

Minutes of the meeting of South Petherwin Parish Council held on Wednesday 9th October 2024, at 7pm, in South Petherwin Village Hall, South Petherwin.

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

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. The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting. | |
| 2 | Apologies. Cllr Screech and Cllr Barham for absence and Cllr A Parsons for being late to the meeting. | |
| 3 | Declarations of Interest. a) Agenda Items. Cllr Finnimore declared an interest in Item 9 a) PA24/07095. b) Gifts. None declared. | |
| 4 | Consideration of written requests for dispensation. None received. | |
| 5 | Casual Vacancies. There are currently two vacancies on the Parish Council and it had been hoped that applications would have been received, but there were none. | |
| 6 | Unitary Councillor's Report Deferred until Cllr Parsons arrives. | |
| 7 | Public Participation. A member of the public spoke about planning application PA24/07095 to which he is objecting. The height of the proposed dwellings was discussed; they are to be two bungalows, both single storeys, as he had a concern about the buildings preventing enough sun for his solar panels. | |
| 8 | Response to Public Participation. Not applicable. | |
| 9 | Planning. Cllr Finnimore declared an interest in PA24/07095 and left the meeting while it was discussed. a) Planning applications received before the agenda was finalised: PA24/07095 , Land Adj. to Rycroft, Tregaller Lane, South Petherwin, Launceston. Reserved matters application for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale (details following outline consent PA22/06100 dated 05.08.2022 for the erection of up to three dwellings). This application is for two dwellings, the previous one being for up to three and outline permission had been approved. The application is for two single storey bungalows and the Council would not like to see any revision to these plans i.e. not to be built as dormer bungalows. It was RESOLVED to support this planning application with this proviso, proposed by Cllr Kneebone, seconded by Cllr Barlow with all in favour. Cllr Finnimore returned to the meeting. b) Planning applications received after the agenda was published: None. c) Planning decisions notified by Cornwall Council: PA24/01666. Botathan Farm, South Petherwin, Launceston, PL15 7JL. Erection of an agricultural general purpose storage building, together with associated works. APPROVED PA24/06132. Land South of the Old Stable, South Petherwin, Launceston, Cornwall PL15 7JT. Reserved matters application for approval of appearance, landscaping, | |

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| | <p>layout and scale for one new dwelling, previous Outline Consent PA22/10235.</p> <p>APPROVED</p> <p>d) Other Planning Matters. The Clerk has circulated a Teams link for councillors to attend some planning training in November.</p> | |
| 6 | <p>Unitary Councillor's Report.</p> <p>The Government has increased the housing numbers for Cornwall by 4000 per annum; not currently building as many as 4000 per year!</p> <p>There was a meeting of the Full Council last week but not much was on the agenda; most decisions are being made in Cabinet. However, three motions were put forward to do with: 1) Vaping and children, 2) Cuts to the winter fuel payments and 3) Educational Health and Care plans, all of which were supported. There is currently a vote of no confidence in the Leader of Cornwall Council, Linda Taylor.</p> <p>The recent National Highways (NH) presentation for the plans for Plusha Junction, held at Lewannick Village Hall, was extremely well attended, which showed the level of people's concerns. NH is adamant that there are no funds for a flyover but there is a discretionary fund that will cover the costs of the current proposals, although they are not sure of how much is in the discretionary fund. Varying costs for a flyover have been discussed at £180m, £90m and £60m (£330m has been spent on 13 crossings at Chiverton Cross recently so in the light of the cost for that scheme it would appear that costing for a flyover for Plusha has not been given proper consideration). Following the presentation and because of public support, NH is definitely going to look at the plans for Two Bridges again and also at the concerns about the roundabout at Five Lanes not being fit for purpose for dealing with large vehicles and farm traffic. The public feeling is that the accident black spot will remain unless a flyover is installed. Cllr Parsons urged everyone to follow the link on the NH website and complete the questionnaire.</p> <p>The Chairman wished to publicly acknowledge and thank Lewannick, Altarnun and North Hill Parish Councils for their involvement with this matter.</p> | |
| 10 | <p>Minutes of the meeting held on September 11th 2024.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that the Minutes are a true record of that meeting. Proposed by Cllr Barlow, seconded by Cllr Ashdown with all those who had been present at that meeting being in favour.</p> | |
| 11 | Matters Arising from the above Minutes. None | |
| 12 | <p>Parish Council website and email addresses.</p> <p>The Clerk has obtained further quotes but this item was deferred to next meeting. The Clerk will circulate details of a webinar, 4th November, regarding the Government's take on the importance of having a .gov.uk site and email address for all Local Authorities.</p> | Clerk |
| 13 | A30/B3257 Junction at Bodmin Services (Plusha). Already covered. | |
| 14 | <p>Wind Turbine Funding</p> <p>The Clerk has been to Nat West in Launceston, who were surprised that the balance of the Trustees of South Petherwin Parish Community Benefit Fund had not been transferred to the Parish Council by cheque and the account closed properly by the three signatories, when they resigned. The Clerk has now written to Nat West, Business Banking, Bishopsgate, London with all of the details in the hope of ascertaining the best way forward without having to resort to spending public money on legal action.</p> | Clerk |
| 15 | <p>Parish Matters</p> <p>a) Church Lighting. No update</p> <p>b) Flagpole. The Chairman is still dealing with this.</p> | |

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| 16 | <p>Highway and Footpath matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Daws House. The Chairman has spoken to Oliver Jones (OJ), Highways, re Daws House. Visibility is appalling and one option is to take the hedge back and cut it down to improve the visibility splay. The Council is happy to support this option and the Clerk was instructed to advise OJ of this. ii. Cllr Barlow has been approached by the resident in Corner Cottage and asked whether bollards can be put by the wall of the residence to prevent it being hit by vehicles. The Clerk will ask OJ. iii. There was discussion about the traffic calming through South Petherwin. The Clerk will email OJ and Ian Findler regarding the design for this and try and get it nailed down in light of the NH proposals for Plusha which will mean more traffic coming through the village. iv. There is no South Petherwin sign on the road from Kennards House to the school. The Clerk will ask OJ. v. The tarmac surface at Bangors Quarry entrance has been gouged out and the surface is breaking up. The Clerk will report. vi. The road surface at Trelinnoe Gardens is breaking up and it needs resurfacing, Clerk to report. vii. A resident has kindly offered to cut back the vegetation on the footpath at Trelinnoe Gardens. | <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> |
| 17 | <p>Correspondence.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Email regarding VE Day celebrations May 2025. This has been noted again and will be discussed at a future meeting. b) A letter of resignation has been received from Councillor Barham and the Chairman read it out. The Clerk will advise Cornwall Council. | <p>Clerk</p> |
| 18 | <p>Finance.</p> <p>a) Payments. It was RESOLVED to make the payments for September, proposed by Cllr Barlow seconded by Cllr Lewis with all in favour of the following:</p> <p>Online – L Coles, Clerk’s salary etc. for September</p> <p>Online – HMRC, Clerk’s September PAYE</p> <p>Online – Angel Peerless cleaning of toilet & bus shelter September - £56.00</p> <p>Online – SLCC, annual membership for Clerk - £68.70</p> <p>Online – SP Village Hall, hire of hall for meeting– £10.00</p> <p>Online – SP Methodist Church, grant awarded for graveyard - £500.00</p> <p>Direct Debit – EDF Energy, monthly direct debit for electricity for toilets - £20.99</p> <p>Direct Debit – Unity Trust, quarterly bank charge - £18.00</p> <p>Receipts: Precept 2nd payment : £5,200; Deposit account interest £152.84; Wind Turbine account interest £27.01.</p> <p>b) Bank Reconciliations. It was RESOLVED to approve the bank reconciliation for September proposed by Cllr Finnimore, seconded by Cllr Ashdown with all in agreement.</p> <p>The bank balances at 30th September 2024 totalled £45,673.66</p> <p>c) Budget and Precept 2025/26. The Council had held a Zoom business meeting to discuss the papers as circulated by the Clerk. The Clerk circulated a narrative to support the proposal for the budget and precept. Following a short discussion, it was RESOLVED to increase the Precept for 2025/26 to £11,000 to cover all of the forecast costs and maintain Reserves, proposed by Cllr Kneebone, seconded by Cllr Ashdown with all in favour.</p> | |

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| 19 | Any Other Business The Clerk will chase up the salt bin for Trevozah Cross. It is proposed to change over the dog bin and install the smaller one at Tregaller, OJ has agreed to put in a post for this. The Clerk will liaise with Highways and BIFFA. It was agreed that seats are needed in the village and Cllr Barlow will send the Clerk pictures of the preferred locations, which can then be emailed to OJ, Highways, for confirmation. It was proposed to hold a Coffee Morning on Saturday 16 th November at South Petherwin Village Hall. The clerk to check availability. | Clerk Clerk JB/Clerk JA/Clerk |
| 20 | Items for inclusion in future meetings. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Casual Vacancies • Election of Vice Chairman | |
| 21 | Date of next meeting. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 13 th November 2024 at 7pm in the Methodist Chapel Schoolroom, South Petherwin. | |
| 22 | 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. Staffing discussion. | |

There being no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.17 hrs.

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