

LANTEGLOS- BY- FOWEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING

HELD IN THE WI HALL, POLRUAN ON MONDAY, 11th APRIL 2022 at 6.30pm

Minute	AGENDA ITEMS
	Chairman's welcome and refreshments
PM1/2022	Apologies for Absence – Cllrs. Beresford and Pyke, Mr and Mrs Gavin Shakerley.
PM2/2022	Lanteglos by Fowey Parish Council – Cllr. John Adams. The year started with new Members being elected to serve on the Parish Council in May 2021 and we were pleased to welcome Cllr. Gini Ainley, Paul Beresford, Nevin Carmichael, Charles Clare-Dunbavand, Edgar Goddard, Phill Pyke and Rob Rooney. I was elected as Chair and Cllr. Rooney as Vice Chair. 2021/22 has been a busy year for the Parish Council with Members commenting on more than 30 planning applications. Various other topics have occupied our thoughts and actions, covering many diverse subjects from drains to road signage. We have worked with PCSO Steve Cocks to set up a Community Speed Watch. More volunteers are sought and will be warmly welcomed. Lack of available and affordable housing for local people has resulted in the Parish Council writing and adopting its own Social Housing Policy – a copy of which can be found on our website. Other Parish and Town Councils have been invited to adopt / amend the policy themselves. This project was led by Cllrs. Gini Ainley and Rob Rooney. Members are fully supportive of the Polruan Community Shop project and have agreed to make £3,000 available on request; and pledged a further £7,000. Dispensing Services Polruan has been another issue given much consideration with Cllrs. John Adams and Edgar Goddard carrying out extensive research into why some residents are able to pick up their prescriptions from Polruan whilst others are not. They have been ably assisted by Mr Geoff Waters (pharmacist) who was able to supply much needed professional knowledge. As a result, Members have agreed to write to NHS England to ask for clarification of the historic rights under which the surgery dispenses and whether Polruan and Bodinnick are a Reserved Locality, and if not why not; and Fowey River Practice asking a number of questions. The above list is not exhaustive but does, I hope, give a flavour of the number and diversity of topics that the Parish Council covers. It only remains for me to thank Members and the Clerk for their hard work and support.
PM3/2022	Question and Answer Session Dispensing services There was discussion around dispensing from Polruan Surgery and personal experience of the history from members of the meeting. Cllr Edgar Goddard outlined that as had been highlighted in the discussion that the eligibility criteria for dispensing at Polruan since 1942 had been based on the distance of a registered patient from a Pharmacy. Patients living within 1.6km as the crow flies from the pharmacy were not eligible for dispensing services at Polruan which covered Polruan and Bodinnick. However, there was clear evidence that from the 1970s Polruan residents were receiving dispensing services from Polruan surgery, and this was believed to be on the basis of a historic right granted due to the difficulty of access to the pharmacy at Fowey due to the Fowey estuary. Legally from 1983 patients moving to the area were not eligible for dispensing under this historic right, however again there was clear evidence that it had continued until 2017 when Fowey River Surgery stopped new patients' eligibility.

	<p>Dr Waldon had explained at a public meeting (attended by several people in the meeting) that this was because NHS England had enforced the eligibility arrangement and it was not initiated by Fowey River Surgery.</p> <p>Cllr Adams and Goddard explained that the Parish Council had researched the position and written to Fowey River Surgery asking for clarity of the eligibility and confirmation of the reason and timing of its withdrawal and for information to allow the application for Polruan and Bodinnick to be designated a 'Reserved Locality'.</p> <p>The Parish Council had also written to NHS England to request a confirmation of the edibility criteria for patients, that there is a historic right and its basis, and details of the criteria to designate Polruan and Bodinnick as a 'Reserved Locality' where all patients on the dispensing list including those within 1.6km would be eligible for dispensing services.</p> <p>Lighting up the Blockhouse</p> <p>Capt. Thomas explained that repairs to the illumination of the Blockhouse was planned and being coordinated with the Town Trust.</p> <p>The meeting requested that this was done in time for the Queen's Platinum celebrations.</p>
PM4/2022	<p>Reports from Other Organisations:</p> <p>Reports were received from:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Fowey Harbour Commissioners (FHC), Capt Paul Thomas b. Polruan Town Trust, Adrian Fisher c. Whitecross and District Garden Club, Josie Slade d. Polruan Film Club, apologies from Mike Partlett, Cllr Adams read a report e. Polruan Regatta and Children's Sports Committee and Platinum Committee, Lynn Bartlett f. The Village Hall, Suzanne Goddard g. The Parish News, Suzanne Goddard h. Parish of Lanteglos by Fowey, Kathryn Hill i. Youth Committee, Angie Mallard j. Allotment society, Des Libby k. Women's' Hour, Kathryn Hill l. Polruan Coastguard Rescue Team, Des Libby <p>a. Fowey Harbour Commissioners – Capt. Paul Thomas</p> <p>2021 was a record year with 17,000 visiting yachts and 24 cruise ships albeit smaller in size than in the past. This year is expected to be just as busy and with 17 larger cruise ships arriving, the first on 20th April. Unlike 2021 the 2022 cruise ships will be larger with more passengers and will be more eco-friendly.</p> <p>It has been a busy year with a record 24 cruise ships in 2021 but many of these were small cruise ships with few passengers due to Covid regulations.</p> <p>FHC is marketing Fowey as a cruising destination and 17 cruise ships are expected in 2022 which will be more environmentally friendly (with hybrid power supplies for propulsion and equipment) and will carry more passengers.</p> <p>China clay exports are still going holding up. Tonnage is up: the paper market has decreased but the market for clay for ceramics has increased particularly for Africa and the Far East. Aggregate exports have also increased. Aggregate is a by-product of the China clay mining so is perceived as being greener and there are seven tonnes of spoil for every one tonne of Clay. The clay and aggregate can be marketed as more environmentally friendly as there is less waste from the process. The aggregate is actually granite, and has now been branded as 'Cornish granite' which has increased demand. 150,000 tonnes were exported last year using new hybrid powered ships with electric loading facilities.</p> <p>The commercial port is overall getting busier.</p> <p>For Polruan access has been an issue for many years. Polruan Pontoon should be in place by easter weekend 2022.</p>

FHC is trying to think how to solve the access problem as originally the pontoon was for access for tenders to larger boats but now many boats are permanently moored at the pontoon as the primary boat.

A problem of hire boats causing congestion and being larger than the signposted restrictions on size was raised.

Capt. Thomas replied that FHC understood the issue but hire boats were part of the holiday trade (and dis pay higher rates).

FHC are aware of the issues about the crowded pontoons and are looking for solutions. In other ports where small craft have been left in the water there have been major issues with craft being left for the season and filling with water etc so causing the harbour authority significant work to keep clear. Therefore, the preference is for an on-shore store close to the water edge for launching. The Trust commented that although they are looking at possible storage on the quay there is a concern that users will neglect boats and would not a repeat of the Caffa Mill 'mess' on Polruan Quay. FHC are looking at the redevelopment of the stores at Brazen Island and this could afford a storage area for small craft, but access will be a key issue which would have to be agreed. Putting in a pontoon in the Brazen Island would be prohibitively expensive and the impact of weather would be worse than at the Polruan pontoon.

The Harbour Master mentioned the scheme for registering small craft (Kayaks, SUPs etc.) at £20 per craft. Harbour Dues have always been payable for small craft but has not been heavily enforced historically. As the harbour has become busier with a significantly larger number of small craft and associated health and safety issues it is now essential that craft are registered. FHC will be enforcing this year - leaflets and registration forms are available from the Harbour Office. A similar scheme has been successful at Newton Ferris where after 3 years they have some 1200 small craft registered. It is hoped the income from harbour dues will fund a role to specifically focus on small craft.

b. Polruan Town Trust – Adrian Fisher

After nearly 40 years the lease for the Quay is close to being completed with the Land registry and Fowey Harbour Commissioners involved.

In 2020 the car park concession was handed back to the Trust due to Covid. The Trust ran the car park in 2021 and in 2022 Dan Hicks was awarded the car park concession.

A lot of maintenance has been undertaken on the Quay and the Trust's buildings. The quay area has now been painted and is looking considerably smarter.

Skips are being organised for collection of Town Trust rubbish across the village.

The Trust's AGM on Tuesday 5th April resulted in election of two new Trustees Vicky Halls and Tony Cottrell plus co-option of David Guy. Robin Sainsbury is stepping down as Chair and a new chair is due to be elected.

A Planning application for Vevery carpark and reservoir has been submitted to Cornwall Council Planning. A meeting with the Parish Council on Saturday 9th April and was held followed by a meeting with representatives from the public. The most controversial issue was the siting of Skips which the Trust thinks can be resolved by moving towards the car park area. Other concern is around the proposed new entrance, and this will need to be reviewed and agreed with Highways. There was also a suggestion of a pedestrian access near the monument.

The Reading Room is now managed by the Trust and is open.

c. Whitecross & District Garden Club – Josie Slade

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, our Garden Club sadly had to cancel many meetings and outings to gardens. Our Committee meetings were equally scarce. We cancelled the last four meetings of 2021 having informed our members beforehand for their views. However, following Whitecross Village Hall precautions the members and Committee decided to return for our meetings this year

We had an extremely successful meeting on 17th February with Chris Beardshaw. Seating was arranged in line with social distancing and refreshments were handed round on trays.

Chris is an amazing speaker, this is the second time he has come to our club and I'm sure we will invite him a third time.

We have our AGM on Thursday 17th March followed by one of our committee members, David Fuller, giving a talk on the creation of his own garden, we are all looking forward to hearing him.

Our annual plant sale is on Saturday 21st May at 2pm, all are welcome. We also have garden outings arranged for this year.

d. Polruan Film Club – Mr Michael Partlett

Aims of the Polruan Film Club (PFC):

- To provide the community of Polruan and the surrounding area with access to a large screen cinema style film experience.
- To use the medium of film to encourage and support social interaction across the community.
- To operate on a non-profit basis to enable access costs to be kept as low as possible.

The PFC Committee consists of 5 officers and was formed on 01 September 2021. The club has a formal constitution.

Set up and purchase of equipment was aided by a £5000 grant from the Barrie Trust awarded to the Village Hall, and a grant of £942 from the Cornwall Community Foundation. The equipment is owned by the Village Hall Committee, for use by all users of the Hall. The facility was used by the Theatre Club and proved its worth at the recent pantomime. It will also be used by Kids Klub to provide music and was recently used by the Coastguard to provide training presentations.

Films are obtained via CFyIm, a registered charity having a MPLC license, thus ensuring all copyright conditions are met.

To meet licensing requirements all attendees must be club members. At the time of this report the PFC membership is 69 with that number growing at every performance.

Films shown to date:

- 22 January 2022 Dream Horse – very well supported and positive feedback received.
- 19 February 2022 Peter Rabbit 2 – a matinee for children accompanied by parents / guardians, proved a successful and fun afternoon.
- 26 March 2022 Ladies in Lavender (with cream tea and Prosecco), again positive feedback received.

Planned and suggested films for the future program:

- 30 April 2022 Fisherman Friends
- 04 June 2022 A Royal Night Out (part of the Queen's Jubilee celebrations)
- Midnight in Paris
- Justice League
- Peanut Butter Falcon
- Chef

e. Polruan Regatta and Children's Sports – Ms Lynn Bartlett, Chairman

We were able to hold our AGM in 2020 just weeks before the first lockdown. Since then, when guidelines permitted, we met on six occasions, in gardens or the WI Hall. Most communication was carried out by email or 'phone.

We have 23 committee members.

As always we were grateful to the support of our President and Vice-Presidents. Patrick Malahide, Bill Enoch, John Thomlinson, Tony Cottrell, Ian Keeling and Colin Payne. They have been very supportive of the decisions we've had to make over the last two years.

During the two years we have sadly learnt of the death of five of our greatest supporters and friends, Bojer Hicks, a past Chairman, Marjorie Barrie, Michael Penprase, Barbara Blamey and Tilly our DJ.

There was no Spring outing to a theme park, no Beach Gala and no Regatta weekend in 2020.

What have we been able to do?

We joined with Kids Klub to distribute Easter Eggs round the Parish in 2020 and 2021.

Ever aware of the impact lockdowns and home schooling were having on families and our children, in the summer and again at Christmas of 2020 we provided all children in the Parish with a treat, Argos vouchers, activity books and chocolates.

We supported families who were struggling to provide basic food for their children in the half term before the government stepped up. Support with basic groceries has continued on a few occasions.

We've been able to help the Baby and Toddler group to continue to meet by financing their WI Hall rental.

In July and August 2021 came tricky times as we became aware of the high number of Covid cases in the county; with regret we cancelled the Beach Gala and a little later our Regatta weekend too.

We only had positive comments about our decision.

The scarecrow and Polruan in Bloom competitions went ahead. There were increased entries in both and the displays were all much enjoyed.

We added Light Up Polruan as a new Christmas competition. Polruan was well illuminated!

Thanks to the generous grant given from the estate of the late Marjorie Barrie. Last year we were able to replace most of our bunting and purchase new Christmas tree lights from this grant.

A donation from the estate of Bojer Hicks allowed us to purchase "Bojer's Bunting" the St. Piran's flags.

At our October 2021 meeting we decided that we would cautiously go ahead with planned Christmas time events whilst being alert to the progress of Covid and its variants.

We held the craft coffee morning in November.

The Coal Wharf Christmas tree was put in place and the new Barrie lights, all eighty metres of them, certainly made a difference. We again donated a tree to be placed in St. Saviours grounds.

The Christmas party was successful, with Billy Wizz entertaining the 16 children and parents. Father Christmas was welcomed and distributed gifts of books.

After contacting both the coach company and the Theatre Royal, we went ahead with the trip to watch the pantomime.. We were required to wear masks on the coach and in the theatre but there was not one moan from the children.

With mandatory regulations released, it looks as if we'll be able to plan with caution and some certainty.

I would like to publicly record my thanks to the regatta committee members who strive to give the best fun activities to the families and children of the Parish.

f. Polruan Village Hall - Suzanne Goddard

The last two years have been difficult for all due to the pandemic and Hall usage has been patchy. However, we have benefitted from grant applications and donations (outlined in the Parish News) which have allowed us to commence an extensive programme of refurbishment to up-date and modernise the Hall. These have included a new kitchen, internal and external redecoration, the installation of WiFi and the Audio Visual system and a defibrillator. The Hall offers a large, versatile space with a garden overlooking the

harbour, making it an ideal venue for weddings, parties, meetings, classes and local group activities. With the recent relaxation of government guidance, we are pleased to report our bookings have begun to increase and we hope the Hall will continue to serve the community for many years.

g. Parish News – Suzanne Goddard

We are pleased that our publication continues to attract wonderful contributions from a wide variety of sources which sees it consistently run to 28 pages, (the latest edition to 32 pages) and we sincerely hope that this continues as the community begins to open up. Prior to the pandemic we were printing 1300 copies six times a year. During the pandemic we were forced to make adaptations to the Parish News but it continued to be a lifeline to the community offering advice, support and generally keeping people in touch with a regular print run of 1200 copies six times a year. With the relaxation of restrictions we hope to continue in this vein as well as to advertise and report on local events and activities.

One difficulty we experienced during the pandemic was the loss of advertising revenue as businesses struggled to keep afloat. We were very fortunate to receive a grant from the Barrie Bequest which gave us a reprieve and allowed us to invest in colour production and better production tools, such as the publishing software needed to design the Parish News for printing. The move to colour production has proved to be popular and we are hopeful that this, together with the quality of content in each edition, will help to attract back the advertising lost to make it a self-financing and sustainable colour publication.

h. Parish of Lanteglos by Fowey – Kathryn Hill

The new vicar was injecting lots of new ideas into the Parish and church services and this was generating lots of interest.

After much deliberation and after building survey a decision had been taken to start the process of selling St Saviour church.

The PCC was discussing with Polruan WI the possibility of using the WI for some church services,

But in both cases this was very early days.

i. Youth Committee – Angie Mallard

During 2021 the Covid pandemic meant that regular youth and children's activities in the village were put on hold, but we managed to organise, and be part of, several one-off events and activities.

Valentine Hearts – In February members of Polruan Support Group helped to co-ordinate a Covid-safe 'Community Hearts' project for Valentine's Day, with the help of volunteer delivery, prep, and decorating crews. Children of Polruan Academy, Polruan Toddler Group and other children and young people of the village used their fantastic decorating skills to produce beautiful heart cards that were then delivered to those who live alone in the village, as an expression of love and care and help alleviate loneliness in this difficult lockdown time. We have received lots of 'thankyous' from grateful recipients who said it really made their weekend special. We were very grateful to all who were involved in either donating craft materials, hours of cutting out and sorting bags, delivering bags in all weathers and of course to all those who actually did the beautiful decorating!

Joint Easter Egg Event - During Easter lockdown the Youth Committee were pleased to join with the Regatta and Children's Sports committee to deliver safely packaged Easter Eggs to all the children in the Parish. Many thanks go to the volunteer delivery crew who helped make this happen.

Easter Messy Church Bags - As we still could not meet for our Easter Messy Church service this past year, we organised some hygienically prepared 'Messy Church Bags' which included Easter related craft activities, Easter Story/puzzle books and an Easter treat. Bags were delivered to Polruan Academy as well as to other children in the village who didn't attend the school. *We were pleased to work with school in this project and very grateful for their enthusiasm to host the Messy Church craft session in our absence, which*

was apparently very much enjoyed. We have also had favourable feedback from other families about the bag generally and about the story book

Funday On A Sunday - Unfortunately we were unable to have Holiday Club again last year, but we were able to get together safely with a family picnic on Sunday 25th July at the school sports field. Several families came along and enjoyed the sunshine, a picnic, ice creams and coffee from the 'Brew Box'. There was some great slip'n'slide fun during the afternoon on the water slide! Many thanks to Andy Simmons and Ruby Mitchell from the National Trust who bought along tanks of water and a giant tarpaulin.

Open The Book - the team were very excited to be able to go back into Polruan Academy again from November 3rd – it was so wonderful to meet with children and be part of the OTB assemblies again.

Christingle In Polruan - December 8th was a busy day as two of us took Christingle into Toddler Group in the morning and the whole 'Open the Book' team did the same in Polruan Academy in the afternoon. We all enjoyed it and the children all seemed to enjoy it too. In school it was lovely to watch the older children helping the younger ones – it added a lovely 'family feel' to the afternoon. Thanks to Toddler Group and School for a lovely day.

Nativity Service - A big thankyou to all the young people who took part in the Nativity Service in St Saviour Church on Christmas Eve. The story was told mainly through the words of the carols, some sung by all of us, and some just by the children, so it was a real blessing that all the Children's Choir were in the cast! We are also grateful to Foye who played the piano for us and to Harriet Allen who stepped into the breach when one of the Three Kings was taken ill on Christmas Eve morning.

Polruan Youth Choir - It was so great to have the choir back again this Christmas after such a long break! Although we were fewer in number, and only had five rehearsals, the quality, commitment, and enthusiasm of the singers was brilliant. The four performances, including 'Carols around the Christmas Tree' on the Coal Wharf, were well received and much enjoyed by those who came along.

Kidz Klub - We finally met for a planning meeting after a two-year break in February 2022. Following this we held a very successful Kidz Klub relaunch evening on Friday 11th March, with 19 children attending, and having a great time, along with several parents. We have received some lovely messages from parents saying, "thank you" and saying how much their children enjoyed the evening. We look forward to more sessions this year.

j. Allotment Society – Des Libby

The Allotment Society goes from strength to strength with all but one quarter plot taken and receives good support from its members. Over the past 12 months various projects have come to fruition not only with the support of the Barrie Fund but through the hard work of its members and support from the Parish Council, District Councillor and the National Trust.

The Society now have a brand new community shed, a new grass mower and rotovator all as a result of the Barrie Fund, other projects supported by the fund is the Allotment Pond, dug out by members by hand, a pond liner installed and filled with water and now planted up with various oxygenating plants some given and others from the fund.

Since the Allotments were created there has always been the idea of re opening of Gypsy Lane giving easier, safer and quicker access to the field. With the Local School coming on board and taking an Allotment to provide practical educational knowledge to our local children there has been growing support for this project. Support from the Parish Council was vital in the project going ahead, which we are very grateful for, funds were provided by the PC and District Councillor plus private donations and our own fund raising. After two work parties in terrible weather working just with hand tools the lane was cleared by our members it has since been levelled with a mini digger and security gate fitted at the road end. The National Trust and local warden have been supportive of the project providing posts and fencing material to erect a fence along side our neighbours in Ferris Way, we are very grateful for all the support given.

k. Woman's Hour – Miss Kathryn Hill

Like most organisations Woman's Hour was not able to meet during lockdowns but we kept in touch by telephone and then enjoyed meeting face to face when we were able albeit socially distances and wearing masks. Great was the rejoicing when we could leave off the masks and enjoy our usual refreshments as part of the meeting. We have enjoyed a variety of talks both by members and by visiting speakers. In addition to our traditional "Members Meetings" when each member reads out a short item of prose or poetry approximately once a month, we have recently started having meetings where each of us chooses a favourite hymn to sing and this has proved a popular innovation. Woman's Hour meets at 2.30 each Tuesdays in St. Saviour Church during the autumn, winter and spring.

l. Polruan Coastguard Rescue Team – Mr Des Libby

We are a group of 10 people, 3 ladies 7 men living around the Parish and now with one of the team living in Lanreath and one in Pelynt, we respond to a pager system or messages sent to our mobile phones. RV points are created by our Coordinating Centre which is Falmouth CG and the team coming from different locations gather at the RV point and carry out whatever is required.

Over the COVID period with people holidaying at home after lock down 2021 saw our busiest season for years responding to 28 calls for assistance up and down the coastline. It started two days after lockdown was lifted with a difficult rescue at East Coombe after a report of a male in difficulties on the coastal path, on arrival it was found that he had actually fallen over a cliff and was in great pain

with lower leg injuries. A full cliff rescue incident was instigated with support coming from the team at Loo and Cornwall Air Ambulance, and so the season continued.

With the car parks over flowing during the last summer we took on a different tactic setting up in a corner of Lantic Bay car park offering visitors safety advice, local information, and handing out activity booklets for children. We were surprised at the lack of awareness by some people of the terrain they were heading for in inappropriate footwear, clothing and even water bottles thinking they could buy some when down on the beach.

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Closing remarks

The Chairman thanked everyone who attended and the interesting questions and debate and particularly thanked the reporters from the village organisations taking the time to update us all on their good works.

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Parish Council Chairman