

MINUTES of the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING of PENTEWAN VALLEY PARISH held on WEDNESDAY 18th MAY 2016 in The Chairman's Room, St Austell One Stop Shop at 7.00pm

Present: Derek Yeo, George Muskett, Liz Mahoney, Vicky Cartwright, Michael Ward, Ralph Curr, Miles Avery (all Pentewan Valley Parish Councillors), Cllr James Mustoe (Cornwall Council Mevagissey ward member), Julie Larter (Clerk to Pentewan Valley Parish Council)

Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllr Ian Watkins (Pentewan Valley Parish Council) and PCSO Tony Hemming

Cllr Derek Yeo as Chairman of the Parish Council Chaired the meeting

(1) Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 20th May 2015

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 20th May 2015 were an accurate record of the meeting and were signed accordingly.

(2) Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

(3) Chairman's Report

This past year has seen big changes in the Parish. In addition to taking responsibility for organising and funding cutting of coastal and local footpaths and weed spraying, the Parish Council is now responsible for the Public Toilets in Pentewan. Until the end of our first year the income stream will be an unknown factor. To cover cost of parish activities we have had to increase our precept by an amount that a few years ago most of us would not have believed. We have had little choice but to accept the responsibilities. I am sure as Parish Councillors we will all do our best to ensure that service standards continue at the highest possible level.

Other activities carried out during the year include:

- We have been consulted on 26 planning applications
- Menagwins car park is now open to the public (thanks to Ian Watkins for undertaking a monthly inspection)
- Set up a website
- Obtained grants from:

- Cornwall Council to Produce an emergency plan and purchasing flood resilience equipment
- Cornwall Council's local devolution fund towards the cost of running the toilets
- Cornwall Council (paperless planning grant to cover additional expenditure following the withdrawal of paper plans from Cornwall Council)
- National Association of Local Councils Transparency Grant to cover additional clerks time in setting up the website
- Developed a positive relationship with South West Water over Menagwins Water Treatment Works
- Taken over the toilets in Pentewan
- Facilitated first aid training
- Funded electrical work to enable Pentewan's defibrillator to be installed
- Continue to address speeding concerns throughout the parish including getting Cormac to carry out a RadarClass speed monitoring exercise in Tregorrick
- Meeting with Cormac to address concerns of speeding traffic through Tregorrick
- Running a competition in conjunction with Penrice Academy to design a parish logo
- Welcomed Mike Ward onto the council
- Gave a grant to Oh My Clementine Productions towards the cost of Lost at Sea
- Acquired 50 No Waiting cones free of charge from Cornwall Council

Finally I would like to thank you, the Parish Councillors for giving your time, Julie Larter for helping everything to run so well during the year, and our County Councillor, James Mustoe, for representing us at County level and maintaining the link with our MP Steve Double.

Our year ahead is likely to be challenging. In Pentewan we await the results of charging for the toilets in the hope that we will at least break even. The car park may well be an issue during the coming year.

At the other end of the valley we may well see movement on the Morrison site and perhaps further information relating to the Trehiddle Farm Development. Menagwins will be closely monitored during the year and we hope that odour levels will be considerably reduced. Speeding traffic through Tregorrick continues to be a concern and the solution to this will also be targeted throughout the year.

(4) Report from Cllr James Mustoe, Cornwall Council Member for the Mevagissey Ward

My first full year as your Cornwall Councillor has been an eventful one with a lot going on. Thank you for your support. Here are some highlights:

I was pleased to raise awareness of unfairness of Cornwall Council toilet funding cuts and subsequently get £6,000 of funding for toilets in the ward including £2,000 for Pentewan Valley Parish Council.

I have been pleased to get launches of balloons and sky lanterns banned from Cornwall Council land and at events requiring licenses across Cornwall.

I was able to intervene direct with the Chief Constable and Police and Crime Commissioner and get the Neighbourhood Beat Officer retained for Pentewan and the wider area.

I was delighted to have worked with our MP Steve Double to get Cornwall Council to reverse its wind turbine strategy across Cornwall which included applications for turbines with public money in and around the Pentewan parish at Levalsa and Trevascus Farms.

I have used my Community Chest funding for a variety of projects in the Mevagissey area over the past year.

- Pentewan Valley Parish Council – Tregorrick safety improvements £82.00
- People and Gardens CIC - Automatic plant feeder £221.75
- Radio St Austell Bay – Equipment upgrade £78.25
- Tregorrick Field Trust - £200 for planting to shield their field from Menagwins Water Treatment Works

The biggest thing, probably across the whole division, that I have been really pleased to have helped move forward is the situation surrounding Menagwins Water Treatment Works. It is great to see the turn around at the site and I look forward to continuing to work with the Parish Council, Odour Liaison Group, MP and South West Water to ensure it continues to improve.

I was also pleased to work with Cornwall Council, the Valuation Officer Agency and the Parish Council to adjust the Business Rates for properties that the Parish Council own – thus saving the Parish Council money on business rates for the Menagwins car park last year.

Local Casework Issues of Note:

Ongoing traffic issues down past Tregorrick and on Pentewan Road. Currently working with Steve Double MP to survey affected residents on this.

Working with residents in Pentewan to get the war memorial listed.

Got Tregongeeves Care Home plans turned down again. (I understand they are now coming back with plans for houses on that site).

There are always loads of local casework issues ongoing, particularly regarding potholes and verge trimming – I do my best to get a speedy and positive response once I get involved.

I would like to congratulate the Parish Council on their excellent work and positive approach and attitude. You are a pleasure to work with and I always look forward to coming to the monthly meetings.

(5) Devon and Cornwall Police Report

No report was available.

(6) Open Forum

No members of the public were present.

The meeting closed at 7.20 pm

Signed

Date