



Budoock, A Climate Conscious Parish

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**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF BUDOOCK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 22nd MAY 2023
HELD IN BUDOOCK VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Cllrs Bastin, Brierley, Burnett, Grounds, Hart, Hennell, and Spear

IN ATTENDANCE: Miss T Hladkij, (Clerk) Cllr D Saunby Cornwall Council divisional member **Members of the public** Four

2022/23-1 SAFETY PROCEDURES

The Chairman confirmed all safety procedures.

2022/23-2 TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr George

It was proposed by Cllr Burnett and seconded by Cllr Spear and:

RESOLVED: that the apologies from Cllr George for non-attendance at the full council meeting held on 22nd May 2023 were accepted.

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously

2022/23-3 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 30th MAY 2022 AND THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THEM

It was proposed by Cllr Burnett and seconded by Cllr Grounds and:

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on the 30th May 2022 are received and approved.

On a vote being taken this was approved unanimously

2022/23-4 TO RECEIVE THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2022 – 2023

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 June, to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, a bench with suitable plaque was purchased. It has been sited in the Pump Garden for the use of residents and those waiting for buses.

Throughout a large part of this last year, we were involved with a planning application to build houses on the land earmarked as a boundary between Budoock and its neighbour Falmouth. After a long battle this application was refused by Cornwall Council thus preserving Budoock from coalescing with Falmouth.

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 as we have just discovered that the developers mentioned above have now appealed Cornwall Council's decision.

It would appear, that the opinions of the population and the need to protect the rural nature of this part of the Parish count for nothing in the developers' eyes, they are only interested in building houses wherever they can and the profits that these houses will bring for them.

These houses not actually needed, and the land 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.budockparish.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 2023

2022/23-5 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMMUNITY.

BUDOCK VILLAGE HALL

The past 12 months have been very positive for the Village Hall. We have new members on the management committee, which has revitalised it.

Over the past year there have been an increase in bookings, both regular and one-off events, the hall is now able to cover the daily running costs through the income from bookings. The committee has also increased the number of community events which have been very well supported by the village and a new Facebook page is updated with all the hall events.

The Village Hall was built in the 1950s is now in need of major refurbishment.

The most important task is to replace the asbestos roof and then to follow with a plan of improvements which will future proof the hall for the local community. This includes insulation, a new heating system, new lighting, improved acoustics, looking at making the lower Committee Room into a more useful room all of which will add to the efficiency and sustainability of the hall. The committee would like to work with the parish council to this end and would like to explore the possibilities of making joint funding bids to enable these projects to go ahead.

You requested an outline of what the Village Hall Management might require from the Parish Council in the coming year.

1. Can the Parish Council clarify what their role as Custodian Trustees means in terms of who owns the hall and what is meant by "keep in repair" as outlined in the trust deed. When the hall was built this would cover the day-to-day maintenance that the management committee currently funds, but the committee doubts that when the original deed was written that the need for a completely new refurbishment was not envisaged.

2. Will the Parish Council be happy to look at joint funding bids with the management committee or even be the main lead in a bid as this might mean that the project could be VAT exempt?

3. Will the Parish Council give the Committee permission to display posters about Community Events in the village bus shelters?

Daphne Churcher

FALMOUTH QUILTERS

Membership is down to ten which means we are not able to afford to have people in teaching. Most sessions members do their own projects, but we are hoping that with all the new homes been built locally it will attract new members.

Alwynne Jones

BUDOCK WATER PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION

We have had a busy year with our usual 3 events: Erecting the village Christmas tree and lights switch-on, Easter treasure hunt and a summer Fun Day.

We had good numbers for each of these events and our accounts are healthy enough to cover the annual running of the Playing Field.

We have been aware that the equipment in the field has been in need of some attention for a while now. The cost of such work is beyond the capacity of the annual income raised through our events, so it was decided to apply for grants towards this.

We are pleased to say that we were awarded £10,000 from a National Lottery community grant and £34,000 from the Cornwall Council Community Infrastructure Levy grant. At the time of this report, there were still some technical issues to be dealt with before work could begin but it is hoped this will be in the very near future.

As Chairperson I am again grateful to all those who volunteer their time towards helping on the committee and with our events.

As always, we are on the lookout for new members as members naturally move on every now and then. The opportunity to help improve the amenities and engage with the community of the village is rewarding without being onerous.

With the resurgence of events undertaken by the Village Hall committee we feel communication is vital to ensure both the Playing Field and Village Hall's aims can be met. There has been some concern within the committee of the danger of duplicating or "over supplying" the village with events but I am confident going forward, that the community of Budock Village will be best served with two vibrant committees that can work together.

The proposals for the refurbishment of the Playing Fields covers a new bench and a new picnic table but, since the application, it has come to light that one of the other benches has now come to the end of its life and therefore, if the Parish Council felt in a position to fund a replacement, the committee would be very grateful.

Matt Brierley
Chair

TREVERVA VILLAGE HALL

Our small hall ticks quietly along, although it is true that the days of more intensive use have gone, and I believe are unlikely to return. The fabric of the hall is in excellent condition and sees a regular weekly hire by a local small band. The financial position is healthy, looked after by treasurer Mr Len Cheshire. All outgoings are maintained, insurance, fire appliances, utility bills etc.

We would welcome the arrangement for a return of the twice-yearly meeting of Budock Parish Council to the hall, fallen into abeyance through the covid period. This allows the Budock Parish Council to see for themselves how we fare.

As part of our small team Mr Nigel Hennell and Dr Phil Burnet are of course, themselves members of Budock Parish Council. Paul Bennett,
Chair Treverva Village Hall Committee

BUDOCK OVER 60'S CLUB

Thank you for inviting the Budock Over 60's group to submit a report of their activities during the past year and the forth coming year.

Following the COVID pandemic we did sadly lose some members, however many of our members returned to the club and we were able to arrange entertainment and outings last year which financially we were able to cover from our funds.

I am pleased to say that this year we have several new members and have again succeeded in covering the majority of expenses and feel that the group is once again coming back to full strength.

We are a very social group and endeavour to make everyone feel welcome and able to join in our entertainment which includes sing-a-longs, choirs, and afternoon teas. We also invite non-members to join us on our outings to such places as Dartmouth.

We are looking forward to another successful year.

Joan Martin
Deputy Chair

COMMUNITY AWARD

A presentation of the Community Award was made to Mrs Irene Clark by the Chairman of the Parish Council. The award was a basket of Marks and Spencer's products, all of which are known to be favourites of Irene. This award is made to someone in the Parish who it is felt has gone over and above the norm with their service to the community.

Irene has been involved in village affairs ever since she moved here in 1973. She has been a member of many local organisations over the years including being a Parish Councillor, one of the Budock Singers and Over 60's Chairman. She has certainly gone over and above in her efforts including being organiser of the Budock Luncheon Club, organising holidays and day trips including entry to the Royal Cornwall Show and the Council agreed unanimously that Irene should be the recipient. A truly deserving person.

2022/23-6 TO DISCUSS PRIORITIES FROM THE COMMUNITY

None were discussed.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.22 pm.

Signed:20th May 2024
Chairman