



**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 19<sup>TH</sup> APRIL IN MAWNAN MEMORIAL HALL**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Sadler (Chairman), Brooksbank, Faiers, Lloyd, Marsden, Nash & Robinson (Cllrs Bate & Moyle arrived late)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mrs L Clements, Clerk and 21 members of the public

The Chairman explained the safety procedures.

**2450. TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Barnicoat

**2451. MEMBERS TO DECLARE ANY DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND ANY GIFTS RECEIVED**

None noted

**2452. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMMUNITY:**

Reports were read out by members of the following groups:

Friends of Mawnan Surgery	Mawnan Allotment Association
Mawnan Methodist Church	Mawnan Wives
Mawnan Memorial Hall	Mawnan Local History Group
Film Club	Hedgehog Rescue
Mawnan Bowls Club	Mawnan Church
Abbeyfield Scott House	Mawnan Youth Group
Mothers Union	Mawnan Christmas Lights Group
Mawnan PTA	The Fun Run
Mawnan WI	

Reports from the Snooker Club & The Anvil Trust were read out by Cllr Sadler

A report from the Cricket Club was read by the clerk.

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

**2453. TO DISCUSS PRIORITIES FROM THE COMMUNITY FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR**

None brought up

The meeting finished at 7.45pm

Signed.....

(Chair)

### **Friends of Mawnan Surgery**

Our small but hardworking committee just formed in 2000 continues to work well together to raise money, along with donations, to purchase equipment for the benefit of patients in the surgery and their homes.

Our main fundraising as usual this year has been the income raised by the raffle at the Flu Jab sessions held in the Village Hall each autumn. We also provide a welcome cup of tea and biscuit for the patients afterwards.

We meet quarterly at Gill Glover's (our chairman) home.

This year we purchased an E.C.G. machine for the surgery. It can be used on or off site, does not need a dedicated printer, is paperless, small and compact and also has a much higher clarification. Another recent purchase is a paediatric pulse oximeter which can detect sepsis in infants and young children.

We are grateful to all who support us in so many ways, including one patient who makes and sells cards at no cost to us in the surgery donating the proceeds to us.

Margaret Lugg, Secretary.

### **Mawnan Methodist Church**

A warm welcome awaits visitors and our regular attendees at our 11am service each Sunday.

Thanks to the generous donations we received from the parish Council we were able to proceed with the repair of our window, which was finished last summer.

Once again you have considered and granted us another substantial grant, enabling us to have the exterior wall of the Chapel & Sunday School treated with a masonry water repellent which will be beneficial in helping to maintain and preserve the interior décor, for which we are extremely grateful.

Hopefully, now through fundraising etc. we will be able to convert our toilets into a disabled one in the near future which is compulsory. Our local builders are assisting us with these plans.

Guides, Rainbows, Table Tennis Group, 8-in-a-Box & Mothers Union still use our Sunday School at a reasonable rent for their weekly and monthly activities, which also helps with the upkeep of the chapel.

The relationship we share with the Church of England and the Catholic Church is good and once more with them we provided the Friday Soup Lunches throughout Lent. This year we raised well over £800 (which was the proceeds) to Christian Aid a very worth cause.

Young members of our Chapel presented a moving nativity last Christmas. They were joined by Guides, brownies 7 rainbows who also took part in our Harvest Festival.

We are very grateful to have the support of the Parish Council

Margaret Lugg, Church Steward

### **MAWNAN MEMORIAL HALL**

The Hall continues to run successfully with a very high occupancy rate.

Thanks to the Parish Council, we have been able to commission Richard Thomas to look at how the facilities can be improved over the next 10 years for the benefit of all users. He has produced a comprehensive report and this now needs prioritising and costing.

After over 30 years, our caretaker, Roger Hurst, has had to retire. We are very grateful to him for all he has done for the Hall over these years. We are lucky that we have been able to find a replacement in Evie Payne.

You will be pleased to hear that, with the Parish Council help, the Snooker Club and the Film Club are both thriving the recent kitchen inspection scored 5, due to the regular scrutiny of Geoff Unwell and our Vice-Chairman, Susan Pitman.

Last November, for the second time, the Remembrance Day service was held in the Hall, in front of the Memorial Boards and more recently, 2 of the Committee attended a meeting to and out what grants are available to War Memorials.

The Craft Market of 2016 was again a great success, mainly thanks to a very hard working sub-committee and the considerable help from many people in the Village. I estimate that the market effectually subsidises the hire fees by about £3 per hour, which benefits all who use the Hall.

I would like to publically thank the very hard Working Hall Committee, under the chairmanship of Beth Lawry for their hard work during the year. This has enabled Mawnan Memorial Hall to continue to be the envy of many such facilities in the county and beyond.

### **MAWNAN FILM CLUB**

The film club was established at the Memorial Hall in January 2016, with the support of CFyIm, a branch of 'Carn to Cove' arts organisation. The club shows recent films and classics at the very reasonable fee of £3.00 per member for each screening. Annual membership costs £5.00 per member and this includes the cost of admission to the first film. Films are shown monthly on the fourth Friday, starting at 7.30pm, and occasionally there are 'Meals & Reels' evenings when food is served, to match the theme of the film. Since its foundation the club has gone from strength to strength and we currently have nearly 150 members. The monies raised from admission fees have enabled us to purchase a permanently fixed electrically powered screen, which is also a great asset for other users of the hall.

### **Mawnan Bowls Club**

Last year the season beyond the Parish Council meeting, was enjoyable and fruitful with good bowls played throughout which ends in September. Over the winter 2 carpet bowls teams have represented the club commendably in the local league. The outdoor season has begun once more in early April, with a busy fixture list over coming months. This year there is a new league in Bowls Cornwall, Group 4 - which we are part of - known as wood mixed triples. We are involved heavily in that as well as the Strollers league on Fridays, a number of friendly matches, club and county competitions.

The greens and grounds are again looking good thanks to the hard work of a number of members. Our greens and facilities are the envy of many local clubs and the facility to park cars easily. We have a well publicised Open Day next Sunday. This is an important event for us and we are hopeful that the sun shines and optimistic that a number of new prospective members will pay us a visit.

As I highlighted last year we face a considerable challenge in that direction. This continues. There has been little change and new members, preferably not too long in the tooth, are essential as we look to the future.

We should like to thank you for the generous grant you gave us a year ago. That enabled us to tackle important electrical work identified as part of the necessary 5 year test.

A good spirit prevails - although life on the recruitment front -of new members - remains demanding, we look to the future with some optimism.

Peter Moody, current Secretary of the Bowling Club

### **Abbeyfield Scott House**

Once again Abbeyfield put full use to its grant by extending the activities, days out and days in undertaken by its residents, for which it was grateful to the parish council. Although normally at full capacity they are currently in the position of having to look for additional occupants and, to these ends – have arranged an open day event with stalls, teas and tours to try to fill the empty rooms.

### **Mawnan Mothers Union**

Mawnan MU Branch is one of the largest and busiest in the Truro Diocese. Our Coffee Mornings and other fund-raising events are popular with the local community, whose generosity enables us to donate significant amounts to M.U. Projects around the world. The M.U. is all about supporting Christian family life, underpinned by prayer. One of our Cornish projects is to assist in the work of Kernow Young Carers and the Family Intervention Project. We value our connections with the young people of the village, particularly the school and the Guides.

We hope that our flower tubs at the two entrances to St Michael's Church continue to cheer up the passers-by. Our thanks to the Parish Council for their help in purchasing bulbs—over two years ago, so it seems a good investment.

The main events of the past year have focussed on celebrating 140 years of the M.U. Our exhibition at St Michael's Church also included commemorating the 90th birthday of our patron, HM the Queen. The bishop of Truro invited us to his home for coffee; we displayed our Banner at Truro Cathedral, along with all the other Cornish M.U. branches and we had a celebration lunch at the Falmouth Hotel.

Finally, our branch leader, Mrs Mary Cockeram, considered it a privilege to place a wreath on our behalf at the annual Remembrance Day services in the village.

### **Mawnan PTA**

The PTA has had another good year with a proactive committee who not only are looking to raise money for resources and requests from the school staff but are also committed to enhancing the school experience for the pupils by organising events and activities for the children to enjoy.

Once again over the past 12 months we have been lucky to partner with the Mawnan Fun Run and the Mawnan Panto Group and by providing man power to assist with their events we have been fortunate to receive donations. In addition we have enlisted the support of the Mawnan WI to assist us with events during the school day including our Secret Santa morning which has proved enjoyable for both WI members and pupils.

As a committee we truly believe that partnering with other local groups benefits everyone involved and assists with developing a sense of community within the pupils.

Once again we have supported the school swimming lessons which is nearly a third of the money that we are able to raise from parents. We have also purchased a class set of waterproof trousers so the younger children can enjoy the reserve and additional dictionary's for the older pupils

We have been applying for grants to assist us with raising the required funds for projects. We were very thankful to Cllr John Bastin who has funded the replacement of the music equipment which was over 20 years old from his Councillor Community Chest. We have also recently found out that we are a nominated group to receive funds from the Co-op community fund from the funds generated between now and September. In addition to these we also have a number of applications for grants of which we are yet to hear whether we have been successful.

Our main project moving forward is the replacement of the outdoor stage and swing. Since the installation of the main adventure play equipment three years ago the PTA have

committed funds to a replacement fund to ensure that future committees are not burdened with significant replacement costs. However, we do not have enough funds to undertake the work at present and are therefore continually looking for support both financial and in-kind to assist us.

### **Mawnan WI Report for Parish Council Annual Meeting April 2017**

Mawnan WI continues to have an expanding membership of around 60. Sadly, we have lost some longstanding members this year, but we have been very pleased to welcome a number of women who have recently moved into the village.

Over the last year we have enjoyed a varied programme of demonstrations and talks at our Monthly Meetings many of which have had a strong local feel.

The year started with Michael Longman of Chocolarde based in Ponsanooth who is passionate about chocolate and produces mouth-watering bars of chocolate which are ethically sourced. We were pleased to welcome Dilys Gardiner in May and learned a lot from her about bee-keeping and honey making. The following month Charles Fox needed little introduction as his family's garden at Glendurgan is well-known to us. The talk about the Flicka Foundation was extremely popular and as a result we have adopted Thomas, the donkey who was newborn when we visited. The History of the Cornish Gig was the subject of Mel Williams' presentation and included some fascinating anecdotes. Then the next month Sue Scott from the Helford River Conservation Trust told us about its work and the life in the river. In November we heard about a community arts and crafts co-operative in Penryn. For our Christmas meeting we were pleased to welcome two members, Liz Flint and Karin Judd, along with Maureen Bate who shared their expertise with us in a Three Corner Evening. Gill Sadler gave us an inspirational talk about the importance of dance for both physical and mental well-being at the beginning of the year and bolstered our resolve to keep fit and healthy. Our final meeting of the 2016/17 programme was a talk by representatives from the Samaritans. All of our meetings have ended with a delicious WI tea provided by the evening's refreshments team.

Apart from our Monthly Meetings we have continued with our now well-established fund raising activities: the Garden Safari, Fashion Show and Christmas Gift Fair. This year we have supported both Cornwall Air Ambulance and the Children's Hospice South West and have raised over £4000.

We are still trying to involve the young mums and children in some of the events that we have arranged. Children from the Pre-School and the Reception Class from the school came to our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Races - we are one of the few villages in Cornwall where this event still takes place. We have made a donation to Chatterbooks, the Mawnan School Book Club, which has enabled them to purchase books for group reading. A Christmas table decoration making activity led by Jenny Ragg was open to the community. A team of 8 ladies helped at the school's Secret Santa and wrapped over 500 presents!

In the last year Mawnan WI members have again helped out in the front of house at the village pantomime and the Musical Extravaganza. We supported the Craft Market in August by serving refreshments and we have continued to arrange the Village Christmas Party which is supported by the Rendlesham Trust.

We have had a number of visits which have been organised for members including those to Heligan and Healey's Cyder Farm as well as a trip on the Helford River. Members have been to productions at Hall for Cornwall and recently went up to Plymouth to see "Mama Mia". We are looking forward to another exciting year with more trips and visits planned and a diverse programme of talks, demonstrations and hands on experiences. We hope to continue to increase our membership and the profile of WI in Mawnan and that you will follow us on Facebook, on our developing website and look out for our photos and reports in The Packet! Mawnan Allotment Association

Last year we received a grant from the Parish Council for £500, At that time we did not know exactly how the money would be spent, as we thought that we would need to upgrade the entrance to the site as per a previous planning application pre-condition. However, we were able to get the planning permission for our communal shed without any such pre-conditions. We have now used the Parish Council grant to help to pay for the cost of laying the base for the new communal shed that we will be installing in May, funded by the National Lottery. We are very grateful for the Parish Council contribution as we had not allowed for the full cost of the base within our original budgets.

During the early part of spring last year, we had quite a few new members joining the MAA, and we so decided to open up some new plots, increasing the original 20 to 36. Sadly, over the last 12 months, some people have moved away from the area and some have decided that allotments are not for them (perhaps they are just too busy, or the going is too tough), but once again, at the start of a new season, interest is picking up once more.

We now have 34 members with 27 plots in use. We have had several new ongoing enquiries with 9 plots currently vacant.

Thanks once again for your support.

Granville Williamson

Secretary, Mawnan Allotments Association

Mawnan Wives meet on the first and third Friday of each month at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall, Mawnan Smith. Meetings last approximately 2 hours.

We aim to have a variety of speakers although we do have many members who take meetings and do a very good job. We have 34 members registered and an average of 22 per meeting.

The speakers this past year have ranged from seeing various Cornish Personalities on a slide show, A talk by Henrietta Boex from the Falmouth Art Gallery, Gift wrapping parcels and making boxes, Local Community Hospital Radio, Goonhilly presentation, St. Petroc's Home Charity coupled with fun and games evening and our annual Cream Tea and Christmas Dinner.

We also hold a Christmas and Summer coffee morning and that raises funds for Kernow Young Carers. Most members have an Action for Children Charity box . We had 2 Cake sales, one for Children in Need and one for our Hospice Care Centre. When a speaker comes we give a donation to their particular charity, and we try to support as many local charities as we can.

The Memorial Hall is a well run and maintained venue for our meetings.

Trudy Smith - Secretary.

### **Mawnan History Group**

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

The History Group has also recruited an additional member to compliment the dedicated committee of five.

This year our visitor numbers were slightly lower as our Member numbers have increased. Thanks to a generous grant from the parish council we have been able to increase the range and presentations that the group can undertake with the new audio equipment.

Our talks covered The Married Widows the history of women left behind by the miners in 19century given by Dr.Leslie Trotter, Photographing ancient sites, Arsenic its production and use, Witchcraft and folk magic in Cornwall

Also we covered our local history with talks on the History of Mawnan and the Latymer evacuees along with the life of Miss Arpin given by committee members.

As the village population ages, we still are able to find new treasures such as old photographs and documents etc.

These have been loaned to us for copying to add to our archives, most of them returned the next day. In addition Artefacts are photographed.

A large thank you to all the parish for their valuable contributions and help,

Ted Glover

Secretary Mawnan History Group

### **HEDGEHOG RESCUE CORNWALL**

It has been another busy 12 months for Bill and I - as ever our patients have come to us for lots of different reasons, either directly or via a vet. We have received babies through to old-aged hoggies and everything in between. Some we have managed to save and release back into the wild to continue their lives, others sadly have ended their days with us. Either way, with the help of our wonderful team at Vets4Pets, and our loyal supporters we have managed to offer the best care possible.

They continue to live in the village and the surrounds so we would remind everyone to be vigilant and PLEASE REMEMBER — IF YOU SEE A HEDGEHOG OUT IN THE DAY IT IS CRUCIAL THAT YOU SEEK ADVICE STRAIGHT AWAY- DO NOT LEAVE IT OUT IN THE OPEN UNTIL "LATER"—THE HEDGEHOG CAN BE APPROACHED AND CAPTURED QUITE EASILY — BE CAUTIOUS ~ YOU JUST NEED A THICK PAIR OF GLOVES OR A TOWEL AND A SMALL BOX (PREFERABLY WITH A HOT WATER BOTTLE/HEAD PAD)

We would like to take this opportunity to say another HUGE "THANK YOU" to all who continue to support us in so many ways and to those who have joined us in the last year — you have been so generous and we say this on behalf of these very precious mammals who deserve to be helped in their hour of need - you are part of helping us do just that.

### **Church Reports - Rev'd Turner**

Many thanks was given for the standards and upkeep of the graveyards to the parish council. A full set of church reports had been forwarded to the clerk for inclusion in the annual report booklet. Rev'd Turner explained the forthcoming quinquennial inspection which was due to take place along with the issues faced with his absences – the first due to prolonged ill health after a recent op & the second due to Accompanied Ministry Development programme commitments. The AMD committee was in need of extra volunteers in anyone want to discuss please contact Rev'd Turner.

### **Youth Club report**

At the moment as in previous years, there is no Youth Club in the village.

The main reasons being - finding suitable volunteers willing to support a club and secondly the provision of a 'traditional' youth club might needs to be reassessed. Information as to the requirements of young people in the village might become apparent through the study of the recent Local Development Plan questionnaire.

It could be possible to organise an event or activity during the summer holidays for the youngsters.

Once again this would rely on volunteers as well as exploring the ideas presented by the young people themselves.

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### **Christmas Lights – Annie Siebert**

Beth Lawry started the lighting committee, but unfortunately the group saw a mass retirement in 2016. This led to a reduction in the lights and how they were set up for Christmas 2016 with the community coming together to set up a small area of the village almost immediately prior to the switch on event.

Village lights are seen as important and thus we were willing to pick this up and continue. Previous members spend took over 3 weeks to slowly make sure that the lights went up through the entire village but due to a change in lifestyle this scope of lighting was now very difficult. The lights themselves have required changing so it was felt that splitting into smaller areas – either streets, groups of houses, neighbours etc - which residents will be responsible would enable village lights as a whole to continue. Many thanks for t a private donation which allowed the purchase of several reindeers – the theme for 2016.

There would be a workshop meeting in May to brainstorm themes and ideas for this Christmas.

Many thanks to the Parish Council for their grant which went towards the purchase of the two large village trees. It was unfortunate that the larger village centre tree could not be purchased due to insurance issues – an item that was overlooked in the changeover period. Hopefully this should be back in situ for next year.

### **Mawnan Snooker Club**

Now in its third year of operation the re-formed snooker club continues to flourish. With a membership of 25+ the playing facility is well used and is a popular meeting place for the 2snooker minded” locals. Thanks to the support of the Parish Council community grant we have been able to install up to date table lighting and new playing equipment.

Our current aim is to improve the décor of the snooker room and create a more homely ambience.

The Memorial Hall committee have been extremely supportive and have played an important role in the development of the club.

Our league team have had another successful season winning the Falmouth and Penryn handicap division for the second year running. We are currently looking at the possibility of entering a second team.

We are constantly exploring ways of improving and developing the snooker club in order to attract more members and also to become and established part of the sporting life of Mawnan.

### **Fun Run – Rod Allday**

Currently gearing up for the 6<sup>th</sup> Fun Run on the last Sunday in September. Given the growth that has been noticed over previous years it was the aim of the group to expand the event into a more community event with local groups invited along to boost fundraising opportunities via open displays/ stands.

Volunteers were always wanted ... contact Rod if you could spare any time on the day or before setting up.

### **The Mawnan Anvil Trust is a charity registered with the Charity Commission.**

The Trust has two charitable aims;

First, to restore and to maintain the old smithy, a listed building of historic interest which, it is said gave, its name to the village.

Second, to encourage practice and education in traditional crafts by offering low cost work spaces to young craftworkers at the start of their careers. We are lucky to have attracted four first rate craftworkers, one internationally known, who have appeared in the national and regional press making the name of the village widely known and bringing visitors and trade to the local area.



Because we are required to offer low cost units, our financial margins are often tight and although we can maintain the structure of the buildings, we have to appeal for grant aid to undertake any development work , e.g security lighting, publicity, etc.

We are delighted that the Parish Council has supported us over several years, enabling the Trust to make much needed improvements, and we hope that we will continue to enjoy the support of the village

### **Cricket club**

Last year the Club ran two sides, one on Saturdays in Cornwall League Div.5 West & a midweek evening side in the local Mining League. The Saturday side had been unexpectedly promoted Div.5 to fill a gap left by another team's withdrawal and we knew it was going to be a daunting task for us to compete at that level. Owing the very wet winter the football season was extended until the beginning of June which meant that we, like many other clubs, suffered thru lack of player availability & with our captain sustaining a dislocated shoulder in only our 5th match the writing was already on the wall for the rest of the season. We only managed to win two games & finished 11th of 12. The only consolation being that we finished above were champions of our division the season before. Being unable to field our strongest team on a regular basis especially against the weaker sides was our downfall. Although we were technically relegated we have remained in this division this year due to the League scrapping Div. 6 & creating new localised division 5's.

The midweek side, run to give opportunities to young players & people who can't always play at the weekends, was poorly supported & finished bottom of its section. This season we are not entering the Mining league but will be just playing a few friendlies.

During the winter we have lost the services of 7 players & our tea lady .We have recruited 4 new playersbut are still searching for a person to organise the teas. Any volunteers please get in contact! Finances are improving slightly & the equipment side is being updated but dwindling numbers of players is a problem throughout the County, with village teams being hit the hardest. Mawnan is the 2nd oldest village side in the Cornwall League and we are determined to keep it going. Funding of a coaching scheme for youngsters is being looked at & hopefully the new housing developments in & around the village will bring in some young new emerging talent which is much needed for the club's existence.

Regards,  
Martin Ley. Chairman.