

**Minutes of the meeting of South Petherwin Parish Council held on
Wednesday 11th June 2025, at 7.00pm, in South Petherwin Methodist Chapel Schoolroom,
South Petherwin.**

Present: Cllr P Parsons (Chairman), Cllr J Ashdown, Cllr J Barlow, Cllr MA Screech,
New Councillors co-opted at the meeting - Cllr Middleton and Cllr Rouse.

In Attendance: Linda Coles, Parish Clerk and Cllr Adrian Parsons, Cornwall Council

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 M Lewis who had broken her toe.	
3	Declarations of Interest. a) Agenda Items. None declared. b) Gifts. None declared.	
4	Consideration of written requests for dispensation. None received.	
5	AGAR 2024/2025 Annual Governance Statement, Internal Auditor's report, Notice for the Exercise of Public Rights and Conflict of Interest form. It was RESOLVED that the Annual Governance Statement should be signed as a true record, proposed by Cllr Barlow, seconded by Cllr Ashdown with all in favour. The Internal Auditor's Report, page 3 of the AGAR, was accepted and noted that there are no issues. The Notice for the Exercise of Public Rights will be published on Thursday 12 th June, to commence on Friday 13 th June and end on Thursday 24 th July. It was RESOLVED that the Conflict of Interest form should be signed declaring that there is no conflict of interest between BDO LLP and the Council. Proposed by Cllr Screech, seconded by Cllr Barlow with all in favour.	Clerk
5a	Co-option of New Councillors. Phillip Middleton applied to become a co-opted member of South Petherwin Parish Council and gave a resume of his background; experience and what he feels can be brought to the table. He has lived in the Parish for five plus years and would very much like to serve the community. Harold Rouse also wishes to be co-opted as a member of South Petherwin Parish Council. He has lived in the Parish since 1974 and feels that the time is right to join the Parish Council and give something back to the community. Council considered these applications. Cllr Barlow said that she felt that the two candidates would add depth to the Council. It was RESOLVED to co-opt Phillip Middleton, proposed by Cllr Barlow, seconded by Cllr Ashdown with all in favour. It was RESOLVED to co-opt Harold Rouse, proposed by Cllr Ashdown, seconded by Cllr Screech with all in favour. Both gentlemen signed Declarations of Acceptance of Office, witnessed by the Clerk and took their place at the table.	
6	Unitary Councillor's Report. On the Plusha front, I had a good meeting with Lee Quinney and the project manager, who will be taking responsibility for the re-evaluation of options to get a grade-separated	

	<p>junction constructed at Plusha. It was encouraging to hear that Cornwall Council and National Highways are working together to complete the work and, in due course, develop the business case to push for funding from the Department of Transport. Following this a more recent meeting has been held with National Highways and CC Highways officials following their consultation regarding proposed changes at Plusha and other sections of the A30. They have confirmed the crossing at Two Bridges will be left open and slip roads will be added to enter and exit Plusha off the A30. They are also close to agreeing to the budget which is required for safety mitigation measures to lessen the impact we are seeing on our local roads due to increased traffic due to the closure of the right hand turning out of Plusha heading towards Launceston.</p> <p>Locally, concerns have been raised regarding the visibility on the A388 and again at the Stourscombe junction, so I have asked for the Highways steward to look and get the verges cut back where appropriate.</p> <p>Since April, there have been several complaints regarding changes to the number 12 and 76 bus services, which has been split into three sections, being a mix of commercial and subsidised services. Peak end-to-end. With that in mind, these changes were considered low impact but widely publicised since registrations were submitted in early March. The shame is the Bude to Plymouth service was one of our best-used locally. Now, by splitting the journey, it's added time, inconvenience, and extra cost for users. It's not working well and has proven unpopular. Working with Cllr Adam Paynter and Cllr Andrew Long, we are looking to get this decision overturned and have a meeting to discuss this matter tonight.</p> <p>Just to update you, we had a meeting last Monday with Go Cornwall the transport provider, Cornwall Council transport and local fellow councillors. The consensus is that clearly the changes haven't worked! The challenge is that since the Government have cut the rural subsidy grant for transport, we're told this service is losing over £250k a year, which is a worry, as it was one of the best used runs in the area. If it were to remain as it is patronage would only be lost further.</p> <p>It's now looking like the service will go back to as it was before, but this hasn't been fully clarified yet. It's expected that the route from Launceston to Callington will be treated as one journey with a charge of £3 and then from Callington to Saltash there will be an additional charge of £3. Then a further charge once in Devon. They say this is to make it more viable! Clearly this will make the trip more expensive; by purchasing an adult day pass it will cap journeys to £8. We are doing what we can to return back to a reliable service which residents can have confidence in using.</p> <p>Regarding committee places I will be sitting on East Planning, Strategic planning and Licensing.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Cllr A Parsons for his hard work on local issues.</p>	
7	<p>Public Participation.</p> <p>The member of the public said that a parent has strimmed the verge by the school making it easier for the children to walk along.</p>	
8	<p>Response to Public Participation. Not applicable</p>	
9	<p>Planning.</p> <p>a) Planning applications received before the agenda was finalised: None</p> <p>b) Planning applications received after the agenda was published:</p> <p>PA25/03857. The Barns, Trebursye, Launceston, Cornwall. Removal of existing conservatory/sunroom and replacement with entrance reception room, together with small rear extension to provide additional shower room. This development will have no impact on the surrounding area. It was RESOLVED to support the application, proposed by Cllr Middleton, seconded by Cllr Screech with all in favour.</p>	

	<p>c) Planning decisions notified by Cornwall Council: PA25/01932 – Approved. PA25/01520 – Approved.</p> <p>d) Other Planning Matters. The Clerk had circulated the Teams link for the upcoming planning training from Cornwall Council.</p>	
10	<p>Minutes of the following meetings held in May 2025.</p> <p>a) Annual Parish Council Meeting 14th May 2025. It was RESOLVED that the Minutes are a true record of that meeting. Proposed by Cllr Barlow and seconded by Cllr Ashdown, four votes for and two abstentions from new councillors.</p> <p>b) Parish Council Meeting 14th May 2025. It was RESOLVED that the Minutes are a true record of that meeting. Proposed by Cllr Screech and seconded by Cllr Parsons, four votes for and two abstentions from new councillors.</p> <p>c) Annual Parish Meeting 28th May 2025. It was RESOLVED that the Minutes are a true record of that meeting. Proposed by Cllr Ashdown and seconded by Cllr Parsons, four votes for and two abstentions from new councillors.</p>	
11	Matters Arising from the above Minutes. None	
12	A30/B3257 Junction at Bodmin Services (Plusha). No update	
13	<p>Wind Turbine Funding.</p> <p>The Clerk will contact the Banking Ombudsman and point out that due process has not been followed when the former committee resigned and froze the assets. Proposed by Cllr Middleton, seconded by Cllr Barlow with all in favour.</p>	Clerk
14	<p>Parish Matters</p> <p>a) Church Lighting. Ongoing.</p>	
15	<p>Highway and Footpath matters</p> <p>Daws House is still a concern; the bollards at the top have been replaced. It was said that when you are coming up from Petherwin Water to the village it is very dark and the Council would like to see chevrons installed to indicate the bends. The Clerk will ask Highways.</p> <p>Cllr Rouse said that a barrier needs to be erected on the left hand side on the bank at the bottom from Daws House, feels that this is an accident waiting to happen when the road is wet and icy. The Clerk will ask Highways to look at this.</p>	Clerk Clerk
16	Correspondence. None	
17	<p>Finance.</p> <p>a) Payments. It was RESOLVED to make the payments for May, 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 May</p> <p>Online – HMRC, Clerk’s May PAYE</p> <p>Online – Angel Peerless cleaning of toilet & bus shelter April - £56.00</p> <p>Online – South Petherwin Flowerpot Festival grant from Wind Turbine - £500.00</p> <p>Online – South Petherwin Village Hall grant from Wind Turbine - £429.00</p> <p>Online – St Paternus Church PCC grant for grass cutting - £500.00</p> <p>Online – CL Accounting, internal audit 2024/25 - £300.00</p> <p>Online – Flagpole Express (L Coles) new Union flag - £96.54</p> <p>Online – South Petherwin Village Hall, hire of hall for VE Day - £20.00</p> <p>Online – John Ashdown, parts purchased to install flagpole – £53.37</p> <p>Online – WesternWeb Ltd, new website, PC email & domains and licences - £697.20</p> <p>Direct Debit – British Gas, monthly direct debit for electricity for toilets - £19.59</p> <p>Direct Debit – Unity Trust, service charge - £6.00</p>	

	<p>Transfer from Wind Turbine account to Current account to cover grant paid – £929.00</p> <p>Receipts: None</p> <p>b) Bank Reconciliations. It was RESOLVED to approve the bank reconciliation for May proposed by Cllr Ashdown, seconded by Cllr Parsons with all in agreement. The bank balances at 31st May 2025 totalled £42,752.87</p> <p>c) Grant Applications received. No applications received.</p> <p>d) AGAR 2024/25 Accounts Statement. It was RESOLVED that the Accounts Statement for 2024/25 is correct as prepared by the Responsible Financial Officer and it should be signed by the Chairman, proposed by Cllr Barlow, seconded by Cllr Ashdown with all in favour.</p>	Clerk
18	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Cllr Ashdown said that the link to the Parish Pages on the new website should be www.southpetherwin.com. The Clerk will ask WesternWeb to amend this.</p> <p>Cllr Barlow said that there had been a second burglary in the village on Monday morning. The PCSO will be in the village on Saturday and Cllr Barlow was asked to liaise with the NHW on this.</p> <p>The vegetation at the top of Daws House, just up from Tregaller Lane needs cutting back again. The bollards have been put back up again.</p>	Clerk
19	<p>Items for inclusion in future meetings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VJ Day 	
20	<p>Date of next meeting.</p> <p>The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 9th July 2025 at 7pm in South Petherwin Methodist Hall, South Petherwin.</p>	

There being no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.13hrs.

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