



Budoock, A Climate Conscious Parish

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF BUDOOCK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 30th MAY 2022
HELD IN BUDOOCK VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Cllrs John Bastin, Brierley, Burnett, Grounds, Hart, and Murney

IN ATTENDANCE: Miss T Hladkij, (Clerk)

Members of the public Three

2021/22-1 SAFETY PROCEDURES AND CURRENT SPECIFIC COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS

The Chairman confirmed all safety procedures.

2021/22-2 TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr K George, Cllr J Palmer, and Cllr J Wright

It was proposed by Cllr Hart and seconded by Cllr Bastin and:

RESOLVED: that the apologies from Cllr George, Palmer, and Wright for non-attendance at the full council meeting held on 30TH May 2022 were accepted.

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously

2021/22-3 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 24TH MAY 2021 AND THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THEM

It was proposed by Cllr Hart and seconded by Cllr Bastin and:

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on the 24th of May 2021 are received and approved.

On a vote being taken this was approved with one abstention

2021/22-4 TO RECEIVE THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2021 – 2022

There have been several ups and downs in Council membership over the last twelve months. We did however finish the year with a full Council of 10 members, these being ten residents of the parish who are prepared to give up spare time to serve their local community.

In July, the Budoock Parish Neighbourhood Plan was 'made' and now carries great weight in planning matters. My thanks to the stalwarts who carried out this long and complicated process.

In late spring it was decided by the Council that one member of the Community should be recognised for what they had done for the community. In late spring I had the pleasure of presenting the award to Gaynor Field of the Village Stores for everything that she had done to help parishioners during the pandemic.

Again, this year we have continued with arranging the weed control on roadside edges and verges together with the routine cutting and maintenance of the major footpaths within the parish. These footpaths are an essential part of the heritage and assets of the parish and are enjoyed by locals and visitors alike.

Unfortunately, we still have great concerns regarding developers and their apparent desire to build on every piece of land that abuts to Falmouth. Most of which is not actually needed for housing and would be better left as a green belt to define the boundary of Falmouth and Budoock.

If anyone reading this report feels that they can spare time to assist at the Playing Field or either of the Halls, then please do so as these assets are looked after by a handful of volunteers some of whom have been doing so for many years. Contact details can be found on the Parish Council's Website www.budoockparish.net.

Again, this year I have received phenomenal support from our Clerk, Tracy Hladkij, and forbearance from my fellow Councillors and I thank them all.

Phil Hart Chairman May 2022

2021/22-5 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMMUNITY.

BUDOOCK VILLAGE HALL

The village hall is at changing point due to the changes we have all experienced over the past 2 years. Over the past year the Luncheon Club has not returned, nor have the Fencing Group. The Quilters have had to reduce their usage to twice per month rather than every week. Penderennis Brass Band is still a regular user, as is athayoga who run twice weekly yoga sessions in the hall and the Playgroup meet weekly during term times. Both the WI and the Over 60's group have returned to their monthly meetings in the hall. There have been new groups to use that hall, Unity Circle, Trefoil Guild, and it is being booked regularly for parties and village events.

Despite the changing pattern of bookings, the bank balance is looking good as are the reserve savings. Considering this, there has been discussion in the committee about replacing the roof, which is a big capital project but the cash to do it is available.

One of the questions that does need to be clarified with the Parish council is who would contract and run the work. Under the Deed of Trust, the committee "shall keep in repair and insure ..." so it would be useful to fully outline what "repair" constitutes. As the Parish council technically own the hall, as Custodian Trustees any major repairs add considerable asset value to the property. In the longer run and with the current climate emergency it would also be advisable to look at insulation and the old oil boiler. This week there has been an announcement that a fund is being set up to enable village halls to renovate their buildings so in the coming year it would be useful to look at applying to this fund to help with the above jobs.

The death of Peter Fairbank last year created issues in the running of the hall. He had been Treasurer and his partner had been Secretary, so this meant that the committee lost 2 of the central officers. In September, the committee raised the issue of the Parish council taking over running of the hall under their role as Custodian Trustees. Phil Hart brought this issue to the council and as of the last committee meeting, there has been no information back from the Parish council as to how, or if they were able to do this, as they were still taking legal advice. In the meantime, as already mentioned, several people within the village have expressed an interest in joining the committee and continuing to run the hall as it currently is. The Committee decided to continue with this option, as the information from the Parish Council was that they would be paying the Parish Clerk to run the hall which would be a cost, whereas currently, the hall is run by volunteers.

The AGM is being held on 16th June 2022 and a new committee and set of officers will be put in place.

BUDOCK SHOW

Nothing really to report from The Budock Show. We have decided not to have a Show in 2022. Regretfully, with an ageing committee the chances of the show returning diminishes. Hopefully it will return but becoming more unlikely.

Robert Scott Wilson

BUDOCK WATER PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION

After lockdown we had our first event with the Christmas lights switch on in December. The weather was miserable, but people appeared so keen to get involved in community activities that despite this we had a huge turnout – running out of sausages and burgers!

We then had a successful Easter Treasure Hunt with around 100 children taking part, raising over £500 for the Playing Field. Our next event is the Fun Day which has been organised to run on the Saturday of the Platinum Jubilee weekend. Whether this turns out to be worthwhile we will see as there are so many other events planned for this day.

The committee has gained one or two more members in the past year but still struggles with having members that are committed to helping with the events.

Our finances are healthy as we manage to keep our overheads very low.

We are still proceeding with bids to upgrade the surfacing in the Playing Filed around the playground equipment and hope to have made further concrete progress by the end of this year.

2021/22-6 TO DISCUSS PRIORITIES FROM THE COMMUNITY

Cllr Hart reported that in the forthcoming year the Council is to strive to protect the Parish in several ways. There will be further actions to help to reduce the speeding through the village and thereby make it safer for pedestrians.

We will strongly resist building developments which are not in accordance with the Budock Parish Neighbourhood Plan so that we may retain the rural nature of the parish.

We will continue with our litter picks and hopefully make them more frequent and covering more of the Parish again so that the local environment can be kept clean for the enjoyment of all. We will investigate other options for maintaining and improving the Parish environment.

After all this is where we live, and we should respect our surroundings we are so much luckier than a lot of areas so we must strive to retain the nature of our Parish.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.15 pm.

Signed:22nd May 2023

Chairman