

# Minutes of the meeting of South Petherwin Parish Council held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023, at 7.20pm, in South Petherwin Village Hall, South Petherwin.

Present: Cllr A Barham (Vice Chair), Cllr A Jasper, Cllr A Finnimore and Cllr M Screech.

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

There were 5 members of the public present.

Item No	Cllr Barham, Vice Chair, chaired the meeting in the absence of the Chairman.	Action By
1	<b>Chairman's welcome.</b> All were welcomed to the meeting and reminded that the meeting may be filmed or recorded.	
2	<b>Apologies.</b> Cllrs P Parsons (Chairman), Butler, Barlow, Kneebone and Sleep for absence and Cllr A Parsons (Cornwall Councillor) for being late to the meeting.	
3	<b>Declarations of Interest.</b> a) <b>Agenda Items.</b> None declared. b) <b>Gifts.</b> None declared.	
4	<b>Consideration of written requests for dispensation.</b> None received.	
5	<b>Unitary Councillor's Report</b> Deferred until later in the meeting due to Cornwall Councillor being late.	
6	<b>Public Participation.</b> A resident spoke about Cornwall Council's proposal to cut the bus route for schoolchildren in South Petherwin. The suggested pedestrian walk from the village to Launceston College is dangerous and should not be considered at all. The CC policy for assessment requires a representative to travel the route on foot, which is through very narrow, dark, lanes without any pavement. Dog walkers etc. regularly meet large farm machinery on this route and there is no safe way of staying out of harm. Another member of the public said that there has already been one fatality on this route, it is an unlit road, so especially unsuitable for children going to and from school in the winter months and it is not fit to do so. The Clerk will raise this issue at the CAP meeting tomorrow and individual Members of the Council were urged to respond to the online consultation, which ends on 30 <sup>th</sup> September. The Chair said that the Parish Council is in agreement with the comments made. (Two members of the public left the meeting) Another member of the public asked about the repairs to the bus shelter and was informed that this is in hand.	
7	<b>Response to Public Participation.</b> The school transport issue will be discussed later on the agenda. Repairs to the bus shelter will be discussed as a later agenda item.	
8	<b>Planning.</b> a) <b>Planning applications received before the agenda was finalised:</b> None b) <b>Planning applications received after the agenda was published:</b> None. c) <b>Planning decisions notified by Cornwall Council:</b> None d) <b>Other Planning Matters.</b> None brought forward.	
9	<b>Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023:</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Minutes are a true record of that meeting. <b>Proposed by Cllr Finnimore, seconded by Cllr Screech with all in favour.</b>	

<b>10</b>	<b>Matters Arising from the above Minutes.</b> No matters brought forward.	
<b>11</b>	<b>A30/B3257 Junction at Bodmin Services (Plusha).</b> Nothing to report.	
<b>12</b>	<b>Highway and Footpath matters</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Daws House, ongoing issues with speed and visibility. It was reported that the hedges have been trimmed. The Clerk is arranging a meeting with Highways.</li> <li>ii. VAS. Flashing speed signs. The Clerk will progress this item.</li> <li>iii. Various issues with trees, Ash die-back, overgrown hedges etc. in the Village. The issues have been reported to Cornwall Council and clarification of responsibility for the trees is awaited.</li> </ul>	<b>Clerk</b> <b>Clerk</b> <b>Clerk</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Unitary Councillor's Report.</b> Cllr Parsons spoke about the school bus routes that are affected, of which South Petherwin is one. These routes have been affected before and have been reinstated after appeals were won. A cross party group of Cornwall Councillors are united in opposing the removal of the buses for the schoolchildren, but the Portfolio Holder has said that the consultation must run its course. A member of the public has invited Scott Mann, MP, to walk the route and it is hoped that the Parish Council will be invited to walk with them. There is no crossing point on the route and a section of the link road is considered unsafe to walk. Children in Daws House and Tregaller will still be eligible for school transport. It was agreed that the Clerk will write to the Portfolio Holder and express Council's concerns and also complete the online consultation on behalf of the PC. Proposed by Cllr Jasper, seconded by Cllr Screech with all in favour. The Clerk will also write to Richard Pearce Transport Portfolio as well. There is a Cabinet meeting next week to consider the draft budget. The 100% premium for second home owners has not been ratified. A388 has been put forward for the Vision Zero Scheme following a feasibility study. A trial will be carried out involving drone activity to monitor road use.	<b>Clerk</b>  <b>Clerk</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>Correspondence.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Email from resident re Church Tower lighting and white lines at Daws House. The Church lights will be an agenda item for the next meeting and the suggestion for white lines at Daws House will be raised at the meeting with Highways.</li> <li>b) Email from resident re Daws House and visibility issues. The hedges have been cut at Daws House and the other issues will be raised with Highways at the meeting.</li> <li>c) Email from resident re damaged bollard outside Willow Cottage, South Petherwin. The Clerk had been told by Highways the the Area Steward would be having a look at this and she will chase up progress.</li> <li>d) Guide from Bruno Peek, Pageant Master re D Day celebrations June 2024. This will be deferred to the next agenda.</li> </ul>	<b>Clerk</b>  <b>Clerk</b> <b>Clerk</b> <b>Clerk</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>Finance.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <b>Payments.</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to make the following payments and ratify the payments made for the Clerk's July salary and PAYE, <b>proposed by Cllr Finnimore, seconded by Cllr Jasper with all in favour:</b>  Online – L Coles, Clerk's salary etc. for July  Online – HMRC, Clerk's PAYE for July  Online – L Coles, Clerk's salary, expenses and office for August  Online – HMRC, Clerk's PAYE for August  Online – Angel Peerless cleaning of toilet &amp; bus shelter July and August - £180.95  Online – SLCC, Share of Clerk's annual membership fee - £56.10  Online – Source for Business, Pennon Water, water bill for the toilets - £56.69 </li> </ul>	

	<p><b>Receipts:</b> VAT Reclaim 2022/23 £620.09</p> <p><b>b) Reconciliations.</b> To <b>RESOLVE</b> to approve the bank reconciliations for July and August. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that these are a true record, <b>proposed by Cllr Jasper, seconded by Cllr Screech with all in favour.</b> The bank balance 31/08/23 stands at <b>£33,050.75</b></p> <p><b>c)</b> To <b>RESOLVE</b> a grant of £500 for South Petherwin Methodist Church. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to make a grant of £500, <b>proposed by Cllr Finnimore, seconded by Cllr Screech with all in favour.</b> The Clerk will advise.</p> <p><b>d)</b> To <b>RESOLVE</b> to accept the quote for repairs to the bus shelter. The quote is being revised to reflect the further damage and will be discussed at the next meeting.</p> <p><b>e)</b> To discuss the quotes for cutting down trees. It was agreed to wait until ownership is established before discussing these.</p> <p><b>f)</b> To discuss the Wind Turbine funding, deferred to next meeting.</p> <p><b>g)</b> The Clerk advised that she will be attending training on Addressing Conflict between Employees and Members at a cost of £30 to be shared equally between the three Council's that she works for.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>
<b>17</b>	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>Cllr Barham said that she would like to see a Flowerpot Festival in the village culminating in a Craft and Community Show in the Village Hall. This idea is in its infancy at the moment but Cllr Barham will set up meetings to include all of the organisations in the village.</p> <p>It was reported that the new Head of the school is Mr Avery.</p>	
<b>18</b>	<p><b>Items for inclusion in future meetings.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refer to minutes</li> </ul>	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>19</b>	<p><b>Date of next meeting.</b> The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm in the Village Hall, South Petherwin.</p>	

There being no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 19.48 hrs.

Signed.....Chairman Dated.....