

Minutes of Mawgan Annual Meeting held in the Recreation Hall on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 7pm

Present

Councillor Kevin Roberts (Chairman)  
 “ Michael Laity (Vice-chairman)  
 “ Mrs Pearl Merton  
 “ Miss Lindsay Hockley  
 “ Colin Chapman

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**APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Shaun Lock & Cornwall Cllr Julian Rand.

**POLICE REPORT**

There was no Police report but PCSO Julia Berry was back on the patch, having been seconded to Camborne for many months.

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the last Annual Meeting, having previously been circulated, were confirmed and signed.

**CHAIRMAN’S ADDRESS**

the Chairman; Cllr Kevin Roberts gave his address:

Feast 2018 had been good weather for outside events. Indoor events were not especially well attended. Derek Thomas MP opened the Saturday event and joined in with the children’s football game. For the first time a hog roast was tried and enjoyed by all. He extended thanks to all who helped arrange the events in the weeks beforehand as well as on Feast Saturday itself. At the same time as Feast Week new play equipment was installed in Glebe Close consisting of two swings and a replacement roundabout. More recently a picnic bench had also been installed. 20 planning applications had been considered by Mawgan Parish Council in the last year, with Council supporting 19 and refusing 1 – Cornwall Council results were exactly the same. A magnificent silhouette of a WW1tommy was ably produced by Cllr Alan Harris and installed behind the war memorial in November. Grateful thanks were extended to Cllr Harris for creating this statue. Early December Mawgan had the honour of hosting the installation of the new priest in charge for the Benefice – Rev Mike North. Christmas 2018 saw the best Christmas tree so far erected and decorated on the Green at Mawgan Cross. Special thanks were extended to Becky Jewell and her team for the new light displays that were erected alongside the road. Recently the Chairman, together with the Clerk had attended the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of NCI Bass Point at Culdrose when the Princess Royal, patron, was in attendance. He thanked members for their attendance and support throughout the year and the Clerk for her hard work, support and wisdom.

**PARISH ORGANISATIONS**

Mawgan-in-Meneage Lunch Club Sue Stone reported that the lunch club was a success and thanked both the Parish Council for its support for the Christmas lunch and the Recreation Hall Committee for free use of the hall. A couple had left but there were on average 10-16 attending each month and a lovely time was had by all. 2 long standing helpers had left but had been ably replaced by the people who took over Dot Spragg’s house. From the public gallery thanks was extended to people who helped out each month.

Mawgan Bell Tower Bell Tower Captain Michael Davidson reported that all towers in the area were struggling to get numbers for practices. Mawgan ringers now travelled to Mullion on a Tuesday and Helston on another night to help them out. There were 16 churches in the Kerrier Deanery. Mawgan tower was getting new ropes.

#### Mawgan-in-Meneage Church

The Benefice, having been in transition since June 2017, welcomed Reverend Mike North as Priest in Charge (House for Duty) on 5th December 2018. His licensing service was held in Mawgan Church and he was installed by the Bishop of St. Germans. He is living in the Rectory at St. Martin. Although he is only contracted to work Sundays and two week days spread across the four parishes of the Benefice he is attending as many social events as he can in order to meet parishioners, and has visited both schools.

Mawgan Church continues to maintain a varied pattern of services, both in terms of time and content. Garras School holds four services a year in the Church.

The last few months have seen further work in establishing the Living Churchyard Scheme (one of our Heritage Lottery Grant activities) designed to encourage wildlife and pollinating insects. Bat and bird boxes have been installed and some wildflower seed and mixed native hedging has been planted. This is a small scheme in a carefully designated area and will not involve the non-cutting of the grass. The continued support of the Parish Council in paying for the maintenance of both Churchyards is greatly appreciated by the PCC and community alike and the quality of Bob Sanders' work receives many compliments.

The Church held its usual social activities during the year, namely the Summer Fete in August, for which we were able to close the road outside the church, the Christmas Bazaar at the Recreation Hall and Carols with Gweek Band at the Church in December. Regular monthly coffee mornings continue to be held and in Feast Week the church hosted a concert and a charity Quiz. In February we held our seventh Daffodil Festival over three days, receiving in excess of 1500 visitors and raising just over £5,000.00. Community help and support for all these activities is good.

The bell tower remains active, ringing the bells every Sunday and on special occasions, and continues to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Mawgan residents in the First World War. The last two men to be commemorated both have Commonwealth War Graves in Mawgan churchyard, namely **Richard John Treloar**, who died of gangrene of the lung in August 1918 and **Thomas Hawke**, who died from service related illnesses in November 1919, aged 46.

Church members are involved in various community organisations: one member of the PCC is on the Parish Council and volunteers at the Helston Food bank, and the Secretary drives for the Lizard Helpline and is editor of 'The Messenger' community magazine.

Regarding publicity, although the Church does not have its own website it is listed on 'A Church Near You' and has a Facebook page. The local media (press, radio and TV) are generally very supportive.

**The Churchwardens Pauline Arnold and Lindsay Hockley** 11.5.19

ANY OTHER BUSINESS      There being no further business, the Chairman closed the Annual Meeting at 7.20pm.