

11<sup>th</sup> May 2023



### **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2023**

All electors of the Parish of Mawnan are entitled to attend the Annual Parish Meeting, which will be held in the Mawnan Memorial Hall on Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> May, at 7.00pm, when all parish affairs can be discussed, and resolutions passed about them.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa Clements".

Lisa Clements  
Clerk to Mawnan Parish

### **AGENDA**

- 1. TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
- 2. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMMUNITY**
- 3. TO DISCUSS PRIORITIES FROM THE COMMUNITY FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR**

**There will be a short interval between meetings. Members of the public are welcome to leave the meeting at this stage**



**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2022 AT 7.30PM, IN THE MAWNAN BOWLING CLUB**

Present: Cllrs Sadler, (Chair), Bate, Brooksbank & Whibley

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mrs L Clements, Clerk + 11 members of the public

**3581.22 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - Cllrs Morris & Moyle

**3582.22 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMMUNITY**

The following reports were read out on the evening. Additional reports may be included if received by the clerk before minutes are published and are included as an appendix to these minutes

Mawnan Anvil Trust

Mawnan Bowls Club

Abbeyfield Scott house

Mawnan Cricket Club

Mawnan Panto Group

Mawnan Allotment Association

Mawnan Christmas Lights

Mawnan Show

Mawnan Jubilee Committee

Mawnan Methodist Church

Mawnan Football Club

Mawnan C of E School

Mawnan WI

**3583.22 TO DISCUSS PRIORITIES FROM THE COMMUNITY FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR**

There was a question about the 20mph Phase 1 rollout – would there be any further roads included? An extension to the Trebah / Durgan/ Helford Passage road, used by a lot of walkers between the 3 sites, would be really useful. There was also a call to review the North Helford 40mph designation.

Fingerposts – these needed repainting. Last time this was done by volunteers – could the PC look into recruiting them? They might also be able to do the works on the telephone box at the same time. There was also a question about the phone box being removed as the adjacent telegraph pole needed replacement.

Empty homes – could pressure be put on the owners of vacant residential properties to undertake basic levels of general upkeep; there were a number with problems such as overgrown gardens & hedges & damaged outbuildings.

Durgan parking & signs – it was the time of year again that parking on the road down to Durgan became problematic. Is there anything that can be done to enforce the restrictions already in place – especially those beyond the notices at the Bosloe carpark entrance?

Meeting finished at 7.35pm

## **2022 Community Reports appendix**

### **Secretary of Mawnan Bowling Club**

After 2 very difficult years for the Club, I am delighted that we are now bowling once more with the men playing in Division 2 of the Cornwall, Group 4 bowling league. We are also fielding a mixed team on a Friday afternoon, specifically for new bowlers or members who no longer wish to play league games.

COVID Grants received from the County Council have enabled us to carry out much needed maintenance to the buildings and greens and have helped with the purchase of new greens equipment. I hope that you will agree that the premises, greens and outfield are looking very presentable at the moment.

We have been fortunate in attracting 10 new players over the past two years, but would like to see more local people trying out the sport, especially ladies. All are welcome to our practice sessions on most Tuesday and Sunday afternoon's at 2 o'clock – you can try the sport with free tuition and equipment provided. If you are interested just turn up or contact me on 251133. All we ask is that you wear flat soled shoes or trainers. There is no obligation. You can play flat green outdoor bowls, or, mainly in the winter, indoor carpet bowls.

### **Abbeyfield Scott House.**

Mawnan Smith's own supported accommodation for older people continues to thrive and has managed the difficult period of the pandemic very well. This is due to the combined efforts of the committed staff working together with the residents.

As the council is aware, the Abbeyfield movement is a "not for profit" organisation which relies on the good will of local people and organisations to keep the fees as affordable as possible so that the service is available to anyone who needs it. The council has in the past generously granted funds to this end; this money has been carefully spent to improve the service offered.

We currently have a couple of vacancies, but are receiving regular enquiries and are confident that new residents will arrive soon.

Debbie Eddy leads the team and they are supported by a house committee of volunteers who assist the efforts of the paid staff and organise social events for the residents.

Nearly all our residents have a close connection with our county and many have lived for a long time in Cornwall. They comment regularly about how friendly they find people in Mawnan and they take a full part in supporting social events in our village.

Our residents would like the members of the parish council to put in their diary the date of 25th June when we have our Open Day from 14.00 until 16.00 when they can enjoy a cream tea and entertainment.

## **MAWNAN CRICKET CLUB** - Report for Parish Council 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022

We are pleased to report that last year was the best season the Club has experienced since 2015.

Although devoid of any titles or silverware it was a remarkable turnaround in the Club's fortunes following on from a disastrous 2019 season when it was on the verge of folding. That year we had an ageing squad & lost several players to long term injuries as well as some of our younger stars getting Saturday jobs & being involved in exams. We finished bottom of the lowest division in The Cornwall League after conceding over 5 games due to lack of numbers available & had to seek re-election plus provide assurances that going forward we were still viable as a Club for the 2020 season. Thankfully due to some really hard work by the few who remained we managed to find 16 new players for the 2020 season & there was renewed enthusiasm & optimism for that year but as we all know Covid put virtually an end to most sports & we were only allowed to play a few friendly matches near the end of that Summer.

We did manage to retain all of the squad & roll over the enthusiasm for last year & added a few more signings so we were able to once again field a midweek team as well as a Saturday side. In a difficult season due to the Covid restrictions still in place we finished a very credible 4<sup>th</sup> out of 10 in the Saturday league & had it not been for some key games cancelled for the weather we could have finished as runners up. Midweek which is primarily a development league we were in with some of the big local clubs like Falmouth & Helston but did more than hold our own & did not finish bottom of the pile.

The Club also managed to repair & resurrect the dilapidated practice net at the top of the field & acquire a second hand scarifier & a small ride on mower as well as spending a lot more time & effort on the square especially over the winter period which has resulted now in the wickets looking & playing better than they have for many years.

The one thing that the Club has been lacking for many years is sight screens & at around £1500 each for the traditional ones on rollers it has always been beyond the Clubs budget. However we worked out last year that we could make one our own for the road end of the field plus have a portable windbreak type for the top end for approximately a quarter of the cost & we would like to thank the

Council for their grant which was put towards that project. There has been a slight delay in some of the components needed but we take delivery of the portable windbreak type early next week & the sheeting ,poles & wire to make the larger screen are on order. This structure will be able to be removed & stored at the end of each season.

Currently the Club has just over 30 members with around ZS of those available as players at varying times during the season & to date a month into the new season we are unbeaten & top of our Saturday League.

### **Mawnan Panto Group.**

The genesis of the Mawnan Smith Panto was with the WI who created very successful annual performances from the late 1970s.

After a few years, when their popular creations paused, the baton was taken up by the current group in February 1988 and since then, and apart from in 2021, their legacy has been a part of every year's events in our village.

In the middle of the pandemic the panto group decided last year to gamble on being able to put on a show and began rehearsals in September.

It's fair to say that this was our most challenging production, with cast members absent with illness at every single rehearsal throughout the winter. The only time that every person was present was on the first night!

It's been estimated that as well as the cast the total number of people involved in every panto is around one hundred, with the painting of the scenery, making costumes, publicity, lights, make up and many other activities. And with around 500 in the audience every year, it is a key event in the village calendar and it brings together some of the oldest and youngest members of our community.

The panto can only happen thanks to many people's commitments, but two key figures stand out: Firstly, Ian Newman and the hall committee whose efforts are not as fully appreciated as they should be. Over the years Ian has taken on nearly every role in the productions and is very much the "father of the panto".

And secondly, the work of our many producers over the years who really do give up six months of their lives to making the shows happen.

In this regard it's more than appropriate for the Parish Council at today's meeting to acknowledge the efforts, commitment and skill that Maureen Bate has given to the Panto group and so to the life of Mawnan Smith over many years - this year was her last and possibly best panto ever!

Looking forward we have a new production team in place for next year, led by Rob, and tickets will soon be on sale for the dates of 1st - 4th of February 2023. That's something to put in your diary!

### **Mawnan Allotment Association**

Firstly we would like to thank Mawnan Parish Council for their support over the last few years. Mawnan Allotment Association (MAA) Mawnan Allotment Association now has 47 plot holders with plots varying in size from 20x5 meters, 10x5 meters and small plots of 5x5 meters. To encourage a wide range of age groups from the local parish the MAA supplies tools, lawn mower and rotavator for plot holders to use as well as the fuel and water. This is all covered in the annual rents as well as the insurance and membership of the National Allotment Association. We have recently renewed the rental agreement with the National Trust for 10 years until 2031, where previously it was only for 5 years.

### **Mawnan Christmas Lights**

Mawnan Christmas lights continues to put on a good display throughout the village helped by the local community displaying lights in their properties.

We thank the Parish Council for their continued support in covering the insuring the Christmas light display during the festive period. We now have new storage for the lights up at Argal farm, with grateful thanks to the Kessel family. We have gone down the route of using a recycled tree to help give a little back to our environment.

The Christmas light switch on will be held on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022 at 6.00pm in the village square.

### **Mawnan Village Show**

After two years of having no show we are pleased to add the village show to the calendar of events in Mawnan again after so many community projects have failed to restart. The Village show will take place on Saturday 10th September in the Memorial Hall with exhibits being brought up Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September and judging on the morning of the 10th.

### **Mawnan Platinum Jubilee week.**

As part of the Jubilee committee I would like to thank Mawnan Parish Council for their generous donation in funding many of the activities happening in the Queen's Platinum Jubilee week. There are a variety of activities which should cater for all tastes.

I would like to thank Lisa the Mawnan Clerk for all her hard work in steering us through the legislation and purchasing of goods through the Parish Council thank you Lisa for all the extra work we have put upon your shoulders.

### **Mawnan Smith Methodist Church**

Like many groups the last two to three years have been very difficult for our congregation which was brought on by the covid pandemic.

We missed worshipping together in lockdown, but we adapted very well by learning to have on line services provided by our Circuit Leadership Team, which were not only popular then, but has formed an alternative form of worship in use still for many. We now hold Services fortnightly in our Chapel, some of the groups that used our premises have no longer resumed their sessions, and also we have sadly lost some of our congregation in this time. We were struggling financially before Covid, and we have unfortunately not fulfilled the criteria, as recently laid down by The Methodist Conference by not having the minimum number of Church Members as well as not being able to carry out the legal obligations laid down in our Quinquennial report of our building.

We have therefore made the very difficult and heart-breaking decision to move out of our premises in the village at the end of October, but we are not closing we are looking to find alternative venues and ways of worship to continue the Methodist presence in our village.

We are very grateful for all the support you have shown and given us in the past.

Margaret Lugg (Secretary and Steward)

### **MAWNAN AFC REPORT FOR MAWNAN PARISH COUNCIL AGM MAY, 2022**

Mawnan Football Club has enjoyed a very successful season after the club's teams played at the highest level in its history. Promoted to senior football in the Cornwall Combination League for the first time, Mawnan acquitted themselves well to finish in third place and win two of the league's trophies for top individual goal scorer and the highest total number of goals scored by a team.

The 2nd XI, promoted to take the place of the first team, found it tough going in the Trelawny League's premier division, but never allowed their heads to drop and retained their place in the division with a resounding last-match win over Constantine.

Tomorrow evening the club holds its presentation night dinner and dance when almost 100 guests will attend. The club would like to thank the parish council for its support in helping to enable the club to make the step up to senior football at the start of the season just ended.

Leon Prynne On behalf of Mawnan AFC

### **Mawnan CE VA Primary School**

Please could you pass on our sincere thanks to the parish council for their continued support. Thank you for supporting the development of the school nature garden and more recently donating £1,000 towards the boundary metal mesh fence. The new fence will be installed over the summer holidays and will make our much-loved adventure playground a much safer environment to explore and play in. We would also like to express our sincere thanks for the Platinum Jubilee crown making craft resources. The children are really looking forward to creating their crowns and joining in with the village celebrations.

Thank you for the continued support,  
Jilly Pridmore - Headteacher

### **WI Report for the Parish Council Annual Meeting 2022**

Mawnan WI resumed holding its Monthly Meetings in the Memorial Hall at the beginning of the year. We continued to hold committee and monthly meetings throughout the pandemic using Zoom. Along with emails and phone calls, the ability to hold virtual meetings has helped us to keep connected and we have had a lot of fun getting together on Zoom including meeting with a magician!

2021 certainly wasn't the year which we had expected, but reflecting on what we have done, I feel we can be proud of what we have achieved.

Our brilliant members have supported our slightly different events getting involved in making poppies, green hearts, bunting - and now crowns! They have donated generously to the charities which we have supported in these difficult times - we raised over £4000 last year.

Innovative groups have come up with different ways of running events and projects so there's been plenty for us to do and the Programme Planning Sub-Committee, has put together an exciting calendar of events - and we're adding to it all the time! We have started to have coffee mornings outside in various members' gardens which has proved very popular and we have purchased two gazebos to enable us to hold more outdoor activities...next month we will be holding a Garden Wine Tasting which should be fun!

Our hard-working committee has continued to keep our WI going so successfully. Each member of the committee has made a big difference to what we have been able to do. There's been a lot of cancelling, rescheduling and chasing up going on behind the scenes.

Inevitably, we had to put some things on hold, but now we are practically back to "normal" with educational visits; Walking Netball; Mawnan Reading Partners; Cake, Chat and Company and lunches. Other activities have continued in different ways including Flower Arranging, Falmouth Art Gallery "visits" and collecting for the Foodbank. Some new regular activities such as the Book Club and quizzes have also been added over the last year and we continue to hold these on Zoom.

The community is at the heart of the events which we arrange with focuses on climate change, caring for the environment, mental well-being and fostering a community spirit. In the next few weeks our attention turns to celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We appreciate the support which we have had from the Parish Council .

We have now 76 paid up members and have been thrilled to welcome 5 new members this year. Sadly, across Cornwall there are WI groups which have had to be suspended or closed as a result of the pandemic. We are very fortunate that in Mawnan we have so many women who want to be involved in village life and who are determined to support each other and those around them.

Gill Druce  
President Mawnan WI