

PARISH OF PELYNT

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING Meeting held in the Village Hall on 27th March 2025 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT

Cllr K Wakeham (Chairman)	Cllr P Wright
Cllr J R Philp	Cllr S Smith
Cllr A Whitehead	Cllr J Oxenham
Cllr A Taylor	Cllr M Boxall
Cllr J Candy	

Six members of the public were also in attendance.

1. P0108 APOLOGIES

Cllr L Mattick, Cllr B Garrott.

2. P0109 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on the 30th May 2024 were signed off as a true record.

Proposed Cllr J R Philp.

Seconded Cllr A Taylor.

All agreed.

3. P0110 MATTERS ARISING

No matters arising.

4. P0111 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – Report in full by Cllr K Wakeham.

As this is an election year my report will be short. I would like to thank everyone for their help and support during the last year especially those councillors who will not be standing for re-election. The Parish continues to have a number of clubs and organisations for residents to enjoy although some groups are struggling to find volunteers to help. Hopefully new people will come forward to take on various responsibilities so that residents can continue to enjoy a varied selection of interesting talks and activities. No doubt it will be a challenging year ahead and we are likely to see new faces join the Parish Council and I look forward to working alongside my fellow councillors to resolve any issues on behalf of residents that may arise.

5. P0112 CORNWALL COUNCILLORS REPORT – Cllr J Candy.

Cllr Candy stated that it was a pleasure to be at the Annual Parish meeting and added that it was a shame that more residents didn't attend to hear what had been happening in the Parish during the past twelve months.

6. P0113 REPORTS FROM:-

a) Pelynt Academy Headteacher

No report received.

b) Pelynt Parochial Church Council – Report received read on behalf of Mrs S Morrell-Davies PCC Secretary.

It has been another extremely busy year with a full pattern of services and events held in Church, on the Village Green, in the Village Hall and on local farms. We have been very grateful for all the support we have been given and the enthusiastic reception we have received. We have been joined by a variety of pets, horses and their riders, sheep, cattle, tractors and farm equipment and often led in praise by Pelynt Male Choir. We have been able to celebrate each aspect of the church year involving so many people in the local community. On Trelawny Day we welcomed members of the Trelawny family to our usual celebration and they also joined us as we hosted the Trelawny Plate ceremony where the worthy recipient was Edward Richardson, who has done so much valuable work for the farming community in Cornwall. The Summer and Christmas Fayres provided two good social occasions for the village and we are grateful for all the help and support we receive on these occasions. 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. We have continued to welcome the school children into Church and have been delighted by their enthusiastic singing on so many occasions. The Easter Egg hunt was most popular as was the making of the Christingles and decorations at Christmas. We have been delighted to participate in so many new ways of sharing our worship, including the National Online Service every six weeks. This gives us great encouragement for the future.

c) Methodist Chapel – Report received read on behalf of Mrs J Roose Senior Steward.

Our weekly Services which are now united with the Parish Church every week alternating between both Churches and the monthly coffee mornings, lunches and C Club continue. Another mission we have

undertaken is packing shoeboxes for deprived children aged 2-14 years, last year we sent 92 to Rotary International for distribution mainly abroad. If anyone would like details of suitable items we are collecting please contact the Senior Steward.

d) **Village Hall – Report by Mrs Jan Cook Treasurer.**

The Village Hall continues to be well used although we have lost a couple of groups this year. Last year the hall ran at a loss some of which can be explained as payments from hirers not being received before the year end. We are still having issues with the overhead heaters, two of which are not working. Greg is trying to resolve the issue with the provider but feels the time might be right to replace the units, the Pelynt Players have said they will give money to help with replacements. Our main outlay is the cost of electricity and several groups, especially those that involve older people, have complained that the hall is too cold. The Management Committee need to meet to decide if hiring charges should be raised to cover the increased costs of electricity but the balancing act is trying to keep the hall available to users at an affordable cost or to lose hirers.

e) **Royal British Legion – Report received read on behalf of Mr Paul Cook Pelynt/Lanreath RBL Chairman.**

We have a very active branch even though our membership is considered quite elderly. There is a monthly coffee morning in the Village Hall which is always well attended and we must give our thanks to Pauline Bettinson for her help organising the event. Special events include a cream tea in the Autumn, mince pies and cream near Christmas and a bingo session at some point during the year. On the 6th June which marked the 80th anniversary of D Day we celebrated with a cream tea, cakes and music in the village hall which raised £295 for the Poppy Appeal. A Church service was held on Sunday the 9th June taken by John Feeseey and was very informative of events around that time and wreaths were laid. We are delighted that the Poppy Appeal fortnight raised £4810 and we are always grateful for the support of residents and sponsors in helping the Legion to raise these amounts. The Poppy Appeal concert this year will be held on Friday October 24th in the Church and refreshments afterwards at the Jubilee Inn and we have altered the time to 2pm which we feel will suit more people in the Parish.

f) **Women’s Institute – Report received read on behalf of Mrs Angela Wills, Secretary.**

The Pelynt WI had a busy year last year starting with the March 2024 meeting and 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 different speakers each month covering a variety of subjects and several outings visiting Pencarrow and gardens, going to the Hall for Cornwall to see Fairy Tale of New York and the Oggymen. Some of us also went to the Coffee Morning in Bodmin and we had other outings. We had a stall at Trelawney Fair which proved successful and Molly Boxall had the back room of the Hall for all her photographs on Village life. For our long distance outings we used the minibus as many of our members do not drive. Our numbers remain constant and we feel we are quite stable as a club. As our age group ranges from the 50s to the 90s additional heating in the Hall would be beneficial, the heaters generate little heat and we hope that this can be rectified by next winter.

g) **Pelynt Male Voice Choir – Report as given by Mr John Oxenham.**

The choir remains active with a full calendar of events booked in and we continue to support various charities whenever possible. Although some members have unfortunately left the choir new members have been welcomed and numbers are being maintained. The choir would like to thank the Parish Council for grant funding money received.

h) **History Club – Report from Mrs N Dobinson.**

Mrs Dobinson reported that she had taken over booking speakers for the Local History Society in September last year. Despite the short notice the club has had some interesting talks, notably Mark Camp’s talk on the Bulls of Morval and Carole Vivian’s descriptions of local barns and their methods of construction. Mrs Dobinson has begun putting together a programme of talks for next year but then received the devastating news of Kevin Knight’s imminent departure from the area, which leaves the group in desperate need of a Treasurer if they are to carry on. Thanks were given to Kevin Knight for all he has done for the Society, Molly Boxall for all her help, and Sheila Morrell-Davies for her continued support in her well-deserved retirement. The club hopes to find a way to carry on into the future.

i) **Thursday Club – Report by Mr John Jolliff**

The Thursday Club was initially started by the Pelynt Women’s Institute sixty years ago. There is a full programme of talks arranged for the next twelve months. Unfortunately a number of residents have not returned to the club since the pandemic.

j) **Pelynt Players – Report received read on behalf of Mrs Lucinda Walton and Mr Greg Walton.**

Pelynt Players used the hall for rehearsals and performances for our 2024 pantomime. As always, a great space providing us with a back stage and good audience seating along with the stage. The production was a success and enjoyed by many.

k) **Pelynt Old School Social Club – Report by the Club Chairman**

The Chairman informed the meeting that Pelynt Old School Social Club are arranging to have a business hub on their premises for residents to visit providing various business and personal advice. Details of future events for VE day were also given.

l) **Pelynt Young Farmers**

No report received.

m) **Trelawny Fair – Report by Cllr Kevin Wakeham.**

This is the twenty fifth year of the Trelawny Fair and last year proved to be the most successful. The committee, which now stands at ten volunteers, continues to add various attractions for the enjoyment of residents and the monies raised are given to charity organisations.

7. P0113 PARISH PROBLEMS

None raised.

The meeting closed at 7.25pm.

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