

Minutes of the Lewannick Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 20th May 2025 in Lewannick Village Hall, Lewannick, commencing at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllr M White, Cllr A Hobden, Cllr S Jasper, Cllr P Atkinson, Cllr R Finnimore and Cllr B Sleep

In Attendance: L Coles, Parish Clerk

There were two members of the public present.

Item		Action
1	Apologies. Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr K Owens, Cllr C Newbery and Cllr J Newbery.	
2	Welcome by the Chair. The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.	
3	Chairman's Report The main focus of the Parish Council this year has been the junction at Plusha. There was a Public meeting in September at which the views of the Parish were felt. The Chairman said that he feels a difference is being made towards getting the grade separated junction that is needed; pressure is being kept up on National Highways and Councillor Parsons, Cornwall Councillor, is lobbying hard. The next step is to get the business study drawn up and this will take 18 months minimum to do. Cornwall Council has set aside £250k. There is no update from SPAG (Safer Plusha Action Group) and this is possibly due to the recent elections.	
4	Unitary Councillor Report. Councillor Parsons was not present. There has been a full council meeting at Truro today for the new Council.	
4	Reports from Local Organisations. PPG - Cllr Sleep reported that the building of the new surgery at Bodmin is going ahead. Would like to see a few more appointments at Polyphant surgery. It is not felt that the capacity is being used. It was said that it would be useful if a Phlebotomist could attend at Polyphant, at least monthly, to save travelling to Bodmin. Cllr Sleep will raise this matter with the Practice. As Appendices to these Minutes. The following reports were read out at the meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lewannick Church • Polyphant Chapel • Polyphant Ladies Group 	
5	Public Open Forum. Nothing brought forward	
6	Close. The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.30pm.	

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APPENDICES:

Church Report for the year 2024

Parish Council AGM , Tuesday 20th May 7pm. Lewannick Village Hall.

We are very grateful and thankful to have Rev Sean Clancy, Rev Antony Naylor and Rev John Hayley looking after us .The church remains open during the day.

Church Services .

Regular Sunday services were held . We have a very good informal working relationship with the Methodists.

1st Sunday — 9.30am Holy Communion

2nd Sunday —9.30am Methodist led service

3rd Sunday — 9.30am Holy Communion

4th Sunday — 10am Family service (usually lay led)

We have also held other services such as Remembrance Day reflections, Saints and Souls days, Crib service for the children , New Years Eve Reflections.

Outreach —

Cafe Central — is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The start of the year between 2pm to 4pm and now 1.30-3.30. This continues to go well and provides a “drop in centre”.

We have plans to open a Pizza Club for the 11to 16 year olds in the new year

Lewannick Primary School are encouraged to use the church which they do for such times as harvest and Christmas.

Events -

We held a successful Fayre and Dog Show.

Also a Christmas Tree Festival. Many thanks to Vicky who organised this event and for everyone who helped. It was lovely that so many different villagers and organisations took part. Let’s hope this becomes an annual event.

Many thanks to all those who have done wonderful flower arrangements for Harvest festival etc.

Church yard grass cutting — The grass cutting in the spring was not satisfactory. This has now been remedied . The grass in the open part of the church yard and paths around the church will be kept cut at all times. The closed part of the church yard will be cut about three times a year .

Lastly thank you for your support and help during the last year.

POLYPHANT METHODIST CHURCH & COMMUNITY CENTRE
Update for Lewannick Parish Council APM - May 20th 2025

Services are usually held every Sunday but during the last two quarters we have arranged united services with Pipers Pool on alternate Sundays to ease the pressure on our local preachers in the Launceston Circuit who serve 13 churches.

In September we look forward to welcoming a new Minister, Oseias da Silva, He and his wife, Rev Jane will be living at the Coad's Green Manse. He will no doubt lead a service at Polyphant when he has settled with in the churches for which he has primary responsibility: Coad's Green, Trebulet and South Petherwin. The Launceston Circuit also sends a Minister to Lewannick once a month so local residents will have an opportunity to meet him.

In Polyphant we are seeking grants to improve the property and are fortunate to have received a substantial donation to help us decorate the exterior of the church. Also a local group has donated £800 to the Community Hall which will be the basis for a grant to install improved heating in the Community Hall.

Polyphant Church Council is 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 purchase and install a large TV screen in the church which is being used for services and community events.

We continue to raise funds for maintenance costs as the weekly running costs exceed our basic income which is donated by the Members. Additional income comes from the monthly coffee mornings, weekly Knit & Natter group and weekly Line Dancing classes. The new Polyphant Ladies Club meets monthly at the church and shares proceeds of their events with Polyphant Chapel.

Ann Hobden : Church Council Secretary & Trustee
Polyphant Church & Community Hall

Ladies Club 2025.

We have just started our 3rd year since taking over the club and we have 27 members who have joined this year. The club is held on the last Wednesday afternoon of the month. There is a mixture of talks from various people, sometimes we have a quiz, and sometimes we have a coach trip where we go out for the day.

Our next meeting is Wednesday the 28th May (next week) and we have a coach trip to Coleton Fishacre (a National Trust property) near Kingswear. We still have a few seats available if anybody would like to join us. The coach fare is £15.00 plus entry to the National Trust property.

Our meetings are an opportunity to meet other people in the neighbourhood and enjoy a cup of tea and cake.