

Annual Sancreed Parish Meeting

Venue: Sancreed Village Hall

Date: 18th May 2021 at 7.00 pm

Minutes

Present

Councillors: Ian Soulsby (Chairman), Hilary Harris, Robert Eddy, Ivor James, Mark Hawkins, Kate Goodman, Stuart Thomas, Paul Nicholson, Michael Harvey, William James and David Haigh.

Others: Cassandra Crisp (Clerk), Brian Ciemens (County Councillor) and two members of the public.

Apologies

None

Minutes of Previous Annual Meeting

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 21st May 2019, having been previously circulated, should be signed as a true and correct record.

Chairman's Report

During 17 years as a Parish Councillor and seven years as Chairman, I have never known a year like this. This is the first in person meeting since March last year. Due to lockdown there was a period of uncertainty. We had our first Zoom meeting in July. We lost half (5) councillors under the 1972 Local Government Act due to the so called '6 month rule', this was controversial. We attempted to co-opt councillors but only managed this for one councillor, at which point we were threatened with the prospect of a judicial review, so we decided to halt the process. This left the 'Sancreed Six' who deserve many thanks and congratulations. We had some positive achievements, the website and installation of the vehicle activated sign (VAS). We have ended the year on a positive note.

Financial Report

None given

Sancreed Village Hall

The following report was given by the Secretary of Sancreed Village Hall.

The hall has had a very quiet year due to lockdown caused by the Covid 19 pandemic. All events were on hold.

In February 2021 the CRCC approached the Sancreed Village Hall committee with a plan to cook and deliver weekly meals to those in rural communities who were in need of a boost.

There were no financial qualifications needed. The local parishes put forward names of people who would benefit from a meal and a doorstep chat and hundreds of meals have been prepared and delivered by volunteers from our hall.

Until April the hall was also the storage point for donated tins, jars and dried foods for food parcels to be made and delivered. This part of the project is now finished.

The project was booked to continue until the end of June but they have now asked to continue until August. They will be offering community meal evenings, a maximum of 20 people, £4 for the main meal, the intention being to bring people together again.

Otherwise bookings have been suspended bar a family group using the table tennis table and grandchildren roller skating.

Future bookings are for use of the hall as a private art studio in May, an art exhibition on work with the Penwith Partnership in June and two art workshops in August. We have a booking for a wedding in 2022.

Maintenance work has been carried out, the repair and painting of the outside of the hall, the cutting back of the vegetation on the west side of the hall. The varnishing of the window frames is planned for this summer.

The new owners of the Beacon Bungalow have inherited an historic right of access across the left hand side front of the hall into their lower field, which they plan to have as a car park for the business they are planning to start. They would prefer to have access higher up the road, as would the hall committee. This access would need planning permission and registered ownership of the triangle of land above the hall, involving a considerable amount of money for fees. This matter is ongoing.

The hall committee seems to have dwindled considerably over the last 15 months, we have one resignation but several members have become inactive in not responding to emails. Hopefully interest will be regenerated as activities and events in the community resume, but it may take a little while to recover our former level of community involvement.

Questions and Comments

None

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.12pm.

H. Harris

**Chairman
17th May 2022**