Minutes of the meeting of South Petherwin Parish Council held on Wednesday 12th July 2023, at 7.20pm, in South Petherwin Village Hall, South Petherwin.

Present: Cllr P Parsons (Chairman), Cllr A Barham (Vice Chair), Cllr J Barlow, Cllr A Finnimore and Cllr M Screech.

In Attendance: L Coles, Parish Clerk and Cllr A Parsons, Cornwall Councillor.

There were 3 members of the public present.

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1	Chairman's welcome. Cllr P Parsons welcomed all to the meeting and reminded all that the meeting may be filmed or recorded.	
2	Apologies. Cllrs Butler, Jasper, Kneebone and Sleep for absence and Cllr Finnimore and Cllr Barlow for being late to the meeting.	
3	 Declarations of Interest. a) Agenda Items. Cllr P Parsons declared an interest in Item 16 a) payments for Village Hall and JAM Sanders. Cllr Barham declared an interest in item 16a) payments for SP Magazine and Village Hall. Cllr Screech declared an interest in item 8 a) PA23/03234. Cllr Finnimore declared an interest in item 8a) PA23/04511 and PA23/04685. b) Gifts. None declared. 	
4	Consideration of written requests for dispensation. None received. The Chairman called for a Closed Session at the end of this meeting, with the permission of the Members. Proposed by Cllr Barham, seconded by Cllr Barlow with all in favour.	
5	Unitary Councillor's Report Cllr Parsons reported that the recent rise in car park charges continues to give concern and he has received complaints from those who shop, live or have businesses in both Callington and Launceston. The first issue is the general decision which increases the first hour charges in the main car parks. Cornwall Council has for many years lauded itself as protectors of Town Centre Vitality, however, they have backed a decision which could hit market town centres badly. The doubling of the charge for the first hour affects 85% of ticket sales and could drive some retail outlets out of business and this in turn would be a loss of Business Rate revenue for Cornwall Council. This decision is being challenged at present. At Launceston there has also been a large hike in parking permits making this unaffordable for many who need to park for longer hours, either for work or for residential uses. This issue has been raised with Cornwall Council. To encourage better patronage of the bus services the Government has extended the national bus fare cap of £2 for a single journey until the end of October 2023, and then £2.50 until November 2024. This includes cross-border single journeys. More information about the variety of tickets and discounts available can be found on the Transport for Cornwall website: https://www.transportforcornwall.co.uk There is no more news on Plusha Junction, a report has been sent to the Clerk which will be circulated to Members.	Clerk

	Cllr Parsons has received complaints about the overgrown hedges at Daws House and		
	will chase Highways about this.		
6	Public Participation.		
	A resident from Daws House said that the hedges need cutting back to increase		
	visibility.		
7	Response to Public Participation.		
	The vegetation along the sight line of the build-outs at Daws House is in hand and has		
	been reported to Cornwall Council.		
8	Planning.		
	a) Planning applications received before the agenda was finalised:		
	Cllr Finnimore left the meeting having declared an interest in the following two		
	planning applications.		
	PA23/04511 Rundle and Co, Kennards House, Launceston. New machinery storage		
	building for existing agricultural machinery dealership. Following discussion, it was		
	RESOLVED to support this application, proposed by Cllr Screech, seconded by Cllr		
	Barham with all in favour.		
	PA23/04685, Unit 2, Kennards House, Launceston, PL15 7EZ. Construction of a	Clerk	
	building for storage and distribution use (B8) at existing commercial premises.		
	Following discussion, it was RESOLVED to support this application, proposed by Cllr		
	Barham, seconded by Cllr Barlow with all in favour. Cllr Finnimore returned to the		
	meeting and Cllr Screech left having declared an interest in the following planning		
	application.		
	PA23/03234 Winstead Lea, Trecrogo, South Petherwin, Launceston. Lawful		
	Development Certificate for an existing use for unrestricted occupation of property		
	(not subject to an agricultural occupancy restriction) – Decision Notice E1/E/61/10104 dated 9 th November 1961. Following discussion, in which it was said		
	that whilst the land has been farmed in latter years there is no evidence that the		
	dwelling has not been used for an agricultural worker, it was RESOLVED to support		
	the application with these comments. Proposed by Clir Barlow, seconded by Clir		
	Barham with all in favour. Cllr Screech returned to the meeting.		
	b) Planning applications received after the agenda was published: None.		
	c) Planning decisions notified by Cornwall Council: the Clerk has received notification		
	that the proposed extension to the hall and classrooms at South Petherwin Primary		
	School, application PA17/01203, has been approved.		
	d) Other Planning Matters. None brought forward.		
9	Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 14 th June 2023:		
	It was RESOLVED that the Minutes are a true record of that meeting. Proposed by Clir		
	Barham, seconded by Cllr Barlow with all those who had been present at that		
	meeting being in favour.		
10	Matters Arising from the above Minutes.		
	Cllr Finnimore has spoken to the Church and has received an application for a grant,	Clerk	
	which will be discussed at the September meeting. The Clerk will find out how much		
	grant the Church is seeking.		
11	Local Authority Accounts: A guide to your rights.		
	The Clerk had circulated this to the Members and it was RESOLVED to adhere to the	Clerk	
	principles of the document, proposed by Cllr Barlow, seconded by Cllr Barham with all		
	in favour. The Clerk will have this put up on the PC website.		
12	A30/B3257 Junction at Bodmin Services (Plusha).		
	This item will be discussed at the next meeting when there is more information.		

13	Highway and Footpath matters	
	i. VAS. Flashing speed sign. The Chairman has spoken to Highways and a Teams	
	meeting will be set up with Oliver Jones to discuss the positions of the VAS.	
	ii. Cllr Barlow has two more quotes for the trees for the Trellinoe footpath and will	Clerk
	send to the Clerk for the next meeting.	Clerk
14	Correspondence.	
	a) National Highways information on dealing with Ash die-back on major routes. This	
	was noted.	
16	Finance.	
	a) Payments. It was RESOLVED to make the following payments, proposed by Cllr	
	Finnimore, seconded by Cllr Barlow with all in favour:	
	Online – L Coles, Clerk's salary etc. for June	
	Online – HMRC, Clerk's PAYE for June	
	Online – Angel Peerless cleaning of toilet & bus shelter June - £56.00	
	Online – First Choice, .org domain renewal -£24.00	
	Online – EDF Energy, electricity for the toilets - £45.96	
	Online – JAM Sanders, footpath cutting - £165.00 (Cllr Parsons did not take part in	
	the vote for this payment)	
	Receipts: Cornwall Council LMP - £309.36. Deposit Account quarterly interest	
	£120.15	
	b) Bank Reconciliations. It was RESOLVED to approve the bank reconciliations for	
	June. Proposed by Cllr Barham, seconded by Cllr Screech with all in agreement.	
	The bank balances at 30 th June totalled £33,975.98	
	c) Charity for the donations from Jubilee and Coronation Events. It was RESOLVED	
	that £100 each will be sent to Cornwall Wildlife Trust, Cornwall Air Ambulance, The	
	Children's Hospice SW and the RNLI, proposed by Cllr Barham, seconded by Cllr	Clerk
	Barlow with all in favour.	
	d) Clerk's July salary. It was RESOLVED that the July salary and HMRC for the Clerk will	
	be paid at the beginning of August, following circulation of the details to the	
	Members, and ratified at the September meeting. Proposed by Cllr Screech,	Clerk
	seconded by Cllr Finnimore with all in favour.	
17	Any Other Business	
	Cllr Barham would like another Councillor to register for online banking.	
18	Items for inclusion in future meetings.	
	Wind Turbine Funding	Clerk
19	Date of next meeting. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on	
	Wednesday September 6 th 2023 at 7pm in the Village Hall, South Petherwin.	
20	Closed Session. Pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960,	
	members of the public left the meeting.	
	The details of the Clerk's Contract of Employment were discussed and a copy signed by	
	the Clerk and the Chairman.	

There being no further business to transact the Chairman closed th	he meeting at 21.09 hrs.
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Signed	Chairman	Dated