Minutes of the meeting of South Petherwin Parish Council held on Wednesday 10th September 2025, at 7.00pm, in South Petherwin Methodist Chapel Schoolroom, South Petherwin.

Present: Cllr P Parsons (Chairman), Cllr MA Screech (Vice Chair), Cllr J Barlow, Cllr J Ashdown, Cllr Middleton and Cllr Rowse.

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

There were 61 members of the public present.

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No	Chairman's welcome.	Ву
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2	The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.	
2	Apologies. Cllr M Lewis	
3	Declarations of Interest.	
	a) Agenda Items. None declared.	
4	b) Gifts. None declared.	
4	Consideration of written requests for dispensation. None received.	
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5	Casual Vacancies. No applications received.	
6	Unitary Councillor's Report. Deferred until present	
7	Public Participation.	
	PA25/05611 will have a seriously adverse impact on the Frog and Bucket Public House,	
	which at the present time is a thriving business. The proposed development will detract	
	from the relaxing view from the pub, which many find therapeutic, and it will also have a	
	serious impact on the pub's campsite, making it much less attractive for people to stay	
	there. The pub relies on income brought in by the summer trade to see it through the	
	winter months and it is felt that the impact of developing this site so close to it will be	
	very detrimental to that trade. It was also said that the five dwellings already developed	
	at the top of the site have not sold so there does not seem to be much rationale for the	
	continuing development of the rest of the site.	
	A member of the public said that there is a serious concern about agricultural land being	
	built on when food production in the UK is reportedly only at 45%. It was felt that the	
	impact on the infrastructure of the village is too great. It was felt that the development	
	would not be good for the welfare of the community, having such an adverse impact on	
	the local business of the pub which is a hub and social focal point.	
	A local holiday let owner said that his visitors use the pub and its facilities and it is an	
	asset to the community. It is a vital hub for people to meet and socialise.	
	It was also pointed out that the village needs its green space and a play area would be a	
	better use of the land. It was also pointed out that the village school is at capacity. There	
	are also concerns over access.	
	Cllr A Parsons, Cornwall Councillor, said that was heartening to see such support for the	
	pub, which he agreed was a community asset. He spoke about the planning process.	
	Planning in Principle applications have been brought in by the Government to speed up	
	the planning process. There is very little or no detail given with a PIP application. At the	
	moment there is no precedent being given to agricultural land not being developed.	

Response to Public Participation. Not applicable 8 9 Planning. a) Planning applications received before the agenda was finalised: **PA25/05611,** Land South East of Frog and Bucket, South Petherwin, Launceston. Application for Permission in Principle for development of between 5 and 5 dwellings. The Parish Council recognised the concerns of the local residents, sixty one of whom attended to voice their objections to the application. There are concerns about the access and the impact on the infrastructure of the village; school, healthcare etc. South Petherwin Parish Council notes the impact that this application would have on the character and landscape of the area and that the application extends the built up area into open countryside. The application is adjacent to one of only two amenities in the Parish that could be seen to be a social hub, The Frog and Bucket Pub, and the land on which the application is situated has an educational impact in regards to raising awareness of the agricultural industry, being overlooked by many of the Frog and Buckets clientele enjoying its routine activities. An inadvertent educational impact that would be lost if it were to be developed. It is also concerned about the impact of the development on the business of the pub and its trade. The Frog and Bucket is a huge asset to the community and of great importance in bringing the local community together and the Council would not like to see this lost or diminished in any way. The Parish Council would like to reference Cornwall Council Local Plan Policy 4.4 and the NPPF Policies 11 and 12. It was **RESOLVED** to object to PA25/05611, proposed by Cllr Ashdown and seconded by Cllr Barlow with all in favour. PA25/05937 unit 26, Pennygillam Way, Pennygillam Industrial Estate, Launceston. Demolition of existing single storey office building. Erection of two storey office and staff welfare building. Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** to support the application, proposed by Cllr Middleton, seconded by Cllr Screech with all in favour. b) Planning applications received after the agenda was published: None c) Planning decisions notified by Cornwall Council: None d) Other Planning Matters. None 4 **Unitary Councillor's Report** The MIU at Launceston has been closed and reopened since the last PC meeting. The Trust was apologetic about the way in which it was closed at short notice; it is open 8-5, Mondays – Fridays at the moment. The 20mph speed limit is being rolled out in South Petherwin. Members have been emailed the details and are encouraged to let the Clerk have their views for submission to Cornwall Council. Public consultation will follow. Cllr Parsons met with the MP two weeks ago and he updated him on Plusha, encouraging him to engage with NH and the Department of Transport. There has been another fatal accident on the A388 two weeks ago. Cornwall Council has called for nation status; devolution to be able to deliver what works for Cornwall. Minutes of the meeting held on 9th July 2025 10 It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes are a true record of that meeting **Proposed by Clir** Barlow and seconded by Cllr Middleton, with all in favour who had been at that meeting. 11 Matters Arising from the above Minutes. None 12 A30/B3257 Junction at Bodmin Services (Plusha). Updates had been circulated by the Clerk to the Members.

13	Wind Turbine Funding.		
	The Clerk has heard from Nat West bank and she and Cllr Ashdown are being added as	Clerk	
	signatories in order to access the account and have the funds transferred to the Parish		
	Council's account at Unity Trust bank. This is in progress.		
14	Parish Matters		
	a) Church Lighting. The Chairman is looking at solar panels as an option.		
15	Highway and Footpath matters		
	An email has been received with details of a Teams meeting regarding the 20mph		
	rollout, this has been circulated to the Members.		
	It was reported that the footpath at Tiny Meadows has been cleared		
	The Clerk will report the crushed bollard at the top of Daws House.	Clerk	
	The resurfacing of School Hill is to be chased up; it is a Health and Safety issue.		
	The ownership of the trees is still an issue and they are now encroaching into people's	Clerk	
	gardens and blocking the light on the footpath. The Clerk will contact Highways again.		
16	Correspondence.		
	a) Update from SPAG on Plusha. Noted		
	b) Slides from online meeting with Cornwall Council regarding Plusha Junction.		
	These had been circulated by the Clerk. Noted.		
17	Finance.		
	a) Payments. It was RESOLVED to ratify the payments for July and to make the		
	payments for August proposed by Cllr Barlow seconded by Cllr Middleton with all in		
	favour of the following:		
	Online – L Coles, Clerk's salary etc. for July		
	Online – HMRC, Clerk's July PAYE & Employer's NIC		
	Online – L Coles, Clerk's salary etc. for August		
	Online – HMRC, Clerk's August PAYE, Employer NIC		
	Online – Angel Peerless cleaning of toilet & bus shelter July & August - £120.25		
	Online – Pennon Water (L Coles), water bill for toilets - £120.54		
	Online – BDO LLP, External Auditor Fee - £252.00		
	Online – J S Barlow, refreshments for VJ Day - £10.20		
	Online – A Crocombe, installation of the flagpole - £407.64		
	Online – D Elcock, repairing leak at toilets - £62.50	Clerk	
	Direct Debit – British Gas, monthly direct debit for electricity for toilets - £16.28		
	Direct Debit – Unity Trust, service charge - £6.00		
	Receipts: Community HE £162.00; VAT Reclaim 2024/25 - £286.55		
	b) Bank Reconciliations. It was RESOLVED to approve the bank reconciliation for July		
	and August proposed by Cllr Barlow, seconded by Cllr Screech with all in		
	agreement.		
	The bank balances at 31 st August 2025 totalled £38,292.48		
	c) Grant Applications received. Cllr Barlow declared an interest in this item and will		
	not take part in the vote. An application for a grant from the Wind Turbine Fund has		
	been received from the Village Hall. Following discussion it was agreed not to grant		
	the funds. Motion to object was proposed by Cllr Screech, seconded by Cllr Rowse,		
	three votes against, one vote for and one abstention.		
	d) The Conclusion of Audit. The Clerk had circulated the conclusion of audit received		
	back from the external auditor BDO LLP with no issues.		
	e) It was RESOLVED that the Clerk will purchase a St Pirans flag and a St Georges flag at	Clerk	
	a cost of £86.40 each, proposed by Cllr Barlow, seconded by Cllr Rowse with all in		
	favour.		

18	Any Other Business		
	Cllr Rowse asked for a vote of thanks to Cllr A Parsons for all his hard work.		
	Cllr Screech gave notes on the recent CAP meeting, including Emergency Plan and	Clerk	
	transport issues. The Clerk will circulate the Minutes when available.		
19	Items for inclusion in future meetings.		
	Emergency Plan	Clerk	
20	CLOSED SESSION. Pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960,		
	members of the public and press were excluded from this part of the meeting.		
	To receive the Clerk's letter of resignation		
21	Date of next meeting.		
	The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 8 th October 2025 at		
	7pm in South Petherwin Methodist Hall, South Petherwin.		

There being no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.12hrs.

SignedChairman	Dated
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