

PARISH OF PELYNT

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING Meeting held in the Village Hall on 19th May 2022 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT

| | |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| Cllr K Wakeham (Chairman) | Cllr C Beall |
| Cllr B Garrett | Cllr S Smith |
| Cllr L Mattick | Cllr M Boxall |

Two members of the public were also in attendance - Mr B Eastley, Mr K Knight.

1. P0090 APOLOGIES

Cllr P Wright, Cllr J R Philp, Cllr E Hannaford.

2. P0091 MATTERS ARISING

No matters arising received.

3. P0092 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

It's been another productive year for the Council and I would like to thank all of the Councillors for their support, Jan for her hard work over the past year and Edwina for her help during this time. We have welcomed Molly and Benita to the Council and I hope that they are enjoying their first term as councillors. Council meetings are back to normal and I would like to thank everyone for adhering to the rules and wearing their masks. Over the past twelve months we have finalised the Car Park Management Scheme at Sentry Meadow, it was a time consuming task but finally we are sure that it will be suitable for visitors accessing the new graveyard without adding further burden on the Parish Council. We have finally agreed remedial works to be undertaken at Budleigh Water, it was another long and drawn out negotiation but we are pleased that Highways has agreed to return the ford to its natural state although we are still waiting for works to commence. Lynda and Paul took on the challenge of producing a Neighbourhood Plan and I am pleased to say it is progressing well, Molly and Benita are also involved with several residents who have volunteered. Neighbourhood Plans are extremely involved and time consuming, a consultant has been engaged and funding to progress the project will be undertaken shortly. I would just like to thank all involved with the Plan for their continued commitment and time spent which will benefit the Parish for years to come. Six hundred simple questionnaires were delivered to residents relating to play area equipment and although the number of replies returned was disappointing we decided to go ahead with inviting tenders from play equipment specialists. The project is being financed from S106 Agreement, Community Infrastructure Levy and Parish funds. The Council has submitted an Expression of Interest relating to the Highways Scheme to try and ease the parking issues at Luffman Close and we are waiting to see if our suggestion has been accepted. As this year is the Queen's Platinum Jubilee the Parish Council and Trelawny Fair Committee are arranging an afternoon of celebration to include music and a children's tea party, the WI and Young Farmers will be involved with the catering and various other activities are planned. A flowering cherry tree, donated by Forest for Cornwall, was planted on The Green during January to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, the event was attended by Rev Richard, Rear Admiral Mike Wood from the Lieutenantcy Office, Edwina, members of the Parish Council and the public, a plaque to go with the tree is being looked into. I would like to thank Geoffrey Maddever who cared for the tree until it could be planted. Lastly, we have managed to purchase a further two defibrillators which means that a larger area of the Parish is covered by this life saving equipment, the new units are installed at Oaklands Park and Pelynt Garage.

4. P0093 CORNWALL COUNCILLORS REPORT

No report received.

5. P0094 REPORTS FROM:-

a) Pelynt Academy Headteacher

No report received.

b) Pelynt Parochial Church Council

The church remains in good heart following the difficult years of the pandemic. Our usual pattern of worship is 1st Sunday 5pm Songs of Praise (Winter 4pm), 2nd Sunday 9.30am Joint Village service with the Methodist Church, 3rd Sunday 11am Joint at the Methodist Church, 4th Sunday Holy Communion 11am, 5th Sunday as advertised around the Trelawny Benefice. We also organise a number of outdoor family services which have included Rogation, Pets Service, Scarecrow Service, Equestrian Service, Tractor Service and outdoor Carols on the Green and Christingles. A Lambing Service was held at Frogmore Farm attended by 120 people which included around 40 children. New this summer will be a Combine Harvester Service! The Rector also takes an active role in the local primary school taking lessons and conducting assemblies and I have also run a cricket afternoon in the summer! The church of course serves the community offering weddings, baptisms and

funerals. Sadly the last few years have made it very difficult for the church to fundraise. Currently the church loses approx. £4,000 a year and cannot continue very much longer in its present form unless there is an upturn in its giving. The Diocese have put us through a process called On The Way where by each benefice has to be profitable to sustain a full time Rector. Trelawny Benefice has to raise £68,000 per year to do this. A short term fix has been agreed with the Trustees of St John`s Polperro and it is hoped to sell St Saviours, Polruan to be able to maintain ministry in the long term. We are doing our best and trying above all to reach a younger generation.

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

We continue to meet for Sunday services at 11.00am except on the second Sunday in the month when we worship with the Parish Church at 9:30am. On the first Monday in the month at 2.30pm we have C Club which is an informal get together with a cuppa, cake, chat, board games or bring your own knitting etc. On the second Wednesday in the month at 12.00 noon we do a Community Lunch. It is a cooked main course, choice of desserts, tea/coffee at a very reasonable price of £6. All welcome to all of the above.

d) **Village Hall – Report by Jan Cook**

The Village Hall is in good financial order, bookings have resumed and most organisations have returned. The exterior of the hall has been painted along with the back room and various improvements have been completed. The next project will be to upgrade the heating and lighting system to something more financially sustainable and to do this funding will need to be applied for. CCTV cameras are due to be installed and will cover both the back and front of the hall.

e) **Royal British Legion – Report by Jan Cook**

The RBL has resumed monthly coffee mornings at the Jubilee Inn on every third Friday of the month and although numbers have decreased slightly they are well attended. Various activities have been planned for the year including the Annual Lunch, cream teas at Trelawne Barton and attendance at the Queen`s Platinum Jubilee event after which we will start to organise details of the Poppy Appeal fortnight including the annual concert. The total raised last year was £3761.

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

On behalf of Pelynt WI there are no major issues or with the amenities in the Village Hall. Since we have been holding our meetings in the afternoons it has proved to be very beneficial to us as we have had more new members join and there are more showing an interest. We feel that we are in a good situation as clubs go.

g) **Pelynt Male Voice Choir – Report by Mr Bernard Eastley.**

Mr Eastley reported that the Choir has resumed weekly practice in the Methodist Chapel. Several charity concerts have been held one of which helped to raise £1000. The Choir has been involved with several events organised by Reverend Richard and these occasions have been well supported. Mr Eastley stated that although several members have retired from the Choir five new members have joined, new members are always welcome.

h) **History Club – Report by Mr Kevin Knight.**

Pelynt and District History Group re-started their programme in October 2021 following a long pandemic-related shutdown. We have had 7 meetings with only one cancellation in January due to concerns over the rapid transmission of the (new) omicron-variant of covid-19. The programme has been diverse this year and we have enjoyed presentations ranging from The Voyage of the Mayflower to a description of the first ascent of Everest by a Cornishman. A particularly well attended meeting related to village history when Molly Boxall opened her legendary archive of photographs and news cuttings. We are currently on summer recess and due to re-start in September with a full programme running until next May 2023.

i) **Thursday Club – Report by Mr Kevin Knight.**

Pelynt and District Thursday Club re-started the month earlier than History Group in September 2021. We have had 6 meetings in this period, one cancellation due to the omicron variant, and the December meeting being the Christmas lunch held at the village Social Club where we were entertained by the Pelynt Male Voice Choir. Topics have been varied, ranging from the curation of the Williams Caerhays mineral collection and its importance in identifying the source of gold in the German bronze age Sky Disk of Nabra, via Nick Bailey`s career in radio (Caroline to Classic FM) through to the floral diversity of the daffodil family. We have a programme to finish this current year and new speakers are currently being sought for 2023.

Mr Knight made some general comments. Both village clubs, however, are suffering serious drops in attendance since the first lockdown in 2020 despite advertising meetings via the village noticeboards, the Cornish Times, Facebook and Nextdoor and I am aware of at least one organisation outside the village that is also suffering with this problem. It isn`t clear how to attract former members back or to encourage new members to join, especially as the pandemic isn`t going away and our age demographic being what it is. The reduction in numbers coupled with the rising cost of speakers does have a negative effect on the finances of

small groups such as these. On behalf of both the Thursday Club and the History Group may I say we are very grateful to the Hall Management Committee for keeping the village hall fees at a reasonable cost.

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

After the hiatus to our Gatherings and Pelynt Players during the lockdowns Greg and I are delighted to be back with our groups, after a tentative start attendance is once again flourishing. We had to cancel pantomime at the beginning of this year thanks to omicron. We are now planning to direct a panto at the end of November /beginning of December.

k) **Pelynt Social Club**

No report received.

l) **Pelynt Young Farmers**

No report received.

6. P0095 PARISH PROBLEMS

It was stated that CCTV was required to cover the area of the Public Conveniences and should be installed as soon as possible.

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

Proposed Cllr K Wakeham.

Seconded Cllr C Beall.

All agreed.

The meeting closed at 7.25pm.