



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 21ST MAY IN MAWNAN MEMORIAL HALL

PRESENT: Cllrs Gibbons (Chairman), Nash, Robinson, Sadler

ALSO PRESENT: Mrs L Clements, Clerk and twelve members of the public

The Chairman explained the safety procedures.

1926. TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Miss George, Barnicoat, Mrs Mason (late – Cllrs White, Moyle & Barnicoat)

1927. MEMBERS TO DECLARE ANY DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND ANY GIFTS RECEIVED

None

1928. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMMUNITY:

Reports were read out by members of the following groups:

Mawnan Bowling Club

Mawnan History Group

Mawnan Mothers Union

Friends of Mawnan Surgery

Mawnan Methodist Church/ Sunday School

Cricket Club

Mawnan School PTA

Reports from the Snooker Club (by Martin Tremayne) & The Anvil Trust (by Ian Martin) were read out by Cllr Sadler

Reports from the Youth Group, WI, Football Club, Panto Group, Christmas Lights Group, Memorial Hall Trust, Helford River Scout Group, Guides & Allotment Group were provided prior to the meeting and read by Cllr Gibbons & The Clerk

All of these reports are given in full at the end of these minutes.

Cllr Gibbons went on to highlight some of the Parish Council achievements this year which include refurbishments works to the Bus Shelter and Toilets; the collection of first payment for the Solar Farm Grant; the parish council website coming under day to day control by the clerk; ongoing planning application support for new builds at both Bosilliac and Meudon Barns; the final decision on the Goldmartin Fields application and subsequent appeal correspondences; the taking over of management in the old Mawnan Cemetery and the beginning of works to the new graveyard and works with the two Trust managed by the Council at the Junior Playing Field and Carwinion Field.

1929. TO DISCUSS PRIORITIES FROM THE COMMUNITY

Cllr Gibbons stated that future works to the facias and getting on the MCA pavilion were in the process of being finalised, with quotes for worked being assessed.

Cllr Sadler thought that additional works to the MCA, including the replacement of the two storage areas (including the container) should be assessed in order to tidy the site.

The purchase of a community defibrillator was raised and it was agreed this would be investigated further and added onto the next full council agenda

It was noted that long-time residents Nick & Chris Fletcher were soon to leave the village to return 'up country' to be closer to family. One of the initial reasons they chose to move to Mawnan was the large number of community events, groups and activities, which they have collated over the years into the Mawnan Diary newsletter which goes out every month. We would all be sorry to see them leave.

Cllr Mrs Mason suggested that the reports from the Annual Meetings be collated into a booklet and distributed to suitable vantage points within the parish to let people know about some on the many groups and activities that take place in the parish, rather than just having them as part of the minutes. The clerk agreed to try drafting a suitable document.

This meeting finished at 7.37pm

Signed..... 18th June 2015
(Chair)

Mawnan Bowling Club

The Bowling Club year followed a gentle, prescribed pattern. The outdoor season began in April with practice sessions and friendly matches against other clubs to get us back in the swing of playing outdoors. Friendly matches continued at weekends throughout the summer. We had 'roll ups' on Tuesday afternoons when everyone is welcome to come and have a try at the sport. This has now moved to Thursday afternoons.

We played competitively against other clubs in men's, ladies and mixed leagues. Our full members played in the early rounds of the Group, County and National competitions. We hosted matches for both the County's Ladies and Mens Vice Presidents resulting in players from all over Cornwall coming to play on our greens.

At the league matches came to an end we ran inter club competitions as a result of which the 'champions' go on to play the winners from other clubs. At the end of the outdoor season we enjoyed a trophy lunch when the club trophies were presented.

During the winter months the club has two teams playing and a Carpet Bowls League. Alongside this we have a thriving social carpet bowls section of the Club. This is open to members and non-members and takes place on a Tuesday afternoon in the clubhouse throughout the year.

Mawnan History Group

The Mawnan History Group has had a very busy and rewarding year.

With the generous financial help from the Parish Council we were able to stage a free five day exhibition for the village to commemorate WW1. This was held in the War Memorial Hall and in the Methodist Chapel, by kind permission of both Hall Committees.

The extra finance enabled us to expand the scope and presentation of the exhibition and also increased our ability to archive materials. During the exhibition we had a large number of visitors with many returning more than once (the 18 month preparation was well worth the effort).

A large thank you to the entire parish for their valuable contributions and help, also for sharing the precious artefacts and documentation along with the memories which are now archived.

The History Group has a very small but dedicated committee of 5 and as well as the exhibition we managed a varied programme this year which attracted some 30 visitors in addition to our members.

Our talks covered Pharmacy of Yesteryear; Great House Fires; WW1 local people and an insight for women of WW1; The Cornish Range and Brass Bands of Cornwall with Instruments.

Ted Glover
Secretary Mawnan History Club

Mawnan Mothers Union - report pending from Sylvia King

Friends of Mawnan Surgery

We are most fortunate in our village to have Doctors Practise which dispenses prescriptions and is open 5 days a week.

The Doctors have 3 surgeries and the nurses two each week.

Our small but dedicated committee continues to fund raise to purchase equipment for the benefit of our patients in the surgery and their own homes. This year we have purchased as swivel chair for the patients use, when taking their blood pressure before seeing the doctors or nurses. This blood pressure sleeve was purchased by the 'Friends' in 2013.

We raise funds at the memorial hall during the two flu jab sessions, where we sell raffle tickets for a Christmas Hamper, which is drawn each session and provide tea, coffee and biscuits after the patients have received their injections.

We welcome anyone wishing to join our small but friendly committee, which meets every 3 months. If you are interested please contact our chairperson, Mrs Gill Glover, or myself

Margaret Lugg
Secretary for Friends of Mawnan Surgery

Mawnan Methodist Church & Sunday School

This year is an exciting one for our Chapel as we celebrate its bicentenary. In March we had a most wonderful service attended by many past and present members and ministers. We were delighted to welcome friends from the Church of England and Catholic churches and folk from our village and neighbouring parishes. It was especially good to see our chapel full and our organ playing once again after expensive repairs; this was mainly due to two generous donors who had heard of our plight and helped considerably. To help our ongoing organ repair account we will with the kind assistance of Mawnan History Group are staging an exhibition in August in the Sunday School Room , featuring photographs & memorabilia from the last 200 years.

Our Lent Lunches run by the 3 churches in Mawnan was once again a great success, with proceeds of over £600 going to Christian Aid.

We are grateful to the Table Tennis Group, Guides, Rainbows and "8-in-a-bar" who rent at reasonable cost our Sunday School Hall for their recreations and rehearsals.

The Sunday School, although low in numbers meet about 4 times a year, their Nativity Service is always special.... we were lucky again to have a 'real' baby Jesus this year. We unite with the Church of England on Mothering Sundays and we attend each other's Harvest Festivals.

Rosemary Curtis' Christmas Star on our Chapel Wall burns brightly through Advent and is an inspiration to us to continue our weekly worship in our Chapel at Mawnan, where a warm welcome awaits parishioners and visitors alike at 11am each Sunday

Margaret Lugg
Secretary Mawnan Chapel.

Mawnan Cricket Club

The village should take pride in its cricket club as we are the 2nd oldest village club member of the Cornwall Cricket League which was formed in 1905.

We joined in 1925 and, taking away the years around both world wars, we have completed in 6 out of a possible 99 seasons.

During most of that time we have run at least two sides but about 8 years ago that was reduced to one as there was a general decline in village cricket with no younger players coming through the ranks. However, that one team won promotion from division 7 to divisions 6 west – the division we are still in.

Last year was our best season in this division, finishing 5th out of 12; just one point behind the 4th. An injury to our top scoring batsman 2/3rds of the way through the season meant that we lost 6 of our last 7 matches, 4 by very narrow margins (12 runs, 10 runs, 8 runs & 5 balls).

The new season is underway and currently after 4 games we are top of the division by a slender margin on 1 point.

In the past 3 years we have reversed the trend of lack of young players and currently we have 12 under the age of 21 signed on and to facilitate the steady rise in numbers in 2013 we entered a team in the local Evening Mining League to give everybody a chance of at least 1 game per week.

We are a self-sufficient club and apart from the council's obligation to cut the field once a fortnight we have to date not received any funding from the council, probably down to the fact in the past we have never asked for it. The club does pay towards the upkeep of the field during the season as well as providing man hours to keep it in order for the benefit of all users.

WE would welcome some more supporters and on Saturday home games we can always provide you with a cup of tea or coffee if you just ask the tea-ladies. Our fixtures are on our display board which is on the wall next to the Red Lion side entrance but please don't all rush up to the field this Saturday as our game against Barripper has been cancelled as they have withdrawn from the League.

Martin Ley

Report from Mawnan School PTA

This time last year we were in the final months of our fundraising to replacement the play equipment that had to be removed a few years previously. PTA committees over a 5 year period had been raising money steadily. With a final year of increased awareness and extra fundraising activities - as well as some generous donations - we achieved our objective of £18,000 to complete the project.

In July we held our final fundraising event for the year, a sponsored bike ride from Lands Ends to School. This was organised by Adam Keogh our treasurer and keen cyclist. Without too much pressure he managed to enlist Mr Brook, Mrs Williams and 13 parents who trained for the event; the rest of us were happy to be at the finish line waving banners! We then welcomed the tired team back with a traditional school fete, with stalls organised by the children, a BBQ and bouncy castle which despite the damp weather was a lovely occasion and epitomised the family atmosphere of the school.

Later that month the area for the new play equipment was levelled by Tim Lugg so that Earthwrights could begin work to build a fabulous play structure. This equipment fulfils the school's needs, as an outdoor classroom and a climbing/play area for all ages of children within school.

The adventure playground, as it is always referred to by the children, is a real enhancement to the school. We are incredibly grateful for donations from the Parish Council, Falmouth Firefighters, Hartley Peters, Mawnan Panto, Durgan Regatta and the Helford Swim amongst others, and to all of those who so generously supported our fundraising.

The new school year in September started with the PTA helping with the Mawnan Fun Run, where we ran stalls and games on the field. This worked well and was very enjoyable for runners and families. We will repeat our activities at the September's Fun Run.

The autumn term fundraising consisted of a trip to see Paddington at the cinema in Falmouth which was fantastic, plus a crazy run around at Raze the Roof. We also staged a successful 'Bag2school' clothing collection and a range of Christmas activities.

In the spring term we ran a series of cakes sales where each class provided cakes, buns or biscuits for an after school sale. These are always very popular and well supported with lots of lovely goods on offer. We were involved in the Gala Night for the Mawnan Pantomime and we organised a school Easter Egg Hunt.

We began this term with a 'Bluebell Walk' through Carwinion woods to Porth Sawsen beach where pasties and drink awaited. We are now busy organising events for the remainder of the summer.

From this year's fundraising we have been able to pay swimming lessons for Class 3. More bark flooring is needed for the adventure playground, however, and we have set up a maintenance/replenishment fund to ensure that playground items can be replaced as necessary. We also aim to be able to send each class on an outing and to invite an educational theatre workshop or similar into the school.

We are committed to fundraising to meet these aims, enhance the school experience for Mawnan pupils of all ages – and at the same time offering a series of fun events families can enjoy.

Mawnan Anvil Trust

The last year had seen a complete changeover of all four of our tenant craft-workers. After seven years of stability, or original tenants have moved on – and I would like to record our thanks for their contribution to the establishment and success of the craft centre.

Four new tenants have now replaced them bringing new interest to the village. The Centre has a new blacksmith – a traditional skill which goes back to the founding of the village – we have an internationally acclaimed silversmith and jeweller who recently won a gold medal at an international exhibition in Germany, and we have a sign writer and a furniture maker – who of which I am sure will be pleased to have your custom.

The Trust has continued to improve the fabric and appearance of the Centre. New lighting has been installed, supported by a grant of £150 from the Parish Council, other electrical fixtures have been upgraded and the veranda walkway has been rain proofed.

The Trust has commissioned a new stable door for the smithy which will be in place in the next few weeks and will add further to the traditional appearance of the craft centre.

Ian Martin, Company Secretary

Snooker Club Report

In the autumn of 2014 the Mawnan Snooker Club or Mens' Club, as it was known then, was destined to be closed down.

Due to a perceived lack of use and low returns on the electric meter, the Hall Committee understandably identified a more profitable use of the room.

On hearing of this proposal a small group of past members got tougher and decided to save the club, which has been in existence for around 80 years.

An open meeting was called a new management committee formed with the general approval of the Hall Committee. Since January 2105 the Snooker Club has enjoyed a new lease of life and currently has a membership of 18. A representative team plays in the Falmouth and District Snooker League.

The Snooker Club id grateful to the Hall Committee for their support in upgrading the facilities in the snooker room and also the support of Mawnan Parish Council thorough the community grant. It is hoped that the club will continue to grow with new and improved facilities.

The one major concern regarding the snooker room is the lack of a fire escape door and it is hoped that this matter can be given serious consideration in the not too distant future.

Martin Tremayne
Chairman, Mawnan Snooker Club

Mawnan WI Annual Report for the Parish Council Meeting 21st May 2015

2015 is a special year for the Women's Institute as we celebrate 100 years since our foundation. There have been events taking place throughout the country and locally we took part in a celebration tea at the Maritime Museum when the centenary baton was received in Falmouth.

Mawnan WI continues to be involved in many community events and has a thriving membership. Currently our membership is over 50 and the majority meet regularly at the Memorial Hall on the second Thursday of the month. We go out for lunch once a month and also meet at Cornish Maid for coffee -this has moved to Tuesdays so that those members who go to Pilates in the MCA hall can join in. The Pilates class was set up a couple of years ago as a result of interest shown at one of our monthly meetings and has been taken over by Ty Morgan who has to control the high spirits and creaky joints of up to 17 WI members and friends.

We have enjoyed a varied programme of activities and speakers over the last year which has reflected the different interests of members. Talks and demonstrations have been given by members and invited experts. To give some examples: we began our 2014/15 programme with a fascinating talk by Jonathan Griffin who helped us to understand why Falmouth hasn't developed in the same way as Devonport and some of the lucky escapes

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we had from our beautiful environment being developed. The Street Pastors and a retired police officer talked about their work and we visited the RNLI lifeboat station. Jane Rogers came to our July meeting and told us about how Carwinion has one of the most spectacular collections of bamboos in the country. We were thrilled by the success of our Garden Safari which raised over £600 for the Merlin Centre and have decided to repeat it this year on 11th July. We have been shown how to make chutneys and jam and have been to one of Arty Williams Master Classes at The Cove. Our Fashion Show in October continues to attract a lively audience and this event has become one of our annual fund raisers. Towards Christmas we held a wreath making activity which was open to the community and this success led us to put on a spring flower arranging session a few weeks ago. All our meetings end with a superb supper provided by a refreshments team.

Shrove Tuesday would not be the same without the Pancake Race held in the Memorial Hall for all the community from 1 - 100 year olds! This year the occasion fell during half term, but this did not affect the enthusiastic participants.

We continue to have regular trips to The Hall for Cornwall and to local gardens. We visited Caerhays at the beginning of May.

In the last year Mawnan WI members have again helped out in the front of house at the village pantomime and Musical Extravaganza and were up on the field serving refreshments at the Fun Run in September. We supported the Craft Market by serving refreshments, held our own Christmas Gift Fair in November and arranged the Senior Citizens' Christmas party.

We are looking forward to another exciting year and hope to increase our membership and the profile of WI in Mawnan. We would like to mark the centenary of the Women's Institute in some way and I have already written to the Parish Council about the possibility of planting a tree, but we are open to any suggestions.

(Gill Druce - Hon. Secretary)

Mawnan Community Association

2014 was a good year for us with regular users being: Beavers, Cubs, Brownies, Toddlers, Pilates, Puppy training class, pool team and the Football and Cricket Clubs. We also have a local band who practice regularly. We have had a few social occasions and one charity event which raised over £2000 for someone competing in the London Marathon. The hall is also popular for children's parties.

Unfortunately the Youth Club is not running at the moment due to lack of youth leaders. I know that John Houldsworth is actively seeking new ones. It is a pity as there is little in the village for young teens.

The Pavilion kitchen is used on occasion particularly by the football and crickets clubs. They also of course use the changing facilities and showers.

In conjunction with the Trustees on a 50/50 basis we have purchased a new oven, revamped the referee's room with new shelving and replaced the ceiling with plastic panels. It has also been necessary to replace a shower pump.

We anticipate this year having to replace the facias and guttering and will liaise with the Trustees to do both the Community Centre and the pavilion.

Regards

Colin Bate

Mawnan Football Club 2014-15

Mawnan Football Club had an enjoyable and competitive year in the Trelawny League. No silverware was won, but the First team finished a very respectable 4th in the Premier Division - effectively 4th out of 83 teams in West Cornwall when you take all the other lower divisions into account - which is a worthy effort for a village club. The Reserves team also performed creditably, finishing in 9th place in Division 3 and also helping to supply additional players for the first team when required.

Mawnan continues to be a very well-regarded club in Cornish football, with visiting clubs particularly enjoying the post-match refreshments and food provided in the MCA Centre and we are proud to give a good impression of Mawnan Smith in this way.

It has been especially pleasing to see a number of young lads from the village attending training this season. All look to be very keen and talented and, with another year under their belts, it is hoped we may see some more of them in action for Mawnan in matches next season.

Pre-Season training will be starting in July, and notices will be placed around the village nearer the time and information posted on our website - <http://www.clubwebsite.co.uk/mawnanafc01>

Sessions are free, and all are welcome to come along, whether you would be keen to play in games regularly or just want to help yourself keep fit and active. And of course, all are welcome to watch regular matches at the Playing Field on Saturdays along with our band of loyal supporters!

Andrew Pryn

Secretary, Mawnan Football Club

MAWNAN MEMORIAL HALL - ANNUAL REPORT

This last year, as most years has been a busy one for Mawnan Memorial Hall which has seen a wide range of events and meetings including The Panto, A Musical Extravaganza,

the Craft Market to regular meetings of the Lunch Club , History Group and WI plus occasional concerts, plays and fundraising events.

Mawnan Memorial Committee believes that the Hall remains at the heart of our village, providing a warm and comfortable venue for all these activities and is much valued by our community. MMH may be one of the best used village halls in this part of Cornwall. However, MMH Committee is always mindful of its responsibility to continue to maintain and upgrade the facilities within the Hall. To plan for this in an organized way the Committee has drafted a Ten Year Plan in three phases. The plan will enable us to determine what needs to be done immediately, soon and in the future to ensure that MMH continues to be fit for purpose.

The draft Ten Year Plan will be informed by a survey of a sample of Mawnan residents of all ages to ask what they would events or improvements they would like to see at MMH. Many aspects of our Ten Year Plan will require changes and updates to be made to the existing building. The Committee has made a request to the Parish Council for funding for an architect led feasibility study of the Hall so that we may see how we might make better use of the space within the building in order to continue meeting the needs of our community.

We are about to enter an interesting and possibly exciting phase in the history of MMH but of course, everything is reliant on money and far more importantly on the goodwill of our community which is obvious from the support which it gives to all events at MMH.

MAWNAN CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

MAWNAN WILL BE WELL LIT WITH CHRISTMAS LIGHTS THIS YEAR THANKS TO MANY HELPERS!!

FATHER CHRISTMAS HAS BEEN INVITED AND HE SAYS HE WILL ARRIVE ON TIME TO SWITCH THE LIGHTS ON!
NEARLY HALF WAY THERE!

DON'T FORGET THE MAWNAN BAKE IN THIS SATURDAY. POSTERS WITH DETAILS IN THE VILLAGE.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS TEAM

MAWNAN PANTO GROUP

Another very good Panto this year, thank you Maureen and everyone involved.

Thank you everyone who came to see Beauty and the Beast.

Due to careful handling of our finances we were able to give £600 to the PTA of Mawnan School, and £500 to the Christmas Lighting Committee. As usual the Panto paid rent to the Memorial Hall for rehearsals and the Panto dates. This time the Hall was paid £826. The Panto Group realise that it is very much part of the village, as probably half the village are involved. It sees its remit as remaining as a viable and successful Panto Group and putting help back into a village group of its choice each year.

See you all in February 2016!

Mawnan Allotment Group

Our year (up to 20 March 2015) had been very good in growing terms, for those of us remaining (7 members, 7 plots working) and had bumper produce, but the going is still difficult, with no water, no storage and no shelter.

At the end of the year, we lost two more members and were down to only 5 plots in use.

The only improvement to the site facilities during the year, was the use of scalplings (or road planings) laid down in the entrance to the field to provide vehicular access and within the field to provide a safe and reasonably secure drop-off point for equipment, plants etc. This has made a big difference as the mud in the entrance had often been difficult to negotiate in bad weather. We would like to thank the National Trust team at Glendurgan for the finance and help in providing this facility.

The problems remain in being able to attract new members, but the National Trust have offered to provide additional facilities if we can demonstrate that we are successfully making efforts in new recruitment.

We have advertised in more places and now that we have purchased a rotavator (courtesy of a small grant from Shell International) we have introduced a "Ready to GO / Ready to GROW" service, where a new plot can be cleared ready for growing for new members for a small fee.

The new season, starting from "21st March" has seen a dramatic increase in takeup and we now have only 4 plots remaining vacant from the original 20. We continue to look at ways we can raise money from grant funding applications in order to finance improvements to the site, and encourage volunteers, especially to help attract new members with from the local area who may not be able to manage the hard work in working this currently difficult site.

Mawnan Village Youth Club

Thank you for the invitation to the Annual Meeting to report about the village youth club.

Michelle Dickinson organised the club for approximately five years, in which time, with the support of some of the older youngsters, she provided a variety of interesting and creative activities each week during this time.

Earlier this year Michelle moved away from Mawnan, since then there has been an appeal to try to find someone or a group of people to take over the reins of the club. Particularly during the winter months there seems to be a need for space where young people can get together. Traditionally the club meets on a Wednesday evening between 6.30 – 8.30pm at the Community Centre though there would be some flexibility on the time and evening.

There is a small supportive committee to deal with practical matters such as rent etc.

Kind regards
Eithina Houldsworth

Mawnan Guides

There is a healthy guide group in the village at present, with 19 members which include several older members who are active in leading group activities. We are currently looking for a few more adult leaders, preferably someone living in the village, to help out.

Christine Grint

Helford River Scout Group

Helford River Scouts were formed in 2010 starting with a Cub pack in January. A beaver Colony opened in September; this was followed by a Sea Scouts. The Beavers cater for 6-8 years olds whilst the Cubs are from 8-10½. Sea Scouts do the same as other Scouts but with more emphasis on seamanship skills.

The Scout programme is based on progressive training programmes with a series of badges and awards. Underlying this are the core values, the gaining of confidence, self-reliance and leadership. All sections have consistently high numbers with loyal attendance.

Scouts like outdoor activities such as tracking, fire lighting hiking and camping. Swimming, canoeing and cycling are popular as well as cooking and archery. They take part in District and County events, enjoy making things such as bird boxes, appreciate visits to the lifeboat and coastguard and like taking part in wild games.

Last night the Sea Scouts launched the school pulling boats at Durgan and rowe them to their summer moorings as Calamansack ready for another summer of fun.

I would like to finish by thanking the team of leaders who put the programme together week by week as well as the many local people who help out in one way or another.
Sue Rosevear, Group Scout Leader.