

DRAFT MINUTES – NOT RATIFIED UNTIL SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN



**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD AT BUDOOCK VILLAGE HALL, ON
MONDAY 18th MAY 2015**

PRESENT: Cllrs Bennett, Mrs Clark, Fairbank (Chairman), Gibson, Hart, Heritage and Mrs Perham.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs Lois Iddon, Clerk; and 2 members of the public representing Budock WI.

The Chairman explained the safety procedures.

1. TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Bastin, Geraty and Hennell. Apologies also received from Mrs Richards (Bingo), Mr Wilson (Garden Show), and Mrs Gallacher (Playing Field).

2. COUNCILLORS 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 COUNCILLORS

There were no requests for dispensations from Councillors.

4. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMMUNITY

i. Budock WI

Two members of Budock WI were in attendance and reported that the WI meets once a month on the second Wednesday. In the winter they will be changing to holding all their meetings in the evenings. Several outings have taken place, including ones to St Buryan WI, with whom they are twinned, and to Trecice Manor. This year is the 100th anniversary of the WI and a baton has been going around the country. On June 4th there will be a special service in the Royal Albert Hall, which is being relayed to all WIs. Members can take advantage of courses offered at their own training college at Abingdon.

The WI would very much like new members, but currently seem unable to attract them. At present they have 21 members, of which approximately 1/3rd come from within Budock parish.

ii. Budock Garden Show

The Clerk read out a short comment from Scott Wilson representing the Garden Show:-
"Nothing to report from the Budock Garden Show except a general concern over the reduction in numbers over the last couple of years. Sadly all we need is for a few big 'names' to stop entering and that will be the end of the show in its current form"

iii. Budock Over 60's

Mrs Clark from the over 60's produced and read the following:-
"Budock Over 60's now in its 30th year. Our membership of both men and women is approximately 40, with 2 new members joining us last month.

We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, at the Village Hall, where we mostly enjoy entertainment of some kind or another. During the summer we also have coach outings to various destinations.

In December we arrange a 'Hotel Christmas Lunch' to enjoy a festive meal, which we try to subsidise for our club members.

iv. Treverva Village Hall Review and Report – produced and read by Malcolm Bennett, Chairman of Treverva Village Hall:

“Events during the past year to encourage use of the hall:

1. Various coffee mornings have been held throughout the year, and recently arranged to coincide with visits of the mobile library.
2. We continue to enjoy our pre-Christmas get-togethers.
3. Within the last year we have held two quiz evenings which have been a great success, the last quiz filling the hall to capacity. We plan to continue with these evenings, which raise money for Save the Children.
4. Quarterly newsletters are delivered to homes in Lamanva and Treverva; these now include a crossword with a cash prize.

Unfortunately hall bookings are down this year, following the loss of a regular booking from the Young Farmers. However the hall was again used on Election Day. Many thanks to Hazel for continuing to act as bookings secretary.

Our thanks go to the Parish Council for providing a new notice board. Together with a renewed village hall noticeboard, we now look a lot smarter.

We hope to carry out some decoration and minor improvements to the hall, including the toilets; to be carried out by committee members. A Section 133 grant may be requested towards the cost of work to the toilets.

I believe we continue to have a good and willing committee, and our finances are in good order, overseen by our treasurer Mr Len Cheshire.”

v. Budock Village Hall Report – produced and read out by Rob Gibson, Chairman of Budock Village Hall:

“The hall has enjoyed a successful year from the point of view of bookings, with an increase of revenue of over 10%, bringing the total revenue from bookings to just under £10,000. The increase has mainly come from more regular bookings with a full year from the parish council office, as well as regular sessions from a Falmouth Brownie pack and Falmouth Fencing Club. A Martial Arts group also used the hall for several months but left because their members were reluctant to travel out to Budock, even though the Hall was ideal in every other way.

The experiment to not employ a caretaker has worked well, with a contract cleaning company giving the hall a thorough clean once a week. The rest of the caretaker duties, including the bookings, are carried out by Jan, myself (Rob Gibson), and Peter on a voluntary basis. The advantage of this is a saving in costs of about £2,000 a year as well as not having to involve ourselves with the complexities of the tax system. The success of this has relied heavily on groups cleaning up after themselves and, with the exception of two or three occasions, this has worked well, and I would like to thank the regular users for their cooperation.

The only event the Committee organised during the year was Feast Night when we were entertained by the Cadgwith Singers. The event was a success but we did have the embarrassment of running out of pasties because the Singers turned up with five times the number of people that they brought the last time they came. Another concert was organised during the summer, but had to be cancelled due to lack of interest.

The Hall is starting to show its age and we have spent a lot of money on it during the year. Two new UPVC doors and one new window, as well as replacement of all the rotting fascia and guttering, an upgrading to the fire alarm system, and the purchase of more radiators to

keep the poor old Parish Clerk warm in her office, have contributed to the nearly £10,000 spent on repairs and renewals. We are grateful to the Parish Council for contributing nearly £3,000 to this sum. Without this we could not have carried out the work as our only income is from hiring out the hall. On the other hand it could be argued that as the hall belongs to the Council that they should be responsible for all Capital expenditure.

In the next two months we will have to spend several hundred pounds on an asbestos survey and a couple of thousand pounds on a new flat roof for the kitchen. We will, of course, be asking for more financial help from the Parish Council and we are optimistic that this will be forthcoming.

Finally I would like to thank all the Committee, but in particular Jan, Joan and Peter for all their help during this last year.”

vi. Budock Playing Field Association.

In the absence of Margaret Gallacher, Phil Hart gave a brief report on behalf of the Playing Field Committee:

“Problem with a lack of people on the Committee, with some current members planning to leave. Concerns that we will be left with a Playing field, but no Committee to run it. The main item of expenditure is the £1,300 needed annually for the insurance. So far this year that amount has not been raised at the various money raising events that have been held. Consequently it is not sustainable in its present form. The next scheduled meeting for the Playing field Committee is 2nd June, and the AGM will be held in September.”

5. TO DISCUSS PRIORITIES FROM THE COMMUNITY

The following issues were discussed:-

- Possible future problems resulting from lack of members on the Playing Field Committee – a couple of suggestions were to see if there could be any Section 106 money available as a result of the planned development within the parish, and the possibility of the Parish Council taking over the payment of the insurance.
- Query over the future of Carnival and Fun Day, now that the previous tenants of the Trelowarren Arms have left the area. It was noted that Mark from Arthur’s Table had expressed an interest in helping to organise such future events. These events will be discussed at the next Playing Field Committee meeting in early June.
- WI expressed an interest in running the Christmas Fair and setting up the village Christmas tree. However they would not be in a position to cover the cost of the necessary insurances that would be involved. This item will be an agenda item at the next Parish Council meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.32pm

Signed: Dated:
Chairman