

5/14
SITHNEY PARISH COUNCIL

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**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD AT TRANNACK CP SCHOOL AT 7.15PM ON TUESDAY
6TH MAY, 2014**

Present:-

**Cllr. I Paterson, Cllr. P. Bickford-Smith, Cllr. P Elliott, Cllr. P. Martin, Cllr. M.Morgans, and Cllr. E. Williams
(arrived 7.20)**

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllr. A. Pascoe

2. TO RECEIVE THE ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman said he was indebted to the Clerk and his fellow Councillors for their ongoing and enthusiastic support during his first year as Chairman and thanked them for their patience whilst he made almost every mistake going.

He said there had been significant changes in the legislation governing the way Parish Councils conduct their affairs, a fair amount of this being associated with the Localism Act 2011. A new Code of Conduct has been introduced and Council had established mechanisms for dealing with Planning Pre-applications from Parishioners

As far as Councillor numbers were concerned the status quo had been maintained, in that the year started two Councillors short and they have finished the year in the same position. We welcomed two new Councillors Cllr Phil Eliot and Jerry Betteridge, although after a fair trial Jerry Betteridge realised that Sithney Parish Council was not for him and he resigned. He said it was regrettable to lose Councillor Brian Deacon through ill health. He said he was sure that his fellow Councillors and the Parishioners as well will join in recording our heartfelt thanks to Brian for countless years of service both to Sithney Parish Council, St John's Ambulance, and the community as a whole.

He expressed a vote of thanks to the Ward representative Councillor John Keeling who is tireless in his efforts to support the work of the Council. He said he was particularly aware that John has responsibilities for Breage and Germoe Councils as well as Sithney.

The PC had our fair share of environmental issues largely attributable to dramatic changes in farming practices primarily on the former Trevarno Estate land. Run-off of very muddy water has caused considerable angst to the residents of Prospidnick and Chynhale, and he was grateful to the local MP Andrew George for making time to visit the area and see the problems at first hand. A plan is being formulated involving Cllr Keeling and Andrew George who will attempt to bring together the various agencies and landowners to find ways of mitigating the problems.

There had been several difficult planning applications requiring careful consideration, not least Organic Trevarno and the Helston Railway. After a packed Parish Council meeting and an equally well attended Public meeting the matter is to go before the Planning Committee probably in June.

On a more positive note he said he had been delighted to witness the formation of the Sithney Community Group and to give some financial support to start the ball rolling. Several highly successful events including a barn dance and quiz night have been staged and plans are coming together for a major event in the summer

The Council continue to make progress, albeit relatively slowly, towards the provision of a number of Affordable or so-called Social Needs Houses in the Parish. He said he had hoped that the formal planning application would have been lodged prior to tonight's meeting but there has been another small delay.

He reiterated his thanks to everyone who has contributed to life in Sithney Parish during the past year and long may they continue to do so.

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

Donations Made under S137

St. Sithney Churchyard Grant	825.00
Chynhale Chapel Grant	177.00
Sithney Community Group	220.00
Royal British Legion	60.00
Victim Support	100.00
Cornwall Air Ambulance	200.00
Cruse Bereavement Care Cornwall	100.00
Sithney Christmas Lights	180.00
Total Donations	<u><u>1862.00</u></u>

The major income for the year was:-

The Precept of (£15,927), Council Tax Support Grant of (£993.56), sales of millennium Maps and a grant from Cornwall Councillor John Keeling's community chest for the cost of provision of a grit bin.

At the end of 2013/14 the Parish Council had funds of £28,970 an increase of £4,170 on the previous year, as a result of good housekeeping.

The grant from CC of £1,175 for the Local Maintenance partnership was outstanding, but has now been received. The Precept (£7963.50) and Council support grant (£496.78) making a total of £8,460.28 had also been received. The invoice for the provision of the grit bins was also outstanding and has now been received in the sum of ££378.08 including VAT.

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council finances were adequate for the ensuing year.

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