

PARISH OF PELYNT

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING Meeting held in the Village Hall on 30th May 2024 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT

Cllr K Wakeham (Chairman)	Cllr P Wright
Cllr J R Philp	Cllr S Smith
Cllr A Whitehead	Cllr B Garrott
Cllr A Taylor	Cllr M Boxall
Cllr L Mattick	Cllr J Candy

Two members of the public were also in attendance.

1. P0102 APOLOGIES

Cllr C Beall, PCSO S Cocks.

2. P0103 MATTERS ARISING

No matters arising.

3. P0104 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – Report in full by Cllr K Wakeham.

It has been a sad year with the passing of Cllr Edwina Hannaford and her unwavering support and experience will be greatly missed. I would like to congratulate Cllr Jim Candy who has been elected ward councillor and we look forward to working with him. I would also like to thank members of the Council for their support during the past year which hasn't always been easy. The Neighbourhood Plan is now well under way and Public Consultations are being held prior to the Plan being submitted to Cornwall Council and I would like to thank everybody involved for their hard work getting the Plan to this stage. Speeding through the village has always been an issue and the Parish Council expressed an interest under the Highways Scheme for installation of 40mph buffer zones at either end of the Village the request was approved and hopefully this will help to reduce traffic speed. The Parish Council has been negotiating with the Highways Department regarding planting trees along Summerlane verge however permission has not yet been granted due to underground services being affected and unsuitable tree species. It was decided that a beacon to commemorate the 80th anniversary of D Day on the 6th June at 9.15pm will be lit and Cllr John Philp will again provide the field and beacon for the occasion. Unfortunately, this year, the village experienced some mindless vandalism including a lot of damage to the Public Conveniences but the culprits have been identified and their parents informed, it has been agreed that the individuals will pay for the replacement items that were damaged. Much of the year has involved numerous meetings with the new owners of Jolly Park and their proposals for development. Public meetings have taken place and also several closed meetings held with the Parish Council and developers, the latter were attended by Cllrs Armand Toms and Colin Martin who are both experienced in development proposals. Our thanks must also be given to John Oxenham who represented the public at the closed meetings and he also has a great deal of knowledge relating to this type of development, the Parish Council are grateful for their advice and time. As no formal planning application has been submitted by SRG Parks the Parish Council has advised the developers to revert to the emerging Neighbourhood Plan for guidance on what the Parish is likely to approve and no further comments will be made until a formal planning application has been submitted. Negotiations have been difficult and members will continue to strive for the best outcome in terms of what the Parish requires from any proposed development. Finally, as in previous years, I would also like to thank Jan for her work during the year.

4. P0105 CORNWALL COUNCILLORS REPORT – Cllr J Candy.

Cllr Candy's report included attending the opening of Talons who are providing visits for children with specialist needs. It was noted that the new waste/recycling provision has been reasonably successful in Pelynt but other areas are experiencing a number of problems. The issue of empty and second homes has been raised with members at Full Council meetings. The problem of speeding through the village has been discussed with Highways and information from the VAS monitors has been requested. There are discussions underway to reopen the public conveniences in Talland. Cllr Candy stated that he monitors Pelynt Whingers as a source of casework and to keep up to date with any issues arising. Cllr J R Philp questioned why Cornwall Council had provided new bins for waste and recycling when some residents were not using them stating that it was an unnecessary waste of public funds. Cllr Candy replied that it was for containment of rubbish to deter sea gulls and to ensure operators safety when handling sensitive/harmful waste.

5. P0106 REPORTS FROM:-

a) Pelynt Academy Headteacher

No report received.

- b) **Pelynt Parochial Church Council – Report in full received from Mrs S Morrell-Davies PCC Secretary.**
 During the past year we have had a full pattern of services and events. In May we were able to celebrate the Coronation with a special service and joined in with the celebrations in the Village. On Trelawny Day we again welcomed members of the Trelawny Family as we listened to an illustrated talk in the Village Hall, followed by refreshments, before we moved to the Church for a service and concert with the Pelynt Male Choir. The Summer Fayre and Christmas Fayre were again very popular and helped us to raise much needed funds for the running of the Church. Throughout the year we have had many services and events outside, on the Village Green, at the Village Hall and on local farms. These have proved to be most popular and have attracted many local families. We have been grateful to Pelynt Male Choir who have joined us on many of these occasions. A variety of pets, horses and their riders, sheep, cattle and tractors have all played their part and have proved to be very popular as we have tried to involve ourselves in the life and work of the local community. We were again grateful for the help and organisation by the Young Farmers with our Harvest celebrations. The Harvest Supper and auction they organised in the Village Hall was well attended and thoroughly enjoyable. All monies raised were given to charity or the local foodbank. This proved to be a very happy, social occasion. The children have been encouraged to participate wherever possible. The Easter Egg hunt was most popular as was the making of the Christingles and decorations at Christmas. The many animals, horses and the tractors were a great attraction as was the bouncy castle which appeared on several occasions. We continue to maintain our close links with the Methodist Church and combine for two services each month as well as supporting each other's events. A member of the PCC attends the Methodist Council meetings and a Member of the Methodists attends PCC meetings. We are all learning new ways of sharing our worship and are greatly encouraged by the continuing and growing support we are receiving.
- c) **Methodist Chapel – Report in full as received from Mrs J Roose Senior Steward.**
 In addition to our well established Services and events we have started a Coffee Morning on the first Friday of each month in aid of various charities. From the beginning of September we welcome the Revd Stuart Reed to the area, he will be living in Looe and will have Pastoral responsibility of our Chapel along with 6 others.
- d) **Village Hall – Report by Jan Cook Treasurer.**
 The hall remains to be well used by various groups, birthday parties, fairs and concerts and is in a good financial position. The new heating has been problematic but hopefully the issues are nearly resolved. In addition to new heating the lights have been changed to LED fittings and this should reduce electricity costs which have been quite high due to the cold weather experienced recently. The next project is to finish the back room this will include replacing the carpet, hanging curtains and an additional heating unit, money donated by the Gardening Club which has now ceased to operate, will be used for this project.
- e) **Royal British Legion – Report in full as received from Mr Paul Cook Pelynt/Lanreath RBL Chairman.**
 Although we have an elderly membership we are a very active branch. There is a monthly coffee morning, special events including cream teas in the Autumn and near Christmas and a bingo session which always gets a bit rowdy! Coming up on the 6th June which marks the 80th anniversary of D Day we have a short service with wreath laying at the War Memorial at 10am and this also involves the school who will lay their own wreath at 9.30am. There will be an afternoon tea and cakes in the Village Hall and in the evening lighting of the Beacon at Tremaine Farm at 9.15pm. On Sunday 9th June a Church service taken by Mr John Feesey, President of the branch, will be held at St Nun's. We are delighted that the Poppy Appeal so far stands at £5164 and are always grateful for the support of residents and sponsors in helping the Legion to raise these amounts.
- f) **Women's Institute – Report in full as received from Angela Wills, Secretary.**
 The Pelynt WI had a busy year last year and it started with the March 2023 meeting with the AGM when the main jobs remained the same. Paula Wakeham as President, Angela Wills as Secretary and Lynda Mattick as Treasurer. We had a busy year with not only having different speakers each month on all different subjects but we did have a few outings like visiting Prideaux House and Gardens and going to the Hall for Cornwall to see Titanic the Musical. Some of us also visited Hessenford WI when they had their 50th anniversary tea and to Lanreath WI for a concert by Champagne Cornwall. We also welcomed Looe Valley Singers who entertained us at our December Meeting which was our Christmas Party and a good time was had by all. For the longer trips we hired the Pelynt Community Bus. Our members rose to 27.
- g) **Pelynt Male Voice Choir – Report as given By James Moon at the April meeting of the Parish Council.**
 The Choir remains very active and are involved in a wide variety of events including supporting charities and the community. Membership is static and new members are always welcome to join our sociable group who have recently been awarded the Presidents Plate for the Federation of Male Voice Choirs.
- h) **History Club – Report in full as received from Mrs S Morrell-Davies.**
 The Pelynt History Club has met nine times throughout the year. We have listened to speakers on a wide variety of topics enabling us to learn more about local history and important events that have taken place. We are very grateful to the speakers who have often travelled from across the county to entertain us. Numbers

attending each session have been variable and we are hoping to see a better level of support next year.

- i) **Thursday Club**
No report received.
- j) **Pelynt Players/Sound Baths/Soul Sisters/Soul Brothers/Drum Circle/Didge Club – Report received from Mrs Lucinda Walton and Mr Greg Walton.**
Greg and I have used the hall over the last twelve months for various gatherings and circles, including retreat days and wellbeing events. We have also directed the pantomime with regular rehearsals through the Autumn and performances We are currently chair and secretary of the Hall Committee and are happy to carry on. The hall is a wonderful asset to the village which we take personal pride in.
- k) **Pelynt Social Club**
No report received.
- l) **Pelynt Young Farmers**
No report received.
- m) **Trelawny Fair – Report by Cllr Kevin Wakeham.**
Cllr K Wakeham reported that plans for the Trelawny Fair on the 7th July are well underway, there is a good team in place who are helped by Pelynt Young Farmers. The format this year is mainly the same as in previous years with some additional attractions. The event raised £1500 last year and the monies were given to the Young Farmers to benefit their two main charities. This year the fair will be opened by Molly Boxall.

6. P0101 PARISH PROBLEMS
None raised.

The above Minutes were accepted as a true record at the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 27th March 2025.

Proposed Cllr J R Philp.

Seconded Cllr A Taylor.

All agreed.

The meeting closed at 7.33pm.