

Minutes of Mawgan Annual Meeting held in the Recreation Hall on Wednesday 21st May 2014 at 7 pm

Present

Councillor Kevin Roberts (Chairman)
 “ Shaun Lock (Vice-chairman)
 “ John Hatton
 “ Mrs Pearl Merton
 “ Chris Roberts
 “ Lindsay Hockley
 “ Vivian Benney
 “ Mrs Dot Spragg
 “ Anthony Hoskin
 “ Walter Sanger (Cornwall Council)
 8 public from Rosevear

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Colin Chapman and the Police.

MINUTES

The minutes of the last Annual Meeting, were read, confirmed and signed.

FINANCE

The financial statement, which had previously been circulated, was discussed and the Clerk answered members' questions. It showed an end of year balance of £4361.78. It was resolved that the accounts be adopted.

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

The Chairman; Cllr Kevin Roberts gave his address:

The start of the year is always a highlight in our parish with Feast Week and we were lucky with the weather last year. Gweek Silver Band played their summer playlist for the first time on Feast Sunday. The public are reminded that this is a free concert and a great start to the week. This is followed with the church evening event, children's sports, quiz night, parish walk/with country dancing thrown in for good measure and bingo. There is something for every parishioner and each event is arranged or involved in by at least one parish Cllr. The week finishes with the Recreation Hall Committee Feast Saturday; with a little change layout wise, and supported by our stalwart organisers Jacqui Laity and Stuart Richards to name two of many. The day was very well supported, with lots to do like the free tug of war, which may have got out of hand and the day finished with Jacqui Laity's fantastic raffle. Nearly every household went home with a prize! A pub after show party rounded off a great day.

We decided to review the parish plan and were encouraged by the number of residents taking an interest, with constructive comments, which will be published soon. It also

highlighted the need to see parish minutes online, so we are looking at reviewing the parish council website – watch this space – how technology has moved on. Technology has also had an impact on our mobile library service, which we are losing. We feared the closure of Mawgan lunch club but it is now ok, helped with hard work behind the scenes by Cllr Dot Spragg. It is still sad that our most ancient stone clapper bridge and cobbled walkway in Trevery wood was damaged by floods. It was also criminally damaged and a major stone removed, which is still not resolved – needing funding to repair it. Glebe Close play area has been maintained, we have two splendid new noticeboards, which all goes towards really upgrading the village. It was very sad to lose a life on our parish road, sending a shockwave through the wider community – one loss too many. We must unite and improve this situation.

Over the winter I worked with the community payback team, for the probation service and I put in 10 hours of community work, which has been noted by the co-ordinator in charge! They tackled a monster task of clearing the graveyard around the church, which had become overcome following the retirement of our most active older resident Norman Truscott MBE. Teamwork prevailed and the community payback team have brought the old graveyard back to life, uncovering splendid stonework. On that note, I would like to finish and thank our Clerk Grace for her hard work, patience and knowledge and fellow Cllrs for their support. Thank you.

PARISH BUSINESS

To discuss the closure of Culdrose viewing enclosure café & toilets and whether the public wishes to see them re-opened – possibly by the parish council

The viewing enclosure cafe and toilets had been closed since the previous autumn and were not going to be re-opened by the Fleet Air Arm (FAA) because it was a charity and could not make it pay anymore. One resident did not want the parish to take on the toilets unless a charge could be made. Another was against and it was felt that the Grange had reduced business in the cafe. Air Station tours had already stopped the previous year. One resident stated that the council tax had already increased substantially this year and did not think they wanted the Parish Council to take on the toilets and increase it even more. It was felt that people who parked there were aircraft spotters (anoraks) or people picnicking, both of which did not use the cafe. It was considered to be free entertainment. It was agreed that this be deferred to the next normal Parish Council meeting in June.

PARISH ORGANISATIONS Recreation Hall

Cllr Mrs Dot Spragg gave a report as Chairman of the Recreation Hall Committee. The hall was getting a good level of use with the highest percentage being out of parish bookings, except for an increase in children's parties due to the good play equipment now provided. The hall regularly received good comments as it was not too large to hire. During the last refurbishment showers had been retained but there was still no football team so the Committee had looked at how to best use the pitch. It now had a pair of junior goals that would use half of the pitch, facing the hall, leaving the other half available for other uses. Adult fitness equipment was about to be installed, having raised the money through grants and work had started. Parents had wanted the equipment plus picnic tables, for which residents had raised money by engaging in a sponsored cycle ride. It was noted. A member of the public pointed out that there were picnic tables at the viewing enclosure and if they were going to be taken away then the Recreation Ground might be able to have them. This would be investigated.

Lunch club

Cllr Mrs Dot Spragg reported on this, as she had been instrumental in getting it up and running again, after being folded for 4 months. A volunteer lady in the village was doing the cooking. The first lunch had been held the week before and everyone had enjoyed and appreciated it very much. The volunteer's husband had also joined in doing the washing up and becoming treasurer. Cllr Mrs Dot Spragg had also drawn up a rota of volunteer helpers to serve and clear away.

Mawgan bell ringers

Mike Davidson (bell tower captain) reported that they now had a strong band of ringers with 8 in all, plus 2 reserves. Their combined age used to be 420 but was now about 300, so the team was getting younger. Some members had been practicing at Gwennap Pit and bringing their additional experience and tunes to Mawgan tower. It was noted.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There being no further business from the parishioners; the Chairman closed the Annual Meeting at 7.46pm.

CHAIRMAN

Date