

Minutes of the Lewannick Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 16th May 2023 in Lewannick Village Hall, Lewannick, commencing at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllr M White, Cllr C Newberry, Cllr A Hobden, Cllr S Jasper, Cllr P Atkinson, Cllr D Parnell
Cllr K Owens and Cllr R Finnimore.

In Attendance: L Coles, Parish Clerk

There were no members of the public present.

Item		Action
1	Apologies. Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr J Newbery, Cllr B Sleep and Cllr A Parsons, Cornwall Council.	
2	Welcome by the Chair. The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.	
3	Unitary Councillor Report. Cllr A Parsons was not present at this meeting.	
4	<p>Reports from Local Organisations.</p> <p>Wind Turbine Committee - Cllr Finnimore reported that a few grants had been given out through the year but there are no current applications.</p> <p>Playgroup – Cllr Owens reported that since its inception numbers are rising and thanked Emma Newbery for doing a fantastic job organising everything. As well as serving the local community the Playgroup is attracting people from outside of the Parish.</p> <p>Play Park Committee – Cllr C Newbery reported that a committee has been formed and is properly constituted with its own bank account. The Committee is looking to purchase a slide for the Play Park as its next project and will be applying to the Wind Turbine Committee for assistance in funding this.</p> <p>Lewannick Village Hall Committee – Cllr C Newbery reported that bookings for the hall are picking up although some groups did not return after the Covid lockdowns. The Committee purchased a new boiler for the hall this year.</p> <p>As Appendices to these Minutes. The following reports were read out at the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lewannick Church • Polyphant Chapel <p>The Chairman said that all in all things in the Parish are looking quite bright for the future.</p>	
5	Public Open Forum. Nothing brought forward	
6	Close. The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.13pm.	

Signed.....

Date.....

Lewannick Church Report for the 2023 Annual Parish Meeting

Dear Parish Council,

*I am sorry to be unable to attend your AGM this year. Sadly I am away.
I am writing on behalf St Martins Church to give our report for 2023.*

We are delighted to have Rev Sean Clancy as our vicar. He has been well supported by Rev Antony Naylor.

*As you know we have an unofficial but excellent working relationship with the Methodist Church.
We have been well supported by Rev John Haley and his team.
Our thanks go to all.*

We have held regular Sunday services throughout the year. We have also held extra services such as some Saints and Holy Days.

*Our Church Cafe, 'Cafe Central', has been open on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons— 2pm-4pm.
This is becoming a "social hub ". Lots of chatting goes on and cake eating!!*

We have planted a further 9 trees in the church yard. This is due to a generous grant from the Wind Turbine Committee.

We have been well supported by the Village. Some little angels organized a Christmas tree festival and have done Church flowers.

Last but not least, our grateful thanks go to you for your continued support. Particularly in your generous grant towards the maintenance of the church yard.

Our deepest wish is that our church should be fit for the 21st century and a haven for all.

I could say more but this is probably enough!!

Take care and God bless

Caroline Latham (Church Warden)

The Methodist Church and Community Centre at Polyphant, is one of 13 churches in the Launceston Circuit. The minimum membership of 12 was achieved in the last year but with the sad loss of 90 year old Pat Dickson, we are looking to recruit another.

Services are now arranged every Sunday with an attendance averaging 10, rising to 15 when we welcome residents from Bowden Derra.

Income is very slowly recovering although the new energy prices are causing alarm with winter services needing a budget between £60 - £80 to heat the Chapel each Sunday. Essential with an ageing and infirm congregation.

We are extremely grateful to receive the grant from Lewannick Parish Council towards the cost of maintaining the graveyard. We were also delighted to receive a grant from the Lewannick Wind Turbine Fund which enabled us to replace the front gate of the Chapel in exactly the same style as the original one.

A programme to help raise much needed funds includes monthly coffee mornings, a Monday Knit & Natter Group and Friday Nia exercise class are all doing well in 2023. The new Polyphant Ladies Club is also supporting the Chapel and in two months has signed up 35 members who attend monthly meetings with a range of guest speakers.

Community events have included the 135th Anniversary of the Chapel, a 'Bring and Share' lunch to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III and a village walk, in the rain, on the Monday. Preparations are in hand for a Car Boot Fair on June 17th and a mini Bazaar is planned in November.

Our Members are working hard to maintain a Christian presence in the Polyphant community and many friendships have been made whilst the effort is shared, necessary support is provided and we can look forward to enjoying the results in the coming year. Thank you again for your support.

Ann Hobden (Polyphant Church & Community Hall Secretary)