

Minutes of Mawgan Annual Meeting held in the Recreation Hall on Wednesday 17th May 2017 at 7 pm

Present

Councillor Kevin Roberts (Chairman)

“ Michael Laity (Vice-chairman)

“ Mrs Pearl Merton

“ Vivian Benney

“ Colin Chapman

“ Shaun Lock

“ Anthony Hoskin

“ Shane Bennett

“ Alan Harris

“ Julian Rand (Cornwall Council)

PCSO Julia Berry

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APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Lindsay Hockley.

POLICE REPORT

PCSO Julia Berry stated that the Police no longer actually did reports but 9 crimes had been committed in Mawgan since January, including 4 at Culdrose, which did not used to be included. Thefts were being carried out targeting tools in tradesmen's vans in Devon and it was now spreading over the border into Cornwall at Saltash. A discussion ensued on why all crimes and accidents were not reported. This appeared to be because they had to be reported by phone in order to be logged.

MINUTES

The minutes of the last Annual Meeting, having previously been circulated, were 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 £27707.45. It was resolved that the accounts be adopted.

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

The Chairman; Cllr Kevin Roberts gave his address:

The parish had an interesting start to the year with Feast Week and her Majesty the Queen's 90th birthday coinciding with Feast Sunday when a large birthday cake, made by several local ladies and cut by Lady Vyvyan, was served together with a bubbly toast, in the afternoon. This was followed by the usual Thanksgiving Service at the war memorial and Gweek Band concert in the Recreation Hall with guest player Cllr Anthony Hoskin. Monday's musical evening concert held at the church was not well attended, with the choir and followers outnumbering the audience. Children's sports on Tuesday and the Quiz Night on

Wednesday were both well attended. The parish walk on Thursday evening led by Cllr Vivian Benney was well supported. Friday night's bingo was well supported and enjoyed by locals but it's good to note that bingo is held every month and should be more supported by locals. Feast Saturday had fine weather and was enjoyed by all. Behind the scenes there were too few to keep on top of the running of the day but grateful thanks to all who did help.

Sadly Cllr Dot Spragg resigned and Council wished her well for the future but she had been ably replaced by Cllr Alan Harris who was welcomed.

Remembrance Sunday was well attended with only one problem – the Police's control of the traffic.

The next highlight of the year was the Christmas lights and tree, when Council agreed to purchase a locally grown and delivered tree, which all agreed was much easier to erect. New lights on it were switched on by Mrs Jean Cooke who had donated the previous year's tree out of her garden. Following the switch on there was a disco/karaoke party arranged by Cllr Shaun and Julie Lock from the shop. A Christmas Day lunch was organised by local churches for those alone on Christmas Day. Much of the produce was donated to the cause and grateful thanks went to all who organised this thoughtful occasion.

Planning; this year had seen 15 applications go before Council, with Council refusing 3 and Cornwall Council refusing 2; it would be interesting to see how they progressed in the near future with the likes of the boathouse at Gear Bridge and the bungalow across the road from the Recreation Hall.

One of the main purchases in the year was a defibrillator, which had been installed on the Recreation Hall and came with a half day training course on how to use it. Another purchase was a new notice board for Rose-in-the-Bush, which now completed Council's set of updated notice boards.

The parish church was in the process of being re-roofed as were the thatched cottages at Mawgan Cross.

Glebe Close play area was mostly now fenced off as it was deemed to be too dangerous to use and a decision on its future would be made in the coming year.

Finally, the Chairman thanked everyone – members of Council and the public – for their attendance and input and

especially the Clerk for her valued help and experience throughout the year.

PARISH ORGANISATIONS Mawgan Bell Tower Ringers

It had been somewhat of a difficult year for ringing on the Lizard Peninsula. All towers were presently finding it difficult to maintain numbers of ringers, however on a happier note towers allow their ringers to travel to other towers for practice nights and this at least kept them from getting out of practice. Mawgan tower rang twice in the past year using muffled bells to commemorate the passing of two Mawgan residents exactly 100 years to the day in the First World War. Sunday ringing continued throughout the year although not usually with 6 bells. At the moment the tower could still be rung despite the roof in the middle of being replaced after 123 years (builders found a signature and date on a rafter) and there was still one wedding this year to ring for.

Recreation Hall

A report would be submitted its AGM the following week.

Mawgan-in-Meneage Church

A report was submitted by the church wardens:

Canon Rev'd Lesley Walker continues as the Rector of the four churches in the Benefice and as Rural Dean of Kerrier. However, since January she has been acting Bishop's Chaplain on a part time basis and this appointment has now been confirmed as permanent as a result of which she will be leaving the Benefice in June, so the Benefice will be in Transition until the appointment of a new priest. Rev'd Heather Aston, Curate, left the Benefice in February and was licensed to the Benefice of Tintagel and Boscastle on 26th March.

The church continues to maintain a varied pattern of services, both in terms of time and content and from time to time holds special services, such as the All Souls Service in November. As far as is possible this pattern will continue whilst the parish is in Transition

Further grants have been obtained for the roof restoration works and the project started on site on 27th February with the demolition of the boiler house and the erection of the scaffolding and over-roof. All the slates have now been stripped off and repairs are being made to the woodwork. Funding will be tight, so fund raising continues and a

“Sponsor a Slate” scheme has been setup enabling members of the community to buy a slate for £10.00 and have it inscribed with their name. Anybody wishing to do this should contact Pauline Arnold or collect a form from the Church. The church remains open as usual during restoration works.

In February the biennial Daffodil Festival was held over three days which involved many members of the local community and beyond. The Festival attracted 1,500 visitors and raised £5,500.00 for Church funds. Other fund raising was also successful, with the Summer Fete raising £1,200.00 and the Christmas Bazaar £800.00. Regular monthly coffee mornings continue to be held and the church participates in Feast Week, hosting a concert and putting on a charity Quiz. Community help and support for all these activities is good.

Another Newsletter was distributed to all households in the Parish in December 2016 which gave up-to-date information on the roofworks and grant funding as well as providing contact details for church personnel.

The Belltower remains active, ringing the bells every Sunday and on special occasions, and continues to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the death of Mawgan residents in the First World War of which there are three in 2017.

Church members are involved in various community organisations: the Rector is on the Board of Governors at Garras School, one member of the PCC is on the Parish Council, and the Secretary drives for the Lizard Helpline and is editor of ‘The Messenger’ magazine.

The continued support of the Parish Council in paying for the maintenance of the churchyards is greatly appreciated by the PCC and the community.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs Dot Spragg mentioned that she was not involved with Feast Week this year but did offer to support anyone who helped. She advised about the need to order new numbers for the yellow sign dates.

A member of the public welcomed Julian Rand as the recently elected Cornwall Cllr and added that he would be bashing his ear ref the road through Rosevear.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the Annual Meeting at 7.25pm.