free of charge. The hall has been equipped with sanitiser and wipes and at all times we have ensured that COVID19 guidance is stringently followed. We have been fortunate to receive the Business Support Grants that have been applied for without which the hall finances would be in a critical state so we’re very grateful for the funding received. Most groups are now eager to return and are making enquiries about start dates so hopefully our doors will be open again soon.

e) Royal British Legion – In full as received.

The Royal British Legion is one hundred years old this year as is the Pelynt and Lanreath Branch. In common with other organisations our charity has struggled since the beginning of the Covid pandemic to operate in our usual manner. Having said that, although we have not been able to hold any social/fundraising events since March last year, our Branch Community Support officer, Janet Edwards, has continued to contact and support, where appropriate, any member on a regular basis. Our Chairman Paul Cook wrote to every member in January this year to explain that whilst we are always there, if needed, we have been told not to arrange any events at present. I feel sure that I can speak for all our members and friends when I say that we miss our monthly coffee mornings and other special events and will be pleased to see them resume. However, we cannot organise any activities until such time as our charity gives us permission to do so at which time our committee will meet and organise a calendar and arrange publicity.

f) Women’s Institute - In full as received.

Pelynt WI is hoping to restart on July 8th 2021 if the government allows. We would like to book the hall for that date and going forward on the 2nd Thursday of the month if allowed. We will not be able to attend the Zoom meeting because our members are not into computers and some of them have tried it and did not enjoy the experience. The members in the village have managed to keep in contact with each other and those of us

who live outside by telephone. It appears that most members will be coming back to Pelynt WI when it all re opens and it will be good to have the social contact once more.

g) **Pelynt Male Voice Choir – In full as received.**

The last event for the Choir was at Peranzabulo Church on 8th March 2020, when our conductor John Trethewey, was awarded the St Piran Cross presented by the Bishop of Truro. Since then the choir has held weekly Zoom meetings each Tuesday and tried as best we can to sing some of our repertoire. We've also held virtual social evenings with our wives included and this has kept the choir family together. We are looking forward to returning to regular practices in Pelynt Chapel possibly in the summer and then to start giving concerts again.

h) **Gardening Club**

No report received.

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

The History Club normally meets in the Village Hall on the second Wednesday of the month at 7pm, between the months of September and May. There are generally between twenty and thirty members who are charged £2 entry each session. Due to present circumstances these meetings have not taken place this year but a full and interesting programme of speakers has been arranged for the coming year when everyone will be most welcome to join us.

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

The Club only met a few times due to Covid. Membership was very good and increasing monthly. We hope to commence our monthly meetings as soon as regulations permit us to. Our 2021 programme is already planned with an excellent selection of speakers. We meet in the village hall on the last Thursday of each month. The cost is £2 per entry including refreshments and a raffle ticket. The Committee looks forward to seeing everyone again in the not too distant future.

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

Sadly Greg and I have not been able to utilise the Village Hall for our various events since early March of last year, just prior to lockdown. The nature of our gatherings and amount of attendees meant we couldn't run any of our groups even when the hall was operational. This included Pantomime, Soul Sisters, Soul Brothers, Didge Club and Sound Baths. All of the community offerings we do so enjoy have been in stasis throughout the pandemic. We look forward to returning when it is permitted. There will be many logistics to overcome including social distancing for on stage/back stage and audience for pantomime. Greg's Didgeridoo playing and my vocals will remain an issue due to aerosol droplets from our breath, as will playing instruments over our Sound Bath attendees. Our other groups often rely on sitting in a circle or at tables in close proximity which forms a connective and valid part of the energy of our gatherings. All of our groups use the kitchen facility too for beverages. When groups over 6 indoors are permitted Greg and I will ensure we plan and risk assess each group and decide how/if/when we are able to hold the events again to ensure safe practice, efficient clean down and duty of care to our attendees and fellow hall users. In the meantime we will await the gradual unlocking of restrictions and directive from govt guidelines.

l) **Beavers Club**

No report received.

m) **Pelynt Social Club**

No report received.

n) **Pelynt Young Farmers**

No report received.

6. P0089 PARISH PROBLEMS

No issues received.

It was resolved to accept the above reports for the Annual Parish Meeting.

Proposed

Seconded

All agreed.

The meeting closed at 7.24pm.