

PETER TAVY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 11th May 2016 in The Village Hall

Councillors present: Mr E Dodd, Mr B Lane, Mrs N Litwinska, Mr J Jeffery, Mr D Chanter, Mrs V Abel, Mr K Ball, Cllr T Pearce and 12 members of the public.

Absent: none

The Chairman, Cllr Chanter opened the meeting at 7.05pm.

1. Apologies for absence.

None.

2. To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th May 2015.

Cllr Chanter summarised the minutes and it was agreed to sign them as an accurate record.

3. Chairmans Report 2015-2016.

Cllr Chanter reported that it had been eventful year, most notably the floods that brought damage and destruction to the village but united the villagers together. Money is getting shorter and shorter and as a community we need to pull together. The Queen's Beacon was a great community event in April and upcoming in June we have another event that will continue to follow traditional values. We have a new tenant now at Church Cottages but we had to spend quite a bit of money renovating to bring the cottage up to an acceptable standard. The Council has continually made improvements to the playing fields for the community.

4. Peter Tavy Community Hydro Scheme.

Cllr Chanter invited Mr White to make a report on the current activities of the Committee. Mr White reported that government funding was received and a feasibility study was completed in December. The first public meeting was in January and parishioners were able to express their views and concerns but overall the consensus was positive. There are three possible routes to run the pipes. May 16th the route will be walked and May 18th a topographical survey will be completed. After that a final study will be completed and then the committee will make an informed decision on whether to proceed. The fact that the government has now cut tariffs by fifty percent means the scheme could be shelved. A number of meetings are planned for May and June, dates can be found on the Hydro website.

5. DNPA Rangers Report.

Mr Taylor reported that Ten Tors had come and gone with only 3 minor injuries out of 2500 participants. He then thanked Cllr Chanter for checking and reporting on the public rights of ways. The floods in February caused alot of damages but they were able to fix all the public accesses swiftly. Lambing season has again begun and again signs have been put up to raise awareness of dogs worrying sheep. Mr Taylor reported that he had undertaken a forestry school practitioners course at Duchy College and that DNP and were using his recently required skills to spread awareness. A variety of courses are offered

for children of all ages to gain an in depth knowledge of Rangers and Authority.

6. Other bodies.

The Peter Tavy Village Hall was represented by Jane Medland who reported on the last year. The Village Hall has undergone big changes with a new kitchen and an updated heating system. Unfortunately a mains water leak outside the hall needed to be fixed and caused a large depreciation in funds. The Village Hall AGM is May 18th.

The Peter Tavy Chapel was represented by David Dodd who reported it had been a busy year. The Minnows group has increased in size due to the increased population of young people in the village. Regular Sunday services are well attended and the monthly soup lunches are always well received. Also once a month they are holding Messy Church which has been popular with the younger generation. Mr Dodd thanked everyone for their support.

The Peter Tavy Church Council was represented by Steve Carrick. A constant worry for the PCC is the water issue that is affecting the tower and the south window. Work will begin this summer and the PCC would like to express its thanks to the Friends of St.Peter's who have raised money so far to start the repairs. The bell ropes are also to be replaced soon as well. The Rector, John Higman has introduced a monthly Holy Communion Service for the resident at Spring House that has been well received.

The Piper was represented by Steve Carrick who produces the newsletter with his wife Ali and have done so for the past 19 years. Each issue of The Piper since 1977 has been printed by Charitable Giving's offices owned by Cllr Lane. Steve Carrick wanted to thank Cllr Lane for funding the newsletter which has been an extremely generous gift that brings enormous benefit to everyone in the community. An online version of The Piper in the form of a PDF is available for people outside our community so that they can keep up to date on all the village news.

The Youth Club was represented by David Dodd who reported that the club has 11 regular members that attend monthly meetings.

7. Any additional business.

Cllr Ball thanked the (now resigned) Chairman Jim Jeffery for his contribution to the community and also Mrs Cassandra McDowall the current Clerk for ongoing work.

Cllr Chanter thanked the Coucillors and Parishoners who had attended the Annual Parish Meeting. He said that it was a typical year in the life of a village and the year ahead would be similar with a variety of events scheduled. Cllr Chanter concluded that we have to support our community to keep the village the way it is, of course there will always be progress but by keeping the spirit of the community up we can keep Peter Tavy the place that we all know and love.

The meeting was closed at 7.40pm

Signed:

Dated: