

## LANREATH PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2019

**Present:** Mr R Pugh – Chair, Mr P Seaman – Vice Chair, Mrs E Lee, Miss J Tamblin, Mr P Bartram, Mr J Williams, Mr D Pugh, Mr P Meatyard, Mrs L Rigler (Clerk)

The Chair welcomed everyone to the Parish Council Meeting.

#### 1. Apologies

Miss S Cave, Mrs R Karensa and PCSO S Cocks.

#### 2. Public Participation

Gardening Group – Mrs Marion Facey was welcomed to the meeting. Mrs Facey stated that the Gardening Group have been working in the community garden, cutting back hedges and some low lying trees. Two raised beds have been created which have been offered to the Ladybirds who have stated that they would like to use one. The other bed will be offered to the community. Mrs Facey reported that there is a large area of bamboo which needs to be cleared. The Chair will raise this with the Invasive Plant Officer at Cornwall Council.

Bus service – The Chair reported that the bus service has been contacted but no reply has yet been received. A new timetable is being produced in May.

Police – the clerk read a report received from PCSO Cocks which stated that from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 there were two crimes, one of harassment and one criminal damage to a vehicle. Numerous patrols have been carried out and all was found to be in order.

#### 3. Representatives Reports

- Village Hall – Mr J Williams reported that Officers of the Rally Club held a joint meeting in May 2018 to discuss their committee decision to resign en masse. IN the meantime Craig Holman came forward and suggested that he would be interested in taking over the bar, but not as a members club. The Rally Club members were contacted and asked to vote on this and held a meeting. Mr Holman was granted a 6 month licence commencing 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018. The Lanreath Village Hall Management Committee have now granted Mr Holman a licence from 1<sup>st</sup> January until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019. This licence covers the bar, bar lounge, TV room, rear patio, cellar and outside covered porch at Lanreath Village Hall. Maintenance of the premises is ongoing. The extension fund is ongoing. The AGM will be held on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 8pm.

- Parochial Church Council - the following Churchwarden's report was received from Mrs Jenny Bartram. 'The highlight of the Church's year was on the 24th May when Marilyn and Gary met Bishop Chris at Lis Escop to be formally licensed as Rector and curate of our new Benefice of Trelawny. This was followed up with a special celebratory Benefice service at St Wyllow with special cakes made by Katherine Hill from Polruan.

Our church at St Marnarch's continues to play an important part in the village life of Lanreath. It is there to meet people's needs at any time during their lives from celebrating weddings and baptisms to offering support to families when saying a final goodbye to their loved ones. Sadly this year we have said our goodbyes to two stalwarts of our church, Ina Silvester and Albert Northcott who was always looking after our church and provided such a support for Rose.

Ina gave St Marnarch's the lovely gift of her piano which has now been tuned and is in regular use within the church. The Churchwardens would like to thank Sancia Waller for making the beautiful cover for the piano and for making a matching one for

the organ. Both covers were made very cleverly from Ina's bedspread material and look stunning!

The regular weekly services at St Marnarch's have continued in the same pattern as last year with a mixture of services led by Marilyn and Gary as well our worship leaders. The evening service continues in its popularity as it embraces differing styles of worship such as quiet reflective prayer services or a songs of praise at which we are all invited to choose our favourite hymns. The 5th Sunday service gives us the opportunity to meet our fellow worshippers within the Benefice. We are grateful to have many people willing to assist at our Sunday services and we welcome Sarah Ruddock to our team who now assists us with the administration of the chalice, writing intercessory prayers and delivering the readings. Our team now consist of 8 readers, 7 sidespersons, 5 chalice assistants and 4 people responsible for prayers. The church bells continue to welcome people to the Sunday evening worship courtesy of our band of ringers and bell captain Mr. Michael Watts, assisted occasionally by Mr. Mike Roberts. Thank you Michael for your weekly instruction and support. We must have improved over the years as Paul Meatyard across the road does not need to wear his ear defenders anymore! Anyone wishing to take up this delightful hobby can come along to the church on a Monday evening at 7pm.

#### Worship and Outreach

The weekly bible study continues and is open to all in our Benefice. In 2018 we followed a Lent course initiated from the Cornwall diocese titled Responding to God's Grace this was well received by all who attended

Our Easter service as usual was well attended with the Easter egg hunt being very popular with the children and some adults! The summer of 2018 brought us some very warm and welcome weather and we were able to hold a service on the village green in dedication of our pets and organised by Siobhan Rawlins. It was very popular with the villagers and their pets, we even had two tortoises sharing our worship. In August we had a visit from Archdeacon Audrey who conducted a service of Holy Communion, having already audited the church accounts and necessary paperwork thus ensuring that everything has been done according to the needs of the diocese. The Harvest service in September was popular and followed once again by a bring and share supper. During the year we have welcomed Helen and her choir and orchestra/band during some church services which has ensured that our church has a variety of different styles of worship. Just before Christmas we held a special reflective Advent service that included quiet interludes for reflection and prayer. We also had the opportunity to put our personal prayers into a special Advent Prayer Sack. We are extremely grateful to Steve Bird for making this beautiful addition for the Advent season. The Roving Nativity did not rove again due to very wet weather, but was attended by a few people who braved the elements plus of course the hand bell team and Helen and John with guitars. The Christingle service and Christmas Day worship was well attended this year by people from other parishes with their children.

Fund Raising - Once again our popular soup lunches during the cooler months were well attended. Our thanks go to all those people who provided soup and homemade bread and puddings plus raffle prizes and of course they have given freely of their time. We really miss Albert at these times as he was always there before and after the soup lunches helping put out tables and assisting with clearing up. What a star he was!

We held another Safari Supper this year organised by Mary and Jenny which provided much needed income. The sun shone on the Rectory for our annual garden fete which was a very enjoyable occasion with ice creams doing a roaring trade plus seating in the shade. Our thanks go to Marilyn and David for letting us invade the Rectory Garden.

2018 saw the one hundredth Anniversary of the Armistice and to that end Helen, together with her choir, orchestra, strings and recorders treated us to an uplifting

concert with a huge variety of music which began quietly and reflectively and ending with band music and popular songs for audience participation. We were able to raise much needed funds for the British Legion. Our Christmas bazaar was well attended despite the cool weather, and Helen and her team gave us yet another treat that evening at with a lovely concert that included readings and poems from the choir members and band.

Our church cannot function well without the help and time given by many people on a daily basis, opening and closing the church, cleaning and flower arranging. Our thanks must go to David Rawlins our 'live' organist and piano player enhancing our evening worship. We also thank Rose for providing us with tea and coffee following family services. This time is valuable as it provides us with the opportunity to talk with each other.

The following PCC Secretary's report was received from Mrs Jenny Bartram. 'There were 18 members of the congregation present at the APCM on 8 April 2018. The Reverend Marilyn Elliott opened the Meeting at 6.00pm following the Evening Service; with refreshments supplied by Rose and hot cross buns baked by Churchwarden Gill Sanders. Ms Dawn Richards and Mrs Gillian Sanders were elected Churchwardens for the forthcoming year whilst Mrs Rose Northcott was co-opted to assist. Further re-elections were Mr Peter Bartram – Treasurer, Mrs Jenny Bartram - Secretary. The following members of the congregation were re-elected to the PCC – Peter Bartram, Jenny Bartram, David Elliott, Dora Facey, Mary Mortimore, Rose Northcott, Dawn Richards and Gill Sanders. Gill Sanders and Peter Bartram were elected as our Deanery Synod Representatives. The PCC elected to resign from Looe and District Churches Together, focusing instead on our fellowship within the newly created Trelawny Benefice. Mrs Sandra Pipe was contacted and agreed to be re-appointed as the Child Protection Officer and Jenny agreed to continue as Electoral Roll secretary. There are currently 33 parishioners registered.

Again the PCC would like to express their grateful thanks to Reverend Marilyn for her unwavering enthusiasm, leadership and commitment to us in the parish of Lanreath.

- Lanreath Ladybirds – the clerk read a report received from Mrs Sandra Pipe stating that 'The group again has had a very good year. Our numbers keep extremely good. We have had five new-born babies start the group whose siblings have previously attended plus some new families .The group continues to be a very important and needed facility for the Community and surrounding villages. We have very good links with all the local preschools and schools and is a very popular group with local child minders. During the better weather again we had good sessions in the Community garden area which is such a benefit for the group to use. Outdoor activities are invaluable for a child's development. The year followed its usual pattern of an Easter Egg Hunt in the garden and a trip to Trethorne during June. Goodbyes were said to our little leavers in July and then of course we held our Christmas activities which included a visit to the Church to put the tree up and a lovely nativity story from Rev.Marilyn and we finish off the year with our Christmas party.'
- Lanreath Minibus – It was reported that the new bus has done about 4000 miles. There is around £5000 in the account with £250 in the Post Office account. Running costs, insurance, MOT and road safety checks total £2000 per year. Local schools and community groups use the bus. Mr Geoff Bowyer has proved helpful as an additional driver.
- Shop and Post Office – Mr J Feesey was welcomed to the meeting. He reported that 'It's pleasing to report that our community shop and post office continues to provide an essential and well supported service to Lanreath Parish and the surrounding area, Happily, the Lanreath Community Association Ltd showed an increased trading surplus in 2017. The accounts for 2018 are not yet completed, but are expected to show another satisfactory year of trading with a similar surplus to that of 2017.'

The question is sometimes asked why a not-for-profit enterprise like a community shop needs to make a surplus and the answer is, of course, that it's necessary to build up a reserve fund to pay for inevitable future expenditure such as replacement chiller and freezer units, essential repairs and buildings maintenance.

We celebrated the 10th anniversary of the shop and post office last year and now have a total of over 25 dedicated volunteers, in addition to three part time salaried staff, and who work in various capacities such as committee members, counter staff, clean team, shelf stackers and use-by date checkers. It's not all work and no play; last year we enjoyed a 10th anniversary tea party last hosted in their garden by Bridget and Ron Clark, two "Big Breakfasts" in the village hall and a volunteers' party at the home of John and Glen Feeseey.

We're grateful to Pam Cutmore who gives to the shop 25% of the takings from her flower stall. We are also indebted to the Bocaddon and Furzedown wind turbine funds which have each donated £500, which helped us buy and install new shop direction signs and a new electronic till. We also have to thank volunteer Derek Stephenson who keeps the shop surrounds neat and tidy with regular grass strimming

The first quarter of this year has unfortunately started slowly, with a drop in takings of around 5% compared to the same period last year. This may be due to the late Easter and the consequent reduction in tourist numbers in March. The last couple of weeks have shown a marked improvement in takings, so we hope that the earlier reduction turns out to be just a "blip".

We look forward to another successful year for our community enterprise and would like to thank Lanreath Parish Council members for your consistent and much valued support.

- Amenities - the clerk read a report received from Mrs Sandra Pipe stating 'Our year was a steady one with the continued monthly bingos which continue to be popular. During the summer we held a Sunday lunch time drinks and BBQ on the Millennium green which was well attended. November saw our yearly firework display which again for a Community of this size was excellent and enjoyed by all. The year was rounded was off with the Christmas dinner which grows each year. We cooked around 90 meals which was extremely busy for all those involved but it continues to be a very popular event of the year and one the Amenities love to put on.'
- Chairman's report – The Chair reported that it had been a good year for the Parish Council with some good decisions being made. The Gardening Group commenced – thanks to Mrs M Facey and the others involved. The village notice board was repaired – thanks to Mr P Meatyard and Mr D Furzer. Standing Orders and Policies were introduced – thanks to Mr P Seaman. Lanreath website will soon become operational – thanks to Mr P Seaman and Mrs Rachel Facey. Planning decisions have been made throughout the year, the two most memorable being Tresawson and the interment site. Rally Close has been completed with the houses on the road being named Old School Row. The Neighbourhood Plan came into its own when there was the prospect of an application for 28 new houses which was deferred. The Punch Bowl has been sold which is good news for the village. The precept has remained the same for another year. Thanks were expressed to Parish Councillors and the Clerk.

#### **4. Minutes of meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

Mr P Seaman proposed that the minutes be accepted. This was seconded by Mrs E Lee. The Chair signed the minutes.

## 5. Matters Arising

- Drains below Bury Down – Miss J Tamblyn reported that whilst some drains have been cleared, others remain blocked. Clerk to contact BT to request a site meeting.
- BT manhole cover lifting at Court Meadow causing a trip hazard – this is no longer a problem.
- Footpath to Pelynt – Mr Seaman reported that there is about 50 metres of the path which is very heavily overgrown. The Chair will contact BH Garden Services for a quote. It was also reported that the stile on Tresawson land is broken. The Chair will contact Mr Tolputt requesting that the stile be reinstated.
- Clock - Mr P Meatyard reported that Mr David Lemon is happy to carry out the repainting of the clock.

## 6. Correspondence

Correspondence was noted.

## 7. Planning

None.

## 8. Wind turbine update

Nothing to report.

## 9. Website

Mr P Seaman thanked Mrs Rachel Facey for her input on the website. Two community pages are awaited but if these are not received by the end of this week, Mr David George will go ahead and put 'under development' on those pages. The website will be operational by the next meeting of the Parish Council.

## 10. Lanreath Parish Council Policies

The following policies, previously circulated, were discussed:-

- i) Safeguarding Policy – Mr P Meatyard proposed that this be ADOPTED. This was seconded by Mr D Pugh and agreed by those present.
- ii) Code for Handling Complaints – The Chair proposed that this be ADOPTED. This was seconded by Mr P Bartram and agreed by those present.

It was agreed that the policies be reviewed annually.

## 11. Finance

Clerks salary and expenses	£274.40
Mrs Anderson	£100.00
Village Hall	£ 14.00
D Hilton	£ 10.00
D Hilton PAYE	£ 63.60
Lanreath Minibus	£300.00
Lanreath PCC	£400.00
Lanreath Ladybirds	£300.00
Mr C Andrew	£ 10.00

### Bank Balance

Current Account	£8383.27
Deposit Account	£ 167.35
Treasurers Account	<u>£ 2.24</u>
	£8552.86

Mr D Pugh proposed that the cheques be paid on block. This was seconded by Mr J Williams and agreed by those present. Mr P Seaman proposed that £2000 be transferred into the deposit account. This was seconded by Mrs E Lee and agreed by those present.

## **12. County Councillor's Report**

Cllr Pugh reported that:-

- Punch Bowl – the new owner has commented that if the building is taken down at the back, there is no way of getting to the front of the building. It has been agreed to use the side of Mrs Coysh's house. This will be reinstated with a new garage etc. once the work has been completed.
- Cornwall Council have given permission for £4m to be invested in South East Cornwall to try and increase productivity and get investment into the area.

## **13. Parish Problems**

Mr J Williams reported that he had assessed the work that needs to be done on the Millennium Building. Mrs M Facey will provide contact details for a handyman who advertises in the newsletter.

## **14. Any Other Business**

Mr P Bartram reported that the deeds for the Millennium Green are kept in the church safe.

## **15. Public Participation**

Punch Bowl – Mr Andrew Facey commented on the number of cars parked at the back of Mrs Coysh's house. Also, this work will cause a lot of mud/slippy surface. Residents will need to be made aware of this work being carried out.

Safeguarding – Mrs Rachel Facey requested that a consent form be provided for parents of children featured on the website to sign.

Mrs E Lee wished to minute thanks to Mr R Pugh for chairing the meetings over the last 12 months.

## **16. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2019 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.