



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD AT BUDOCK VILLAGE HALL, ON TUESDAY MAY 6TH 2014

PRESENT: Cllrs Bastin, Mrs Clark, Fairbank, Gibson, Hart and Hennell.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs Lois Iddon, Clerk and 1 member of the public representing Budock WI.

The Chairman explained the safety procedures.

- 1. TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs Perham.
- 2. MEMBERS TO DECLARE ANY DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND NON REGISTERABLE INTERESTS AND ANY GIFTS OR HOSPITALITY OVER £25**
There were no interests declared.
- 3. TO APPROVE REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS FROM MEMBERS**
There were no requests for dispensations from members.
- 4. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMMUNITY**
 - i. Budock Parish Council – Chairman’s Report**
Cllr Bastin spoke to his report, he said that:

“2013/14 has been another year of constant change and uncertainty and threats to Budock’s identity. In the absence of a clear strategic plan from Cornwall Council developers are continually probing the edges of our Parish on the assumption that Falmouth needs to expand its housing stock. As a result of this permission has been granted for 300 new houses at Kergilliack, and this move alone has increased our potential Parish size by 75 per cent. Falmouth Town Council has been our much appreciated supporters in this situation, making clear that they see no need for Falmouth to expand over the border into Budock. Indeed they greatly value the buffer between the two areas as part of their tourist appeal.

Putting our Clerk’s office back into the village within the Village Hall has been a great success, with more people now finding it easier to make comment to and connect with the Parish Council. I am also pleased to say that our new Clerk, Mrs Iddon has settled in very quickly and become a focal point for parish issues. The Clerk is available on Tuesday mornings and Friday afternoons within the Parish Office. At other times she is available via e-mail at clerk@budockparish.net

Over the past few months we have been reviewing our Footpaths and Bridle ways and it has become clear that some are in need of rejuvenation, mainly as a result of the very extreme winter. Hopefully this work will take place over the next few months ready for next winter. The path that passes through the ‘new churchyard’ has been successfully resurfaced, now being mud free in all weathers. The number of people using our rights of way has increased considerably over the last few years and this in itself increases the wear and tear aspect, however it is good to see our rural heritage being enjoyed. A project to produce a comprehensive footpath guide is about to come to fruition and will soon be available from local outlets, including the local shop, pub and hotel.

The role of a Parish Councillor has changed substantially over the years, now involving more responsibility, accountability and time commitment, but it can also be very interesting and rewarding. We currently have vacancies for three members. Councillor Tim McCabe has recently stepped down after many years of service and I would like to publicly thank him for his past enthusiasm and wisdom. It is particularly important to have councillors with a history of local knowledge, and also representation from the younger sector of the community. If you would like to know more about what would be involved please speak to myself or the Parish Clerk.

Local community spirit has again shone this year, with many activities taking place, including the Christmas lights that gave an opportunity for people to get together despite the inclement weather. Another success story has been Budock Playing Field, where young children can let off steam and interact safely. I thank the Playing Field and Village Hall Committees for their continued enthusiasm and commitment. As with the Parish Council, they rely entirely on volunteers and are always keen to find new members.

Budock Garden Show has also gone from strength to strength with a renewed interest in 'home grown' and allotments giving the opportunity for local gardeners to showcase their products with of course the usual friendly rivalry.

Crime and disorder is still relatively low within the Parish but this should not lead to complacency and we all need to keep an eye on anything that may seem unusual or out of character within our community. We also have a continuing issue of excessive vehicle speeds within both Budock Water, Treverva and Lamanva.

Finally I would like to place on record my thanks to all past and present members of this Council and also to our County Councillor Neil Hatton for his loyalty and hard work in supporting the Parish and its community over the last year."

It was proposed by Cllr Hennell and seconded by Cllr Mrs Clark and

RESOLVED that the Council accept the Chairman's Report for the year 2013-2014.

On a vote being taken this was agreed unanimously.

ii. Treverva Village Hall Review and Report – produced by Malcolm Bennett and read out by Cllr Hennell:

We have tried to raise the profile of the hall by the following:

1. Advertising on the building;
2. Flyers delivered around the district, including the Spar shops in Mabe and Constantine, and delivery of flyers in papers delivered to Mawnan Smith;
3. We started a newsletter, to be produced quarterly and delivered in Treverva and Lamanva;
4. We held a social evening before Christmas to try and involve more local people to get together: hopefully, this will become an annual event;
5. We are to try a quiz at the end of May: if this is successful, it will also become an annual event.

In addition, the hall is booked by various local groups.

We have cleaned and re-decorated the outside of the Village Hall and cleaned and checked the interior. All this work has been carried out by members of the committee and volunteers; apart from keeping costs to a minimum, this has provided an opportunity for villagers to get together.

I believe that we have a good committee, whose members are willing and enthusiastic. Our finances are in good order and are overseen by our treasurer, Mr Len Cheshire.”

iii. Budock Village Hall Report – produced and read out by Cllr Gibson:

“The Village Hall has enjoyed another reasonably successful year with an increase in both private and regular bookings. The increase in regular bookings has mainly come from the Parish Council who now rent the Committee Room for two sessions a week, as well as storing files and equipment. Three weeks ago a Martial Arts group also started renting the Main Hall on a Thursday evening. This should hopefully show as an increase in the Hall’s revenue next year. A serious enquiry has also been received from a lady who is interested in holding language classes one afternoon a week.

In June 2013 Ray Selley finished as Caretaker and because of the difficulties the HMRC have made with their new accounting system, and because we wanted to save money, we decided to employ a contract cleaner to clean the hall and to share the other duties between myself and Peter (Fairbank); using a self-employed carpenter to carry out any small repair work. We have been very lucky to find an excellent cleaning company. These moves have led to an overall saving of about £1500 a year, without any detriment to standards.

In November the annual Feast Night was held. It was a very enjoyable evening with entertainment by The Lemonnaires. The turnout was disappointing but a small profit was made.

On the negative side the hall does seem to have been somewhat neglected over the last few years. Some attempts to redress this have been made over the last year with improvements being made to the heating and hot water system, and also the electrical circuits have been updated. The basement under the stage has been cleared out and the wilderness that had grown down the side of the hall has also been cleared. This work has been expensive but has partly been offset by the successful application of a £1,500 grant from the Parish Council.

Essential external work needs to be carried out which includes new UPVC guttering and fascias, a new fire door, a new back door and a new window. The lowest quote received for this work is £5,500 and another application for a grant is to be made to the Parish Council to cover about 50% of the cost.

Finally I would like to thank everyone for their co-operation in keeping the hall tidy in the absence of a Caretaker. Thanks also to Phil (Hart) for his support as Vice Chairman, to Joan (Martin) for all her work as Secretary, and to Peter (Fairbank) for not only being the Treasurer but helping me with some of the Caretaker duties.”

iv. Budock WI

The WI representative at the meeting stated that all was well with the WI.

v. Budock Over 60's.

Cllr Mrs Clark said all was well with the Over 60's and they had recently enjoyed several outings.

vi. Budock Playing Field Association.

The following report was received after the meeting from the Playing Field Association:

“After a very difficult year for the Budock Water Playing Field Association following resignations from 3 Officers and some other Members through illness, I am very pleased to report that we now have a very healthy Committee – 15 in number – and several new, younger, Members.

They have brought in lots of new ideas – we are now in the 21st Century and on Facebook! – And, the older Members are coming to grips with it.

As 2014 marks the 50th anniversary of the playing field and 100 years since the start of World War I, we are joining forces with the Carnival Committee and planning a whole day of activities on Saturday 2nd August. Weather permitting the childrens' activities will take place in the field in the afternoon and a display of memorabilia in the village hall, with teas etc. available, and we are hoping to put on some evening entertainment, possibly a Ceilidh or Barn Dance.

We are looking for old photographs or articles to do with the War or Budock so if you have anything please get in touch with a Committee Member.”

5. TO DISCUSS PRIORITIES FROM THE COMMUNITY

The following issued were discussed:-

- Developing a Parish Plan – the cost of producing such a plan is seen to outweigh the advantages, so Budock Parish Council has no plans to produce one in the near future.
- Holding Council ‘Surgeries’. It was agreed that now we have the Parish Council Office within the Budock Village Hall that ‘Surgeries’ would be held every month or so, whereby a councillor would be available to discuss any Parish concerns. These would take place in Treverva Village Hall, twice a year. It is hoped to start these in the autumn.
- Council Vacancies – currently there are three vacancies which will be advertised soon. Cllr Hennell said there had been some interest shown from Treverva residents and they will be contacting the Chairman.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.30pm

Signed: 26th May 2014

Chairman