

**Minutes of the meeting of South Petherwin Parish Council held on  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

Item No	There was a delay to the start of the meeting due to only three Councillors being present at 7pm.	Action By
1	<b>Chairman's welcome.</b> Cllr P Parsons welcomed all to the meeting and reminded all that the meeting may be filmed or recorded.	
2	<b>Apologies.</b> Cllrs Butler, Jasper, Kneebone and Sleep for absence and Cllr Finnimore and Cllr Barlow for being late to the meeting.	
3	<b>Declarations of Interest.</b> a) <b>Agenda Items.</b> 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) <b>Gifts.</b> None declared.	
4	<b>Consideration of written requests for dispensation.</b> None received. The Chairman called for a Closed Session at the end of this meeting, with the permission of the Members. <b>Proposed by Cllr Barham, seconded by Cllr Barlow with all in favour.</b>	
5	<b>Unitary Councillor's Report</b> 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: <a href="https://www.transportforcornwall.co.uk">https://www.transportforcornwall.co.uk</a> There is no more news on Plusha Junction, a report has been sent to the Clerk which will be circulated to Members. There has been a meeting regarding the A388 to highlight the improvements as per the Feasibility Study.	Clerk

	Cllr Parsons has received complaints about the overgrown hedges at Daws House and will chase Highways about this.	
6	<b>Public Participation.</b> A resident from Daws House said that the hedges need cutting back to increase visibility.	
7	<b>Response to Public Participation.</b> The vegetation along the sight line of the build-outs at Daws House is in hand and has been reported to Cornwall Council.	
8	<b>Planning.</b> a) <b>Planning applications received before the agenda was finalised:</b> <b>Cllr Finnimore left the meeting having declared an interest in the following two planning applications.</b> <b>PA23/04511</b> Rundle and Co, Kennards House, Launceston. New machinery storage building for existing agricultural machinery dealership. Following discussion, it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to support this application, <b>proposed by Cllr Screech, seconded by Cllr Barham with all in favour.</b> <b>PA23/04685</b> , Unit 2, Kennards House, Launceston, PL15 7EZ. Construction of a building for storage and distribution use (B8) at existing commercial premises. Following discussion, it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to support this application, <b>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.</b> <b>PA23/03234</b> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <b>RESOLVED</b> to support the application with these comments. <b>Proposed by Cllr Barlow, seconded by Cllr Barham with all in favour. Cllr Screech returned to the meeting.</b> b) <b>Planning applications received after the agenda was published:</b> None. c) <b>Planning decisions notified by Cornwall Council:</b> 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) <b>Other Planning Matters.</b> None brought forward.	Clerk
9	<b>Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2023:</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Minutes are a true record of that meeting. <b>Proposed by Cllr Barham, seconded by Cllr Barlow with all those who had been present at that meeting being in favour.</b>	
10	<b>Matters Arising from the above Minutes.</b> Cllr Finnimore has spoken to the Church and has received an application for a grant, which will be discussed at the September meeting. The Clerk will find out how much grant the Church is seeking.	Clerk
11	<b>Local Authority Accounts: A guide to your rights.</b> The Clerk had circulated this to the Members and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to adhere to the principles of the document, <b>proposed by Cllr Barlow, seconded by Cllr Barham with all in favour.</b> The Clerk will have this put up on the PC website.	Clerk
12	<b>A30/B3257 Junction at Bodmin Services (Plusha).</b> This item will be discussed at the next meeting when there is more information.	

