

SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION

Minutes of Mawgan Annual Meeting held in the Recreation Hall on Wednesday 19th May 2021 at 7pmPresent

Councillor Colin Chapman (Chairman)

“ Mike Laity (Vice-chairman)

“ Kevin Roberts

“ Shaun Lock

“ Lindsay Hockley

“ Vivian Benney

“ Anthony Hoskin

“ Alan Harris

“ Tony Firth

“ Vacancy

“ Guy Foreman (Cornwall Council)

APOLOGIES

There were no apologies – everyone was present.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to this first face to face meeting since March 2020, due to the COVID 19 pandemic.

MINUTES

The minutes of the last Annual Meeting in May 2019, were read, confirmed and signed.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mawgan Parish Council

It seems a long while ago since May 2019 when I was elected to the Chairmanship of Mawgan Parish Council for the year. That year has seamlessly merged into two, fifteen months of which have proved to be extraordinarily challenging for us all. Nevertheless, our small community has much to be grateful for. Small acts of kindness between neighbours have been much in evidence: the work done by Alison Olds and her team has been greatly appreciated by many of our critically vulnerable residents and the Locks and their team at the shop have worked tirelessly to ensure that we have all been fed (and, notably some months ago both Alison's and the Lock's efforts were properly recognised by the High Sheriff of Cornwall). We thank them all together with the folk who work for the NHS (not forgetting those who have jabbed so many of us twice within the past few months), the emergency services, the post-men and women, the delivery drivers and the bin-men to name but a few.

As you might have anticipated, the Parish Council has not been able to achieve quite what it might have expected in the course of the last two years, but our solar-powered defibrillator has been installed at Glebe Close, the daffodil bulbs have been planted along the road into Mawgan, the historic Toy finger-post at the end of Skyburriowe Lane has been repaired as has the notice-board at Rose in the Bush and the joint venture with the Recreation Hall Committee to install the new sewage digester system has been completed and is now in operation. Still in the pipe-line and awaiting implementation is our Highways Scheme for the B3293: we all look forward to the day when the law will require motorists to slow to 30mph as they pass though Garras and then on round the

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bend past our school and that the road will not be blocked or made challenging by inconsiderate parking.

We have of course continued to do all the usual jobs: footpaths and bridleways have been cut, both the church-yards have been maintained, observations on planning applications have been returned to the Authority – and we have all learned to Zoom!

In 2019, before we had learned to say Covid, we were able to hold our Feast Week celebrations, to enjoy the Church fête, to attend the Remembrance Day Service at the War Memorial and, perhaps unsurprisingly, to enjoy the Christmas lights not only in 2019 but also in 2020 (nothing stops a Cornish Christmas)! There are thanks due to all those who gave their time and expertise to make the customary success of those occasions. In 2020, we held a much shortened and ‘unofficial’ Remembrance Day service. I have no idea how the news spread, but I was moved by the number of folk who turned out, who laid wreaths and who took the time to remember quite how much we owe to those millions of men and women who fought for our freedom in the two World Wars.

As a Parish Council, our especial thanks are due to the Parish Clerk, Grace Hatton, who works away behind the scenes and without whom, frankly, the Council could not exist.

I have been proud to act as your Chairman and am grateful for your support.

REPORTS FROM ORGANISATIONS

Due to the pandemic there had been little activity in the village over the past 12 months, however Lindsay Hockley gave an update on the church’s activities during lockdown and since.

The church re-opened as soon as possible in June 2020 for private prayer time. Unfortunately the Vicar suffered a heart attack in October 2020, resigned and the church was now in interregnum again. Instead of its usual summer fete, in August 2020 it held a glorified afternoon tea outside in the churchyard in order to try and raise some funds. It thanked the Parish Council for its continued maintenance of the churchyard and cemetery.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC

There being no other business for the Annual Parish Meeting the Chairman closed it at 7.13pm.