

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD AT POLYPHANT VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 17 MAY. THE MEETING COMMENCED AT 19.30HRS.

ATTENDANCE:

Chairman	Councillor Iris Curley
Vice Chairman	Councillor Ken White
Councillors	John Newbury, Dave Parnell, Ken White, Eric Sleep, Tint EUis. David Eno. John Paynter and Chris Beckly.
CCllrs	Graham Facks-Martin and NeU Burden
Clerk	Elaine Cook

Members of the public. Representatives from organisations within the parish who gave the following reports:

I. REPORTS FROM ORGANISATIONS WITHIN OUR PARISH.

a. Inny Vale Branch EMBROIDERERS' GUILD - Although small in number regards membership. the activities and work produced ranks well with other groups in the South West Region. In October 05 the branch shared an exhibition at North Hill Village Hall with the local art club. Visitors and members of The Art Group was very complimentary and surprised of the work which came into the category of "Embroidery". Many projects have been worked on. This year 06 is The Centenary of the Embroiderers Guild. The A G M (National) was held at Harrogate, three members attending. The Secretary wore an evening dress specially designed and worked on the machine for the event. As part of The Centenary celebrations the South West is holding an Exhibition at the Salisbury Museum from July to September. This will include Historic and Modern items. But of 7 pieces to be exhibited from Devon and Cornwall 5 are from our Branch including Beth Coggin's dress. The Branch has also sent 25 handmade embroidered cards for the event. Recently various boxes were made and the current project is making books. The Guild will be represented at The Royal Cornwall Show. In association with the Chairman has the Worshipful Company of Borderers represented by our Chairman have been invited to meet the new patron H R H the Duchess of Gloucester at a Regional Event. The South West Regional Festival Day is at Tavistock on 16 July and Inny Vale Branch members have made a great contribution towards this event as well as being in attendance on the day. Sadly we lost Irena Croxton who died early this year. We are very grateful to be able to meet in Polyphant, as with such a small membership a larger more expensive venue would be out of the question. New members would be welcome - non stitchers are welcome as well as the experienced. we all learn from each other.

b. St Martins Church has a service every Sunday morning except for the 16th Sunday of the month, when we rotate with the other 4 Churches in our Group. These consist of Lawhitton. Lezant. North Hill and South Petherwin under the Priest in Charge Rev. Christopher Probert residing at North Hill Rectory. He is supported by a Local Worship Leaders Team of 3 and a Local Pastoral Ministry Team of 2. The Worship Team lead two Services a month and the Pastoral Team assist the Clergy in Ministry to people and lighten his work load. Both these teams have been trained by the Diocese of Truro. The Parochial Church Council appreciate the support of the Parish in our recent Restoration work on the Church building. This work on this first phase has now been completed with a second phase to be done in the future. when funds will allow. Much work has also still to be done to satisfy Health and Safety Regulations. The main concern of the Church is to serve the people of this Parish as best it can with the Ministry teams that they have. Further information is available on the Church Notice Boards.

c. Polyphant Women's Institute - report for the year 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005. Polyphant WI had a busy and entertaining year. Our monthly meetings covered such diverse subjects as Complimentary Therapy. a talk by our Community Police Officer and a Brief History of Larson by Arthur Wills. We enjoyed a trip to Johnny Mann's garden at Trust and a visit to Lamellate Farm. Our programme for the coming year is equally varied and we will be visiting Killer ton House in Devon by coach in May. We have participated in two Group Meetings with other Women's Institutes in the area and had success in their competitions. We would always welcome new members, particularly from Lewannick. We meet on the last Wednesday of the month in Polyphant Methodist Church Hall. During the winter months we meet at 2.15pm and

in the summer at 7.15 pm. Any further information, please telephone the Secretary, Ann Bishop on 880019.

d. Lewannick Film Society -- In March **2006** Lewannick Film Society became a member of the Federation of British Film Societies, and following their recommendation has had an inaugural meeting where a formal committee was elected and a constitution was established. The committee consists of David Eno Chairman, Carol Newbury Secretary, Ali Corner Treasurer and Emily Newbury Publicity Officer. The Film Society has been formed with the aim of providing local entertainment in Lewannick Village Hall without making a **profit**, other than a small operating surplus to cover contingencies. We will try to choose **films** to cater for a wide taste and have available a list of up to date releases plus a back catalogue. We intend to avoid films which can be seen in mainstream cinemas, and there are certainly many award winning films available which have never been on general release. We also intend to cater for children by having special matinee performances. We will be using a digital projector which is capable of delivering a high quality image on a large screen, and will use a professional PA system for the sound. The projector and screen will cost in the region of £4,500. This will give a quality performance much the same as a commercial cinema. We feel it would be self defeating if we try to cut corners by buying inferior equipment. There are several sources for grants that we can apply to for this and as we are a lively community, some distance away from cinemas or **theatres**, we feel that we stand a good chance of being funded. Although in theory we could show any bought or rented **DVD**, we need to keep within the law by renting from authorised distributors, which costs about £75 per film. We intend to introduce the film society by having a trial showing which will be free or £1 per head **maximum**. This will take place, probably, in October and we hope to include a children's performance on the same day. For this showing we will hire a projector and screen which will cost around £70. Costs for the first showing are estimated to be around **£240**, including hire of the hall. We would operate the society from October and April with a season of six monthly films. Our calculations indicate that if we got **20** people willing to pay a membership of £17 each plus 8 non-members who paid £3.50 on the night we would break even. This includes an extra film for members only, who would therefore be paying only **£2.43** per film. This would be dependant on having received a grant to buy the equipment. We would expect to make a small profit on refreshments.

e. NEWSLETTER - The Newsletter has had another successful year and seems to be becoming more popular. Due to extra demand I am now delivering **20** - 30 extra copies a month to Lewannick Post Office, and also an extra 10 copies per month to the Archer Arms. My plea for help in organising the newsletter has been answered by several people, but the first offer came from Jayne Young who has volunteered to do typing and checking. I often spend a whole day putting the newsletter together so this will ease the workload slightly. The printing is costing slightly more than anticipated and I also spend money on petrol for and postage every month so I would like to ask for a small increase in funding to £40. David Eno.

f. Lewannick Parish Website - May **2006** - It's been a good year for the website, which has received over 81,000 hits in total. Following a major update last **autumn**, I have developed a number of new sections. The site now features special pages for Lewannick Post Office, the Village Hall, The Archer Arms, Neighbourhood Watch, Lewannick Flower Show, Local Farmer's Markets, a Local Business Directory, where to stay locally, Places to visit, shopping and a local Information directory and last but not least The Parish Council! There are nearly 700 photographs available. David Edwards has been giving much valued help by keeping the events diary up to date, and has supplied the information for the Farmers Markets page. Carried over from last year I still have plans to include an online museum of Lewannick Parish Life. The financial help given to the Website by the Parish Council over the past year was much appreciated but barely covers the costs of running the site so this year I would like to ask for an increase to **£200**. David Eno.

G. Polyphant Chapel - For the previous year the renovation to the rear wall and access to toilets were the major focus. The bookings are forecast to be less than the previous year. The front elevation of the building is a concern. Funding is required for the repairs necessary following an Architects' Report. In the light of the repairs that are necessary to the front elevation funding will be concentrated on these restoration works. A thank you to the Parish Council for the grant funding towards the maintenance of the graveyard.

h. Annual Report for Lewannick Amateur Dramatic Society. Another successful year for the society culminating in a sell out performance of the pantomime Robin Hood. Record profits were made resulting in **£2,400** being sent to Cornish Blind Groups and Cornwall Marie Curie Nurses. New Members have joined the cast and chorus line this year ensuring the Society

continues into the future. Fundraising events through the year were well supported with proceeds used to stage the pantomime and fund running costs. Most of the takings from the pantomime being given to charity. This year's summer event will be held on the moor at North HUI with a live band and a **disco** at North Bowda Farm. It is hoped that all previous Trenault supports will cross the **A30** to eat drink and be merry. A car treasure hunt is planned for late summer and the usual wine and wisdom and Christmas Bazaar end the years fundraising. Due to the retirement of the **Society's** lighting supplier, the group have now purchased their own lighting equipment from him at a greatly reduced cost. This acquisition will make the society completely self sufficient and able to increase profits from the pantomime. As mentioned in last years report and not yet fulfilled, it is hoped that new stage curtains will be purchased in the near future. The society continues to be well supported and plans for Panto Number 57 are well in hand. Jenny Eno - Vice ChairmaolDirector

I. LEWANNICK GARDEN CLUB - The garden club has been well supported throughout the community with about 25 people at each meeting. Talks have been given on all sorts of topics from composting to garden history. We have practical sessions from time to time which are quite popular, especially the Christmas wreath making. We have visited a number of gardens and have plans to see many more. In running our club we are making use of the village hall and providing some fun evenings. Tim EIU.

j. ANNUAL REPOR FROM VILLAGE HALL - Again we have had a busy **year**, the installation of the disabled access and toilet did not cause too much disruption although it has caused us few problems with a neighbour, now that this is all installed it means that the hall is more accessible for all. We are lucky that we have an excellent committee who all pull together when any event is being **held**, both the Flower Show and Christmas Bazaar seem to be ginning bigger and better every year and David's idea of a light festival in October was so popular, it will now be an annual event, within the next month we hope to paint the outside of the hall, we have new chairs arriving soon and over the next twelve months or so we hope to be able to redecorate the inside of the hall.

2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Welcome to the Annual Parish Meeting. I will try to keep my report as brief as possible but we have had quite a busy year. First, we are sorry to have received Kevin Jasper's resignation. He has been a valued member of our council and we thank him for the time and effort he has put in for the parish and wish him well. We continue to maintain the village clock, bus shelter and Lewannick and Polyphant Greens, also the seats in the parish have been refurbished and we intend to have them treated each year. Thanks to the Gardening Club Polyphant have a new notice board. We are entering the third year of planned maintenance of the trees on Polyphant Green and are actively investigating the possibility of grants to enable us to clear the overgrown parts which still remain. The road crossing the green is due to be resurfaced this year. You will all have noticed that Black hill Quarry has reopened. The permission granted is subject to new conditions set by the County Council, some of which will help with the problem of the Two Bridges' junction. Which brings me neatly to the subject very near to our hearts? You showed by the high turnout for the two meetings we held to discuss the problem of the junction just how concerned you were about safety. Highways and their agents were so impressed by your arguments that they held a survey in the parish covering the interaction of our two villages and the use of the junction, and promised to reconsider their plans and then liaise with the Parish Council. On May 10th your Councillors met with Helen Phillips from Highways and Peter **Ewing's** from Parsons Brinkerhoff. First of all let me stress that there is no money in the Highways' kitty to sort our junction out properly with a flyover and that a speed limit is not regarded as feasible. But, and it is a big but, Highways was impressed with the amount of public opinion shown, namely the two well attended public meetings and a high response to the questionnaire. 187 questionnaires were returned, 102 of them (55%) expressed an opinion against a ban on a right hand turn from Polyphant and 9 (5%) expressed an opinion for. This majority verdict caused Highways to think again and they have come up with a proposed future programme (subject to funding). They will not implement the right hand ban which would require the support of local communities to take the scheme through the Traffic Order process. However, this decision is not set in stone but the majority weight of public opinion has won this first battle. Highways will be monitoring incident reports at the junction and it is up to us all to be doubly vigilant when using the junction, especially in the Oght of increased activity at the quarry. Part of the new quarry conditions imposed by the County Council include an agreement that all Hives exiting the quarry will turn left when joining the **A30**, turning, if

necessary, at Kennards House, and that **vehicle** activated signs be erected warning of turning Hives plus new junction signage. Highways propose to Ualse with quarry management, to try to **connect** up with the VAS for the westbound carriageway. But, this will take time to be implemented and, again, there is the question of funding. The centre reserve loop at the top of the hill will be **closed** except for farm **vehicles**. All traffic from Tolpetherwin depot must turn left on to the A30. The councillors voiced their concerns about the developments at the picnic site, registering their opinion that it should not be situated at such a dangerous junction. We expressed our concern again that the proposed new wooded pedestrian bridge exits to the road just where fast traffic sweeps in from the A30. Helen PhUUps promised to take this opinion back to her superiors. For the **success** the Parish Council have had in conveying your opinions to Highways I would like to thank our **Councillors**, our Clerk, our MP Dan Rogerson, our District **Councillor** Grabam Facks-Martin, and our County Councillor Nell Burden, all of whom have lobbied dedicatedly on your behalf. We must also thank Highways and Parsons Brickerhoff for appreciating our concerns about safety, listening to our views and then taking them into account in **trying** to find a solution to this problem. Now, if we **can** just have the Treasurer's Report and a report on the Play Areas there will be an opportunity for members of the pubUc to raise any queries they may have.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

LEWANNICK **PARISH** COUNCIL.

ACCOUNTS **FOR** THE YEAR ENDED

31 MARCH 2006

2005	DESCRIPTION	2006
270	Repairs to Lewannick Playing Area	
	New fence (ex labour provided by Cllrs)	
382	Equipment repairs (Ine bark)	80
412	Insurance	476
	MAINTENANCE	
2,174	Lewannick/Polyphant Greens	2,300
1,958	Polyphant - Trees	1,440
106	Parish Clock	106
110	Lewannick Bus Shelter	118
	Polyphant Green - septic tank refilling	70
	Notice board - Polyphant	220
	Refurbishment of furniture	245
	Inspection Report Polyphant Green	
165	Newsletter	330
330	Audit Commission	141
282	Clerk's Salary	900
900	Hire of Halls	30
24	British Legion	15
	Pottery bowl	30
77	Election of Parish Councillor	
125	Dog Bin - Lewannick	
82	Seat - Polyphant	
	GRANTS	
100	Polyphant Chapel	100
100	Trevadlock Chapel	100
100	Lewannick Church	100
100	Lewannick Website	130
ISO	Lewannick Primary School (football posts)	
75	Lewannick Playgroup	100
500	Lewannick Village Hall	100
8511		<u>7,131</u>

4. Report on Polyphant and Lewannick Play Area.

It was reported that both play areas were in good order and were well used.

5. Opportunity for members of the public to speak.

The quarry was a concern and it was considered that the villagers need to be the monitors and to report any incidents to the Council immediately. It was also queried why we were not going to go ahead with 'policing'. It was explained that it would require a Councillor to become fully trained and as we are a small community there was no one who wished to take up this position. There had been a report regarding dog fouling and this will be further discussed within our Ordinary Meeting which will follow hereafter. There was a discussion regarding the Two Bridges Junction and a resident complimented the Council on the work they had done in order to bring forth such a satisfactory conclusion.

Finally it was queried what had happened to the Liaison Committee for Blackhill Quarry? The Chairman agreed to investigate this matter as nothing had been heard from Tarmac. There being no further business the Chairman thanked all members of the public for attending and for the reports given. There being no further business the meeting was declared closed.

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF LEWANNICK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17 MAY AT 20.30 HRS. THE MEETING WAS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS.

ATTENDANCE:

Chairman

Councillor Iris Curley

Clerk

Elaine Cook

Councillors

John Newbury, Dave Parnell, Ken White,
Eric Sleep, Tim Ellis, David Eno, John Paynter and
Chris Beckly.

C Cllrs

Graham Facks-Martin and Neil Burden.

(1) ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by KW 2nd IN all in agreement that we elect Iris Curley. This was duly accepted by IC.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

KW said that he wished to stand down as Vice Chairman and proposed Dave Parnell this was 2nd by IN and all were in agreement. This was duly accepted by DP.

(2) ELECTION OF OFFICERS

LEWANNICK PLAY AREA

It was proposed by KW that John Newbury carries on with this good work and this was seconded by DP all in favour.

POLYPHANT PLAY AREA

It was proposed by IC 2nd ES all were in favour that Tim Ellis continues with his good work.

TRANSPORT OFFICER

It was proposed by ES 2nd DE all in favour that John Paynter be nominated for this new role which he duly accepted. East Cornwall Rural Transport Partnership. Tel 01208265693 - Sally Lewis.

The Minutes of our previous meeting which had been duly circulated were proposed by KW and 2nd by IN that they are signed as a true and fair record of that meeting.

(3) MATTERS ARISING

A. Polyphant Green - Waiting to receive the report on the **next** three year plan. It was agreed that residents should not take it upon themselves to cut parts of the Green as it prevents the wild flowers from self seeding. IC proposed that we mention this within the context of our **next** newsletter initially and that if this did not work we would write individual letters to the residents concerned this was second by KW and all were in agreement.

B Blackhill Quarry It was agreed that IC would contact the Chairman of the Liaison Committee and report back to us at our next meeting. CC G Facks-Martin and Neil Burden both

congratulated the PC on achieving a satisfactory result. The Chairman also thanked them for all their invaluable help.

(4) PLANNING

(8) 2006/00776 G & J Developments Erection of one pair of semi-detached dwellings with parking spaces. Proposed by DE 2nd ES all were in favour that the application is supported.

(b) 2006/00786 Demolition of **existing** stone outhouse and erection of extension. Trelydia House, Mr J Preston. Proposed by IN 2nd KW all were in favour that we support this application.

(c) 2006/00911 Darkes Farm, Polyphant, J R Fuller - Conversion of games room/laundry to residential unit. It was proposed by IN 2nd DP that we support this application this was supported with one Councillor voting against.

For information

(d) Miss Probyn - approved formation of hard standing for two cars.

(e) Mr and Mrs M Sandercock - erection of two storey extension to west elevation. Approved.

(C) Mr and Mrs S Langdon - Listed Building Consent for the erection of single storey rear extension to living accommodation and formation of vehicular access off the highway and parking area - approved.

(g) Mr and Mrs C Davey - The Oaks, Polyphant - Proposed store for motor caravan - approved.

(h) Mr S A Penhale replacement agricultural building for use as storage and workshop. Approved.

For chasing

(i) Sunnybank – request to Graham Facles-Martin to investigate why a decision was taking so long and the lack of progress.

(4) FINANCE

Following our Annual Parish Meeting grants are normally awarded. It was proposed that grant funding be allocated to the following:-

(a) Polyphant Church £150 for the maintenance of the graveyard it was also noted that major restoration works will soon be necessary to the front elevation of the Church. It was agreed that a separate grant would be awarded on receipt of further information from the Church. Clerk to write accordingly. Pro KW 2nd IN.

(b) Treadlock Chapel £150 Chq No 488 for the maintenance of the graveyard.

© Lewannick Church £150 Chq No 489.

(D) Lewannick Website £200 Chq No 490.

(e) Lewannick Playgroup £100 Chq No 491.

(C) Lewannick Village Hall £250 Chq No 492.

(g) Lewannick Film Society £500 Chq No 495

(i) Newsletter Chq No 497 £600.

All of the above grants were proposed by KW and 2nd by ES. All were in favour that they are paid.

(g) The following invoices were presented for payment:

Launceston Sports £8 for engraving Chq No 493.

(h) Lewannick Village Hall Chq No 494 £32 for Hire of Hall.

Following on from our A G M it was suggested that we purchase an additional dog bin for the commencement of the public footpath at Polyphant Chapel. It was agreed that we needed to liaise with the Chapel to ensure that they were in agreement with the location. Pro IN 2nd KW all in agreement.

(S) CORRESPONDENCE

Application for New Councillor received from Jenny Potter. It was proposed by IN 2nd KW all were in favour that we accept this application.

(6) ANY **OTHER BUSINESS**

JP - concerned about the poor visibility at Example Cross. Neil will speak to Highways.
KW - the road surface into Polyphant is in a poor condition. The Chair confirmed that this work is scheduled to be done this year.

M - how they had had a wonderful May Day event which raised in excess of £1,500. He was concerned about the pavement outside of Archer Arms and considers it needs adjustment. We will contact Highways and request that they meet John and David on site.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed. Our next meeting will be held at Lewannick. The meeting will commence at 20.00hrs on Wednesday 21 June 2006.