

Minutes of Mawgan Annual Meeting held in the Recreation Hall on Wednesday 16th May 2018 at 7pm

Present

Councillor Kevin Roberts (Chairman)
 “ Michael Laity (Vice-chairman)
 “ Mrs Pearl Merton
 “ Vivian Benney
 “ Shaun Lock
 “ Anthony Hoskin
 “ Shane Bennett
 “ Alan Harris
 “ Julian Rand (Cornwall Council)
 Louise (Wildanet)

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Colin Chapman.

POLICE REPORT

There was no Police report so Cornwall Cllr Julian Rand gave his report instead as he had another meeting to attend. Notes of this are in the monthly May 2018 minutes.

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 £34451.86. It was resolved that the accounts be adopted.

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

The Chairman; Cllr Kevin Roberts gave his address:

Remembrance Sunday was well attended with only one problem – the traffic revving engines when pulling away from standstill after being flagged down by local volunteers in hi-viz.

Feast week was the same as usual.

Another locally grown Christmas tree was purchased and decorated with lights, improving on the previous year's decorations.

Planning; this year had seen 19 applications go before Council, with Council refusing 1 and Cornwall Council refusing 1; both agreeing on the same refusal.

One of the main purchases in the year was a defibrillator, which had been installed in the Rose-in-the-Bush redundant telephone box.

Glebe Close play area about to get new swings and a roundabout and a picnic bench was also being considered.

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-in-Meneage Church

A report was submitted by the church wardens:

The Benefice remains in transition following the departure of Canon Lesley Walker last June and the Rectory at St. Martin has been let for six months from 1st April 2018. We have been informed that the Benefice will not be getting a full time priest, but only a house-for-duty priest which means he, or she, will be contracted to provide services on Sundays and do two other days per week – across four parishes. We have advertised for a new priest on this basis, but so far without success.

Despite being in transition Mawgan Church continues to maintain a varied pattern of services, both in terms of time and content with the help of visiting priests and as far as is possible this pattern will continue whilst the parish is in transition

On a positive note the Church restoration project was completed last summer at a total cost of £363,000. This included a new Delabole slate roof, a new lighting scheme, some internal repointing and repairs to the woodwork in the roof. The Bishop of St. Germans, Bishop Chris, came to the Church in September to celebrate the completion of the project.

The Church remained open throughout the restoration works although we did lose two weddings as a result of the scaffolding etc. We were able to close the road for the Summer Fete in August which raised just over £1,000.00. The Christmas Bazaar raised about £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 September 2017 which gave a progress report on the building works 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. There is one this year, **Richard John Treloar**, who died of gangrene of the lung in August 1918. He has a Commonwealth War Grave in Mawgan churchyard (He enlisted as a reservist at Bodmin Barracks before the outbreak of war and was trained to neutralise booby traps for which he was paid an extra 2d (two old pennies) a day. Seriously wounded and gassed, he was taken prisoner by the Germans.)

Church members are involved in various community organisations: 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.

The Churchwardens Pauline Arnold and Lindsay Hockley

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the Annual Meeting at 7.23pm.