

LANREATH PARISH

Minutes of online Annual Parish Meeting held on 6th May 2021
Commencing 19.30

Present: Mr P Seaman – Chair, Cllr R Pugh (County Councillor), Mrs E Lee, Miss J Tamblyn, Miss Sue Cave, Mr P Bartram, Mr John Williams, Mrs R Warren (Clerk), Mrs Sandra Pipe, Mrs Marion Facey

The Chair welcomed everyone to the Annual Parish Meeting

1. Chairman explained the function of the Parish Meeting

This is separate body from Lanreath Parish Council. Unlike a Council meeting the giving of Notice is a shorter period, the Chairman of the Parish Council or a group of six local electors can call the meeting, and the Agenda can be added to, up to and including the day of the meeting. If a vote is called for on any matter discussed then all present, who are local electors, have an equal vote – including members of the public – and the Chairman has the casting vote in the event of a tie. As to any decisions made at the Annual Parish Meeting, whilst not binding on the Parish Council, it would be wise for the Parish Council to take note. The Parish Clerk will take Minutes which will be published in draft form until such time as they can be approved – at the next Annual Parish meeting, which must be held between 1st March and 1st June each year.

2. Annual Report of the Parish Council – given by the Chairman

“It has been a challenging year. The Parish Council started the year operating with an acting Clerk and Financial Officer following the resignation of Lynda Rigler after many years’ service as Parish Clerk. Following recruitment and interviews, we were very pleased to appoint Rebecca Warren as Clerk to the Council in June of last year. The Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her dedication and diligence in the role.

The COVID pandemic has had an overriding impact on all in the Parish, however, the strength and cohesion of the community was amply demonstrated by the prompt establishment of the community Covid Support Group which provides both outreach and practical assistance to those shielding in the Parish. The staff and volunteers of the Village Shop and Post Office also stepped up to challenge ensuring that this vital amenity remained open and accessible throughout the pandemic. The contributions of both groups were recognised on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen by the Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall, Colonel Edward Bolitho.

Meetings of the Parish Council were briefly interrupted by the first COVID lockdown, although day to day business was largely unaffected. The introduction of legislation temporarily allowing public meetings to be held remotely permitted the resumption of Parish Council meetings on line. A new experience for many. I would like to thank the Parish Council and members of the community who participated in the meetings for embracing the technology. The legislation has now lapsed and future Parish Council Meetings, starting with the Annual Parish Council Meeting on the 18th May, will be held face-to-face in the Village Hall in a Covid secure manner.

Elections for Lanreath Parish Council were due to be held today, however, as the number of nominees was less than the available seats on the Council, the Election was deemed to be uncontested. The 6 nominees were duly elected to

the Parish Council by the Returning Officer. It will be the business of the new Parish Council to determine how the 4 remaining vacant seats are to be filled. Anyone interested in becoming a Parish Councillor is encouraged to put their names forward when these posts are advertised. Richard Pugh is standing down after nearly forty years as a Parish Councillor. At our last meeting, the Parish Council, on behalf of the community, recognised Richard's huge contribution to the Parish Council and the community at large. I would also like to thank the rest of the Parish Council for their engagement and support over the last year.

The Covid crisis has had a significant impact on the hospitality sector and, as a result, the ambitious refurbishment plans for the Punch Bowl Inn have been held in abeyance. With the opening up of this sector it is hoped that the refurbishment work can start while the weather remains favourable. With thanks to Sandra Pipe for acting as the community liaison with the owner Tony Southall.

Outline plans for two potential housing developments to the North of Grylls Park have been submitted for PreApp advice during the year. The Parish Council recognises the strong views held by members of the community regarding developments in this area and has committed to enabling effective community engagement with the developers should either development move towards a full planning application. In respect of the Cornwall Council Housing Development Team's proposals the Parish Council is committed to retaining the football pitch as a community asset.

The accounts for the financial year 19/20 were approved in June of last year following an internal audit and were posted on the Parish Council website. Notification of exempt status, as a smaller authority, was received from the external auditors PKF Littlejohn in July 2020 confirming that no external review of the accounts would be performed for the reporting period. The Parish Council budget for the current financial year was agreed in November 2020. At the same meeting it was agreed that there would be no change to the Precept from the previous year. The precept for this financial year therefore remains at £10,500.

Changes to the Parish Council's Financial Regulations were approved in June of last year that allowed for the Council's bank accounts to be moved to online banking. This move has reduced the requirement for payments to be made by cheque thereby improving efficiency of account management and reducing delays in payment.

The Financial Reports for the financial year 20/21 will be reviewed at the Annual Parish Council Meeting on the 18th May, however, the £2,300 of contingency funds remains unspent and it is anticipated that the year's accounts will close with a modest budget surplus."

3. County Councillor's report given by Cllr Richard Pugh

"It has been an extraordinary year for everybody but for me a host of teams meetings has meant that I have not been to County Hall since March 2020. The monthly planning meetings were on Teams and the system worked very well. Full council meetings became virtual meetings with over 150 people involved.

The Council has now been reduced to 87 councillors down from 123 and the workload for the newly elected members will increase considerably with some now expected to attend 8 Parish council meetings each month.

I was delighted when the Punch Bowl Inn was sold and planning was given for some new holiday lets and we all look forward to when the renovations have

been completed. I was in favour of trying to retain the football pitch when the field owner decided to sell and negotiations are ongoing to find a solution which is acceptable to the community. I have been disappointed by the large increase in traffic movements proposed at Connon Bridge as the site should have been closed now to everything except household waste. It will be a battle when the current planning application is discussed at the planning committee. Also on a lighter note I supported the application to have the Village Green in Herodsfoot become a village green for the village residents in perpetuity.

This is only a flavour of what I have been involved in and the work is multiplied 5 times with all the other parishes.

I would like to thank our Chairman, Peter Seaman for all his hard work over the year, thank you to Rebecca our clerk for all her hard work and to all the Parish Council members for their support and understanding.”

4. **Community Organisation Reports**

Safeguarding Officer’s Report given by Mrs Sandra Pipe

“During the past twelve months no incidents have occurred within the Lanreath Parish, and generally it has been very quiet.

I am pleased to inform that as the safeguarding nominated person, I have received communications from the diocese Safeguarding team throughout which continues to keep me updated on any issues arising.

The community are aware of my role and of course availability at any time if needed.”

Lanreath Amenities given by Mrs Sandra Pipe

“During the past year due to the covid situation the Amenities have had a quiet year, with not being able to run the monthly Bingo due to covid restrictions, and of course not being able to put on the annual Firework Display and sadly not being able to organise and host the Christmas meal - which was very much missed by the Community. It really highlighted to the Amenities Committee how much people within our Parish look forward to these events that we manage to put together each year and look forward to when we are able to arrange them once more.”

Lanreath Ladybirds given by Mrs Sandra Pipe

“This year the Toddler group has experienced stop and start, which obviously has proved difficult. The short periods of time we have been able to be open it has been greatly needed. Families with toddlers and new born babies have had a very trying 12 months, where social links with others in the same situations have had to stop for a while. For those mums that have had their first child there has been little back-up support.

In the Ladybirds we have had 6 babies born during these times and, where possible the group have tried to keep in contact via our Ladybirds face book page. Just saying hello and checking in with each other, but obviously it’s not the same as all meeting at the village hall and enjoying a cuppa and each other’s company while the little ones enjoy their play and social interaction with others. Here’s to a better settled period ahead.”

PCC Secretary’s Report given by Mrs Jenny Bartram read out by Chairman

“There were 11 members of the congregation present at the APCM held on the Millennium Green in glorious sunshine on Sunday 20 September 2020. Churchwarden Gill Sanders opened the meeting at 11.30am following hymns and readings from The Tabernacle. Mrs Gill Sanders and Mr Peter Hooper were elected Churchwardens for the forthcoming year, Mr Peter Bartram re-elected as Treasurer and Mrs Jenny Bartram as Secretary and Electoral Roll Officer, Mrs Mary Mortimore remaining as a member of the PCC. Ms Dawn Richards, Mr David Elliott, Mrs Dora Facey and Mrs Rose Northcott tendered their resignations in March prior to the Corona Virus Lockdown. Mrs Gill Sanders volunteered to continue as our Deanery Representative although shielding and unable to attend Zoom meetings, and Mrs Sandra Pipe agreed to continue as Safeguarding Officer for the Parish.

It was a unanimous decision by the five parishes in the Benefice to appoint a Benefice Administrator prior to Marilyn's retirement. Marilyn, Richard Hews (Lanteglos), Peter and myself interviewed Mrs Pippa Morrell-Davies in May via Zoom. Pippa accepted the position and commenced shadowing Marilyn at the beginning of June. She is employed for ten hours a week, her salary being divided between the parishes.

We have been unable to hold PCC meetings but have communicated via telephone and emails.

Reverend Marilyn retired at the end of July and a farewell party was held on the football field when members of all the parishes in the Benefice attended to wish her and David farewell. The Transition Team had almost completed the Statement of Needs in order to be able to advertise the vacancy as soon as possible. We were able to interview two candidates in November and Reverend Richard Allen was appointed to commence duties at the end of February 2021.

We decorated the church with Christmas trees on Advent Sunday leaving them illuminated through until January, and enjoyed a service on Christmas Day though we had to forego our popular Christingle Service. due to Corona virus restrictions.

When churches were given the option to open for services, having completed rigorous risk assessments, we decided to hold a weekly Sunday Morning Service led by either Helen White or Sarah Ruddock, our Local Worship Leaders. These services were well received by those who felt safe and comfortable being with others, but socially distanced, in the church-environment.”

There was then a brief discussion about evening services.

PCC Financial Report given by Mr P Bartram read out by Chairman

“2020 has been a very difficult year with no opportunities to hold fund raising events. Consequently, our income has dropped by £5,463.00 which, with a small increase on expenditure, has left us with a deficit for the year of £4,350.00. With only £6,120.00 in the current account (down from £10,268 in December 2019), and £9592 in the deposit account, this is a situation which does not bode well for the future. Our full MMF payment of £10,333.00 was met, but how much longer can we afford to meet that commitment?

In order to meet our annual costs, we must generate an income of £1500 a month, and at present we are falling well short of that amount. Hopefully with lockdown restrictions easing, we can return to promoting events that not only help us financially, but also that we can enjoy.

Thanks once again to the generosity of so many, giving their time, goods and expertise; without them our finances would be in an ever more perilous state.”

Richard Allen – The Rector of Trelawny read by Chairman

“I have plans to prosper you and give you a hope and a future Jeremiah 29 v11.

My wife and I would like to say a huge thank you for making us so welcome since we have arrived. Harriet has done a smashing job in making friends with the Rectory. It's looking lovely inside and we both feel very much at home and settled. The garden is looking a picture and it is truly a beautiful country garden. The primroses, daffs and snowdrops have been stunning. We both very much look forward to welcoming you to the Rectory as restrictions are lifted and things become safer.

It has been good to open all of our churches safely for those who feel comfortable in coming at the moment. Please come when you feel ready. We are all encouraged at the time of writing that the winter lockdown is working and the vaccination programme is moving forward more quickly than expected with encouraging results. I am not intending holding benefice services over the summer as I think it is safer to meet in smaller numbers. We must bear in mind that there will be more visitors this summer than ever. Positively there will be more local services. I intend reviewing this in October.

We are gradually getting to know so many of you and have appreciated so many little invites. I am anticipating tasting and seeing what you normally do in your local churches as far as is practical and then gradually trying to tweak things. I am very conscious of the need to put on some family friendly events in the short term along with your normal programme. There will be some Rogation services, Pet services, Scarecrow services, Sea Sunday and Harvest of the Sea events. My son gave me a great tip at the start of our ministry here. Remember Dad it is a marathon and not a sprint! Some wise words from someone so young but someone who possesses so much enthusiasm or hopefully spirit like me! Above all we both sense God has brought us here for a reason and a purpose and that God has plans to prosper the work of the Trelawny Benefice.

Your friend and pastor,

Richard `The Rev` THE RECTOR OF TRELAWNY

PS A huge PS to Pippa our administrator who serves us far beyond the call of duty. Pippa, THANK YOU!"

Lanreath WI given by Mrs Janet Pugh read by Chairman

"As we went into lockdown before our March AGM, we have been unable to have our usual meetings for the year. The committee agreed to stay as the Officers for the year, and asked if the Members would like to have Zoom meetings but almost all declined. The committee met three times during the year, and have been in constant contact with each other and the members with any correspondence and information from both County and National.

We did manage to have a small social meeting at the end of October to say Goodbye and Thank you to Di Randall who had been our Secretary for several years. We wish her every happiness in her new home.

We are now looking forward to moving on with our first Social Meeting this year, combined with a short AGM on 26th May 2021 at 2.30 outside the Hall. We have 17 paid up members, and with a great programme of speakers and demonstrators, we really welcome any prospective new members and visitors at all meetings."

5. Items Raised by Electors of the Parish

- Participation in 'Forest for Cornwall' – Ms Sue Cave gave background details about the scheme to the meeting. There is a website and newsletter for Forest for Cornwall where information and advice can be obtained. If anyone in the community has land that could be used for tree planting, has trees to plant, or already has planted trees, then Forest for Cornwall would like to know. The aim

is to plant 8000 hectares of land, and so they want to include in the overall total any local planting done by organisations or individuals. Please take care to plant sympathetically with the flora and fauna in your area, and advice about this can be obtained from Forest for Cornwall and the Woodland Trust – the latter will also advise specifically as to native trees suitable for the conditions in your area. It has been suggested that there be tree planting as part of any housing developments in the Parish. It was pointed out that farmers are often planting trees. Chairman will put a link onto the Parish website for further information – and cautioned that it takes 30 years before a newly planted tree becomes a carbon sink, so it is a long term investment in the environment.

- Option for reinstating the 'Lanreath Lifestyle' or similar publication - Chairman stated that this publication was greatly missed as a vehicle to 'glue' the community together. His hope was that at this meeting there would be some ideas as to how the publication could be resumed, and he thanked Mrs Marion Facey for attending.

Mrs Facey said that whilst there had been some interest in taking over from her, that so far there was no one who was prepared to put in the commitment that was required and she has had many people in the village tell her how much they miss it. Whilst she ran it single handed it could be done by three people. Cllr Pugh asked whether Paul Wright could be approached – he publishes 'Pelynt Eye' which is online but will be a print version in due course. Mrs Facey said she had been in touch with him but was not convinced he would be a fit – particularly as he charges a lot more for advertising, and the magazine is very glossy and perhaps not what Lanreath wants. After further discussion it was suggested that Cllr R Pugh would provide Chairman with Peter Wright's contact details and chairman will see if this can be taken further. Mrs Facey said she was very happy to help out whoever took over so as to maintain some continuity. A further suggestion was made that the two monthly Polruan Parish magazine may be able to help. Chairman said that whilst this is a community enterprise rather than a Parish Council one, it was in the interests of all in the Parish to seek a resolution and resume publication in some form. He also added that this meeting should record its thanks to Mrs Marion Facey for all the work she has put in over the years – thank you on behalf of the community.

There being no other business the meeting was brought to an end at 20.23