

Minutes of the meeting of South Petherwin Parish Council held on Wednesday 11th September 2024, at 7pm, in South Petherwin Village Hall, South Petherwin.

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

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

There were 4 members of the public present.

Item No		Action By
1	Chairman's welcome. The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.	
2	Apologies. Not applicable	
3	Declarations of Interest. a) Agenda Items. None. b) Gifts. None declared.	
4	Consideration of written requests for dispensation. None received.	
5	Unitary Councillor's Report Cllr Parsons reported that following concerns about Launceston Recycling Centre not taking household waste, it will be at full capacity soon and will be accepting DIY waste, tyres etc. when fully opened and operational. A meeting was held yesterday with National Highways when the plans for the A30, Plusha Junction, were presented to Cornwall Council. NH will be hosting a public presentation of the plans in Lewannick Village Hall on Thursday 26 th September from 2pm – 6.45pm, and he urged everyone to attend and have their say. Cornwall Council Leaders have joined Cornwall MPs in calling for a devolution deal without the need for a Mayor. Cllr Parsons said well done to the South Petherwin Committee for the successful Flower Pot Festival. The 20mph and road safety will be rolled out next Spring.	
6	Public Participation. A member of the public congratulated Cllr Barham for the Flower Pot Festival. The bus shelter has been hit again. The lorry has been identified but the Clerk has not heard back from the company concerned. A member of the public spoke about planning application PA24/06132 and gave some detail to the application including that the materials to be used will be in keeping and sympathetic to the existing buildings.	Clerk
7	Response to Public Participation. Not applicable.	
8	Planning. Cllr P Parsons declared an interest in PA24/05578 and PA24/05579 and left the meeting while they were discussed. a) Planning applications received before the agenda was finalised: PA24/05578 , Treguddick Farm, South Petherwin, Launceston. Fodder Beet Store 1 and PA24/05579 Fodder Beet Store 2. Cllr Finnimore said that more information is required on the impact that the extra traffic will have on the already dangerous junction and would like to know what traffic management plan would be in place for the import of the required materials. Estimated at 72,000 tonnes this would involve a lot of transportation. It was agreed that the Parish Council needs to be consistent when dealing with applications for development of this area, in that no more	

	<p>development is seen, because of the impact on the junction with the A30. It was RESOLVED to object to these two planning applications, proposed by Cllr Finnimore, seconded by Cllr Ashdown with all in favour.</p> <p>Cllr P Parsons returned to the meeting.</p> <p>PA24/06132, Land South of The Old Stable, South Petherwin, Launceston. Reserved matters application for approval of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for one new dwelling, following previous outline planning consent PA22/10235. It was RESOLVED to support this application, proposed by Cllr Barlow, seconded by Cllr Screech with all in favour.</p> <p>PA4/04099, South Hellescott Farm, Hellescott Road, Petherwin Gate, Launceston. Conversion of a group of historic barns to 7no dwellings. This application had been sent to the Clerk in error, it is not in South Petherwin.</p> <p>b) Planning applications received after the agenda was published: None.</p> <p>c) Planning decisions notified by Cornwall Council:</p> <p>PA24/04797. Launceston RTS Bangors Road, Pennygillam Industrial Estate, Launceston, PL15 7PH. Non material amendment in relation to Decision Notice PA21/07340 dated 11/04/22 – Amend the approved colour of RTS extension and bulking bay from Camouflage to Moorland Green. APPROVED</p> <p>d) Other Planning Matters. None.</p>	
9	<p>Minutes of the meeting held on July 10th 2024.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that the Minutes are a true record of that meeting. Proposed by Cllr Barham, seconded by Cllr Barlow with all those who had been present at that meeting being in favour.</p>	
10	Matters Arising from the above Minutes. None	
11	<p>Financial Regulations 2024. (circulated by Clerk)</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to adopt the Financial Regulations 2024 as read. Proposed by Cllr Screech, seconded by Cllr Kneebone with all in favour.</p>	Clerk
12	<p>Parish Council website and email addresses.</p> <p>Item deferred to next meeting.</p>	
13	<p>A30/B3257 Junction at Bodmin Services (Plusha).</p> <p>Cllr Kneebone and Cllr Finnimore attended a meeting on 9th August at Lewannick Village Hall with Lewannick, North Hill and Altarnun Parish Councils, Ben Maguire MP and Cllr A Parsons, Cornwall Councillor. The MP gave details of a meeting that he had had with National Highways (NH) and following much discussion it was agreed that the Clerk to Lewannick Parish Council would send him the notes of the points raised in this meeting for him to take back to NH.</p> <p>Cllr A Parsons said that any concerns should be directed through the MP, however it was agreed that the Clerk would send a copy of the notes to NH because of the uncertainty that the MP had had a chance to read his emails.</p> <p>The meeting at Lewannick on 26th September has already been detailed under item 5 of these minutes.</p>	Clerk
14	<p>Wind Turbine Funding</p> <p>The Chairman read out the following statement regarding the wind turbine funding: “South Petherwin Parish Council understands that there has been frustration on both sides concerning the monies given for the funding of the South Petherwin Community Benefit Fund. The council wishes to sincerely thank the Trustees of the SP Community Benefit Fund for their stellar work over the last 12 years.</p> <p>In response to the planning obligations made prior to the developments of the 2012 (Trevozah) and 2014 (Bottonnett) Wind Turbines, the Parish Council members at the</p>	

	<p>time, in good faith, agreed to delegate funds to a separate bank account for distribution by the SP Community Benefit Trust. The Trust includes representatives of the 2 Parish Council as well as co-opted trustees.</p> <p>In 2023 as a result of SP Community Benefit Trusts bank account being frozen, questions came to light regarding who was obliged to hold and distribute the monies held within the account. Following which, Cornwall Council contacted the Parish Council and requested additional information, leading Cornwall Council to make clear the details around who should hold and distribute the funds. Both Cornwall Council and the Parish Council analysed the documents, with specific reference to the s106 agreements and the Parish Council was informed that it was specifically their duty to hold the turbine funding. Each fund is under legal obligation termed an s106 Agreement which states who the funds go to and who distributes them. This was not an arbitrary decision taken by the Parish Council, and it was agreed that the issues raised need to be resolved appropriately and amicably. For clarity the Trevozah and Bottonnett contracts both state clearly that South Petherwin Parish Council is the recipient of any funds. With the changes in place it is anticipated that in the near future application for funds will be made available through the Parish Council.”</p> <p>There have been five resignations from the Community Benefit Trust Committee but no financial details have been passed on to the two remaining committee members. The Chairman asked two of the people who had resigned and were present at this meeting whether they had anything to say and how the transfer of any bank account balances to the Parish Council would be dealt with but was met with the reply “no comment”. It was said that there were conversations to be had outside of this meeting. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk will write to the former treasurer and ask for the release of the funds, proposed by Cllr Ashdown, seconded by Cllr Screech with all in favour. Regarding the press release from the Parish Council in response to the article in the Parish Magazine it was RESOLVED to have this included, proposed by Cllr Finnimore, seconded by Cllr Kneebone, six votes for with two abstentions.</p>	Clerk
15	<p>Parish Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Church Lighting. No update b) Flagpole. The Chairman has received one quotation but is waiting for others. 	
16	<p>Highway and Footpath matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Daws House. Poor visibility from Daws House to Petherwin Water, vegetation needs cutting back, Clerk to report. ii. Trees on footpath between Trelinnoe Gardens and Trelinnoe Close badly need attention. The Clerk will go back to Highways and ask whose responsibility this is. Also the tarmac is lifting on this footpath and the Clerk will ask Highways whose responsibility this is. iii. The repair to Trekelland Bridge is scheduled to be carried out. <p>(2 members of the public left the meeting.)</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
16	<p>Correspondence.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Email regarding VE Day celebrations May 2025. This has been noted and will be discussed at a future meeting. 	
17	<p>Finance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Payments made in August for July salary and HMRC. It was RESOLVED to ratify the following payments, proposed by Cllr Finnimore, seconded by Cllr Ashdown with all in favour: Online – L Coles, Clerk’s salary etc. for July 	

	<p>Online – HMRC, Clerk’s PAYE for July.</p> <p>b) Payments. It was RESOLVED to make the payments for August, proposed by Cllr Barlow seconded by Cllr Screech with all in favour of the following:</p> <p>Online – L Coles, Clerk’s salary etc. for August</p> <p>Online – HMRC, Clerk’s August PAYE</p> <p>Online – Angel Peerless cleaning of toilet & bus shelter July and August - £112.00</p> <p>Online – SLCC, annual membership for Clerk - £68.70</p> <p>Online – Source for Business, water bill for toilets – £53.89</p> <p>Online – Viking Direct (L Coles), toilet roll dispensers and tissue - £70.96</p> <p>Online – First Choice PCs, annual .org domain name - £24.00</p> <p>Online – SP Village Hall, hire of hall for Audit meeting– £10.00</p> <p>Direct Debit – EDF Energy, monthly direct debit for electricity for toilets - £24.07</p> <p>Receipts: Bottonett Funding: £1455.88</p> <p>c) Bank Reconciliations. It was RESOLVED to approve the bank reconciliations for July and August proposed by Cllr Barlow seconded by Cllr Kneebone with all in agreement.</p> <p>The bank balances at 31st August 2024 totalled £41,268.25</p> <p>d) It was RESOLVED that a grant of £500 will be paid to South Petherwin Methodist Church, proposed by Cllr Kneebone, seconded by Cllr Barham with all in favour.</p>	
18	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>There will be a business meeting via Zoom on 2nd October to discuss the budget for next year.</p> <p>Cllr Barham reported that she was pleased with the result of the Flower Pot Festival and was thanked by the Parish Council for it.</p> <p>It was reported that the trees down to Brockle are suffering with Ash die-back and need to come down. Branches have fallen off and one tree came down last week.</p> <p>Cllr Screech gave a report on the recent CAP meeting. The Tamar Valley consultation is open and there will be an in person consultation at Duchy College on October 30th.</p> <p>The Saltash tunnel will be closed sometime next year for works.</p>	Clerk
19	<p>Items for inclusion in future meetings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget and Precept • Casual Vacancies 	
20	<p>Date of next meeting.</p> <p>The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 9th October 2024 at 7pm in the Village Hall, South Petherwin.</p>	
21	<p>Closed Session. Pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, members of the public and press left the meeting and Council went into closed session.</p> <p>Progress is being made following advice from Cornwall Council.</p>	

There being no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.50 hrs.

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