

Minutes of Mawgan Annual Meeting held in the Recreation Hall on Wednesday 18th May 2022 at 7pm

Present

Councillor Colin Chapman (Chairman)

“ Mike Laity (Vice-chairman)

“ Kevin Roberts

“ Shaun Lock

“ Lindsay Hockley

“ Vivian Benney

“ Anthony Hoskin

“ Alan Harris

“ Guy Foreman (Cornwall Council)

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Tony Firth and Sue Slater.

MINUTES

The minutes of the last Annual Meeting in May 2021, were read, confirmed and signed.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mawgan Parish Council

With the minor inconvenience of the omicron variant, which arrived just in time for Christmas, we have been meeting 'normally' (whatever that might mean) since September. There has been the usual crop of Parish Council business: our roadside verges have been trimmed, our Public Rights of Way and the two Churchyards have been cut (where one tree has been removed from a wall and another from a grave). The Council is indebted to Bob Sanders and his merry men who make such a good job of it all. We have returned observations to the Planning Department on eleven planning applications and were given a heads-up concerning plans for a large development on the field between Langweath Lane and the Langweath Estate.

Faced with a lack of any apparent concern from Cornwall Council Officers, Mawgan Parish Council supported a most unusual Peninsula-wide initiative to protest about a proposal to build a retail estate on land owned by the Downsland Trust adjoining the Helston Community Hospital roundabout. This would have resulted in even longer queues of traffic waiting to leave the Lizard Peninsula particularly toward the end of the afternoon. The original plans are shown on Cornwall's website as "awaiting decision", but I note that a lesser plan is currently being worked up.

Our Remembrance Day service around the War Memorial in November attracted a congregation in excess of 100 people: our thanks to Cllr Hoskin who again played 'The Last Post' and Cllr Harris who again brought 'Tommy' back out into the sunlight. Nevertheless, the recent wickedness we have witnessed in the Ukraine suggests that lessons do not appear to have been universally learned.

Christmas brought the decorations out again and yet another gratefully received tree from Jean Cook's garden. Thanks are due to a number of Councillors for their efforts with the tree (which looked splendid) and to Becky and Simon Jewell for their work with the festive boards.

Despite repeated promises, we are still waiting for the speed limit along the B3293 through Garras to be lowered to 30mph. It is to be hoped that once it is in place, the Police will make a greater effort to enforce the new limit than perhaps they have in

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the past. It is perhaps of interest to note that the 20's Plenty initiative has started to be rolled out in parts of the county.

Cllr Vivian Benney, whose family has a long association with both the Recreation Hall and the Parish Council, formally, but without ceremony, planted an Oak tree in the Recreation Ground earlier in the year to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

The community's celebrations for both our Feast Week and in respect of Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee have been very ably taken on by a Parish Council Advisory Committee. A very full programme, with something for everyone has been arranged. We can only hope for lovely weather!

Finally, our thanks go to Cornwall Cllr Guy Foreman for keeping an eye out for us with the Unitary Authority, to Grace Hatton who keeps us on the straight and narrow and to all those people who give of their time so freely to keep our community involved.

REPORTS FROM ORGANISATIONS

The church re-opened as soon as allowed and was now holding at least 3 services a month. However, the parish was still in interregnum. The church had been catching up on weddings and christenings, it had managed to hold a summer fete in August 2021, a harvest festival and Christmas bazaar. In May 2021 the steps/wall were repaired following the removal of a spruce tree along with its roots. In December a pet service was held, which included a pony in attendance. Lisa Coupland would be ordained on 24th June and would then be the curate for the Meneage benefice.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC

A Rosevear resident gave thanks for an invitation to the Jubilee Lunch to be held on 5th June 2022 and noted that nothing had happened yet regarding the new 'gateway' to be created at the start of the 40mph limit.

There being no other business for the Annual Parish Meeting the Chairman closed it at 7.15pm.