

**Minutes of the meeting of South Petherwin Parish Council held on
Wednesday 13th November 2024, at 7pm, in South Petherwin Methodist Chapel
Schoolroom, South Petherwin.**

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

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

There was one member of the public present.

Item No		Action By
1	Chairman's welcome. The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.	
2	Apologies. Cllr A Parsons for being late to the meeting.	
3	Declarations of Interest. a) Agenda Items. None declared. b) Gifts. None declared.	
4	Consideration of written requests for dispensation. None received.	
5	Election of Vice Chairman. Following the resignation of Cllr A Barham it was RESOLVED to nominate Cllr Finnimore as Vice Chairman of the Parish Council. Proposed by Cllr P Parsons and seconded by Cllr Barlow with all in favour. Cllr Finnimore accepted the position and signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office, witnessed by the Clerk.	
6	Casual Vacancies. There are currently three vacancies on the Parish Council and it had been hoped that applications would have been received, but there were none.	
7	Unitary Councillor's Report. Deferred until Cllr Parsons arrives.	
8	Public Participation. The member of the public asked if a sign could be put up to warn traffic that children are playing.	
9	Response to Public Participation. The Clerk will contact Highways to discuss a suitably worded sign, as above.	Clerk
10	Planning. a) Planning applications received before the agenda was finalised: PA24/08228 , Launceston RTS, Bangors Road, Pennygillam Industrial Estate, Launceston. Non-material amendment to PA21/07340 dated 11.04.2022 to replace the approved elevations drawing for the Refuse Transfer Station with a new plan which now includes 8 ventilation louvers (4 at each end of the building). It was RESOLVED to support this planning application proposed by Cllr Ashdown, seconded by Cllr Kneebone with all in favour. b) Planning applications received after the agenda was published: None. c) Planning decisions notified by Cornwall Council: PA24/04098. Land adjacent to Trelinnoe Close, South Petherwin, Launceston, PL15 7LP. Reserved Matters application for construction of 5no dwellings (details following Outline Consent PA22/08258 dated 23/05/2023) for Landscaping and Layout. APPROVED d) Other Planning Matters. None.	
11	Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday October 9th 2024. It was RESOLVED that the Minutes are a true record of that meeting. Proposed by Cllr Finnimore, seconded by Cllr Barlow with all those who had been present at that meeting being in favour.	

12	Matters Arising from the above Minutes. None	
13	Parish Council website and email addresses. Deferred to the January PC meeting	Clerk
14	A30/B3257 Junction at Bodmin Services (Plusha). Cllr A Parsons arrived to the meeting. Following the recent fatality, National Highways (NH) has closed the right hand turn to Launceston at Plusha Junction. This matter was discussed at length. Cllr Kneebone reported that the services at Plusha provide a Bunker Station for Haulage (HGV) lorries and also the Police. The closure of the right hand turn will push this heavy traffic up to Five Lanes and then back down to the junction where it will cross the West Bound carriageway from Launceston. This will mean that it is still a very dangerous junction with accidents waiting to happen due to the speed of traffic heading West and the slower crossings of large vehicles. It has been reported that 43,000 vehicles use the A30 during peak times and there is a serious concern about the impact of HGVs turning back across the Plusha Junction. There have already been problems experienced with the “temporary” closure since last Thursday. There has been a significant increase in non local traffic through the village, much of it HGVs, which confirms the concerns expressed during the public consultations and reinforces the option of a grade separated junction being the only sensible solution to the problem. Cllr A Parsons said that a lobbying group has been formed and a plan of action is being put together by Peter Allen, and a representative of SPPC would be welcomed. It was agreed that the Clerk should write a letter to Ian Thompson, NH, and Rebecca Riley, Cornwall Council, and Ben Maguire, MP for North Cornwall reiterating the Council’s concerns and calling for a grade separated junction.	Clerk
7	Unitary Councillor’s Report. Plusha had been discussed as above and the Chairman thanked Cllr Parsons for his continued efforts in representing and supporting the Parishes on the matter. Cllr Parsons reported that the new Waste and Recycling contract is being rolled out well and is working. A motion of no confidence in the Leader of Cornwall Council failed. Cllr Parsons will email his notes to the Clerk for circulation to the Members.	AP
15	Wind Turbine Funding. It was agreed that the Clerk will attend the larger branch of Nat West in Plymouth with a view to getting a solution to the problems of accessing the public money held on account by the former South Petherwin Community Benefit Trust.	Clerk
16	Parish Matters a) Church Lighting. The Chairman is still chasing this up. b) Flagpole. The Chairman is still dealing with this. Three quotes were applied for but only one has been received so far. c) Glass for the Notice Board. It was RESOLVED that Andy Crocombe will be engaged to replace the glass/Perspex in the Notice Board. Proposed by Cllr Ashdown, seconded by Cllr Barlow with all in favour. Cllr Ashdown will speak with Andy Crocombe.	PP PP JA
17	Highway and Footpath matters i. Daws House. Moving the bank by 10ft to increase visibility was discussed but there is a concern for HGVs using the road and having to move into the middle to be able to see oncoming traffic. Speak to OJ. ii. The Clerk will ask Oliver Jones for an update on whose responsibility the trees at Trelinnoe Close and Trelinnoe Gardens is. Also the trees down from Trelinnoe Close are overhanging the highway by a large margin. The Clerk will ask OJ to attend to these. iii. Installing bollards at Corner Cottage needs to be looked at again. A precedent has already been set because some cottages further along in the Village have	Clerk Clerk Clerk

	<p>bollards. Traffic speeding past Tiny Meadows has been mentioned.</p> <p>iv. The drainage down at South Petherwin Water needs looking at because of the potential flooding again, which in wintry conditions will be hazardous.</p> <p>v. Go Cornwall no longer have buses turning into the Tesco car park, which means that people using the service have to cross the busy roads carrying their shopping etc. This is not a good service for the local community. The Clerk will write to Nick Truscott and Gemma Hall to ask for this decision to be reconsidered.</p>	Clerk
18	<p>Correspondence.</p> <p>a) Email regarding VE Day celebrations May 2025. It was agreed that the Parish Council will light a Beacon and a small committee will be set up in the New Year to discuss the plans for celebrating VE Day.</p> <p>b) A letter of thanks has been received from South Petherwin Methodist Church for the grant that the Parish Council made towards the upkeep of the graveyard.</p>	Clerk
19	<p>Finance.</p> <p>a) Payments. It was RESOLVED to make the payments for October, proposed by Cllr Barlow seconded by Cllr Finnimore with all in favour of the following:</p> <p>Online – L Coles, Clerk’s salary etc. for October</p> <p>Online – HMRC, Clerk’s October PAYE</p> <p>Online – Angel Peerless cleaning of toilet & bus shelter October - £56.00</p> <p>Online – Source for Business, water bill for toilets - £47.52</p> <p>Online – A Crocombe, Refurbishment of bus shelter– £1005.00</p> <p>Online – A Crocombe, repairs to bus shelter due to lorry hitting it - £375.00</p> <p>Direct Debit – EDF Energy, monthly direct debit for electricity for toilets - £23.05</p> <p>Direct Debit – Unity Trust, service charge - £5.40</p> <p>Receipts: None</p> <p>b) Bank Reconciliations. It was RESOLVED to approve the bank reconciliation for October proposed by Cllr Ashdown, seconded by Cllr Screech with all in agreement. The bank balances at 31st October 2024 totalled £44,508.55</p> <p>c) It was RESOLVED to appoint CL Finance Associates as the internal auditors for 2024/2025 accounts. Proposed by Cllr Finnimore, seconded by Cllr Barlow with all in favour.</p> <p>d) The Clerk will look into adding Cllr Ashdown and Cllr Kneebone as signatories for the bank accounts.</p> <p>e) The Clerk reported that a National pay rise, backdated to 01/04/24, has been agreed and this will equate to a rise of 63p per hour for her. Noted.</p>	Clerk Clerk
20	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>The Clerk will report the street light that is out, on the left hand side of the road out of the village.</p> <p>The Coffee Morning will now be held on Saturday 7th December at South Petherwin Village Hall.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Clerk will purchase two small brass plaques to commemorate the service of John Edwards and Michael Screech to the Parish Council.</p>	Clerk Clerk Clerk
21	Items for inclusion in future meetings.	
22	Date of next meeting. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 11 th December 2024 at 7pm in the Methodist Chapel Schoolroom, South Petherwin.	

There being no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.16 hrs.

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