

5/12
SITHNEY PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: Philip Martin

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD AT SITHNEY CP SCHOOL AT 7.15PM ON TUESDAY 1ST MAY, 2012

Present:-

Cllr. P. Martin	Cllr. R. Ashmore
Cllr. B. Deacon	Cllr. T. Martin
Cllr. M. Morgans	Cllr. A. Pascoe
Cllr. I Paterson	Cllr. E. Williams

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – were received from Cllr. P. Bickford-Smith.**
- 2. CHAIRMANS ANNUAL REPORT**

Cllr. P. Martin thanked all Councillors for their continued help and support especially during the last year when he had been ill. He thanked them for their willingness and co-operation.

He thanked Cllrs. Bickford-Smith and Cllr Morgans for all their work leading the Jubilee committee and all the other councillors and members of the public for their help, without whom the event would not be possible.

He referred to the sad loss during the year of County Councillor Mike Clayton who had worked tirelessly for the Parish. He welcomed County Councillor Loveday Jenkin who had won the right to take his place in the election and thanked her for all her help.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Pascoe and Morgans for all their work in connection with the Local Housing Scheme.

He expressed concern over the closing of Trevarno Gardens and the subsequent loss of employment.

He ended by thanking all the Councillors for their hard work during the year and expressed the hope that they could all continue to work together in the forthcoming year. He thanked the new Clerk Mrs. Pauline Williams for all her hard work since her appointment.

- 3. TO RECEIVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE CLERK AS RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER**

The Clerk reported that copies of the Receipts and Payments Account and Bank Reconciliation had been circulated prior to this meeting to all Councillors.

The accounts had been audited by Cllrs. Bickford-Smith and Tom Martin during the year, and Mr. David Gallie (an external auditor) had audited them as well. The Councillors and Mr. Gallie had signed the paperwork certifying that all is in order and they will be sent off to the Audit Commission for Audit on 11th June.

The Council brought forward £15,529 into the 2012 financial year, and ended the year with £21,387. The external auditor had expressed concern about the 50% increase in reserves and said the Council should review this at the next budget setting.

The major expenditures during the year were:-

A new Bus Shelter (which grants paid for)
Footpath and bridleway maintenance (mainly funded by CC)
Grants to Chynhale Chapel, and St. Sithney Church in respect of maintenance

Donations had been made to:-

Sithney Lights Committee
Carleen Community Church Care Centre
Penhaligon's Friends
Cornwall Air Ambulance
Sithney and Lowertown over 60's club

The major income during the year was

CC Precept
Grants from The National Lottery and CC for the bus shelter
Footpath Maintenance Grant (CC)

The excess receipts over payments was almost £6,000

The Precept for 2012/13 had been set at £15,310, an increase of 2% over the previous year.

The Council therefore has adequate funds for the forthcoming financial year.

- 4. TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS RAISED BY THE ELECTORS OF THE PARISH - None**