

**Minutes of the meeting of South Petherwin Parish Council held on
Wednesday 8th April 2026, at 7.00pm, in South Petherwin Methodist Chapel Schoolroom,
South Petherwin.**

Present: Cllr P Parsons (Chairman), Cllr Middleton, Cllr Barlow, Cllr Rowse, Cllr Ashdown, Cllr Dixon

In Attendance: Alison Barham, Parish Clerk; Cllr Adrian Parsons

There were 3 members of the public present.

Item No		Action By
1	Chairman's welcome. The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.	
2	Apologies. Cllr Screech.	
3	Declarations of Interest. a) Agenda Items. 18c) Cllr Parsons Hall & Magazine Committee; Cllr Barlow & Cllr Ashdown Hall Committee. b) Gifts. None declared.	
4	Consideration of written requests for dispensation. None received.	
5	Casual Vacancies. Alan Dixon applied to be a Councillor for South Petherwin Parish Council, and read out his letter of application. He has lived in South Petherwin since 2021 and feels deeply invested in the local community. It was RESOLVED to co-opt Alan as a Member of the Parish Council, proposed by Cllr Barlow, seconded by Cllr Middleton with all in favour. Alan signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office, witnessed by the Clerk, and took his place at the table.	
6	Unitary Councillor's Report. Cllr Parsons advised the council regarding the introduction of new types of plastic in the Recycling scheme and the reintroduction of CC weed treatment. National Highways have advised that they will deliver their proposed interim measures regarding Plusha Junction in the autumn, and they are working on local mitigation measures, which they have shared with South Petherwin Parish Council. Planning regulations are under review nationally and are out for consultation until 23 rd April 2026. He also spoke about the recent public meeting in Launceston regarding the Athena Trust, which runs Launceston College.	
7	Public Participation. Two members of the public spoke regarding the church clock. As volunteers they wind the clock and maintain parts, as the clock has a manual mechanism.	
8	Response to Public Participation. The council thanked the members of the public for their maintenance of the church clock.	
9	Planning. To receive notices of new planning applications received before the agenda finalised and RESOLVE the Parish Council's response, if applicable. None received. b) To note planning applications received after the agenda has been published. None received.	

	<p>c) To receive planning decisions from Cornwall Council. PA26/00364 non-material amendment to 24 Trelinnoe Gardens APPROVED. PA26/01510 non-material amendment land south of Chapel House APPROVED.</p> <p>d) Other Planning Matters. Treguddick Farm PA24/05578. The council were requested to reply to Planning's recommendation under the Local Council Protocol before the April meeting. Their decision was to 'agree to disagree' with the Planning Officer's preferred option of refusing planning consent on the basis of site visibility. SPPC's concerns were reiterated, namely traffic movements during the development stage.</p>	
10	<p>Minutes of the meeting held on 11th March 2026 It was RESOLVED that the Minutes are a true record of that meeting Proposed by Cllr Middleton and seconded by Cllr Ashdown, all in favour.</p>	
11	<p>Matters Arising from the above Minutes. None.</p>	
12	<p>A30/B3257 Junction at Bodmin Services (Plusha). Cllr Phil Parsons, Cllr Barlow, the Clerk and Cllr Adrian Parsons attended an online meeting with Rick Clayton and members of the design team to be shown their ideas so far on mitigation measures in South Petherwin (ie. making the roadway safer). Awaiting updated plans.</p>	
13	<p>Emergency Plan. Cllr Middleton to arrange a date for councillors to attend the emergency scenario that he has devised, which may then be opened up to other interested groups and parties in the parish.</p>	Cllr Middleton
14	<p>Wind Turbine Funding. Clerk has submitted a complaint to Nat West Bank and is in discussion with them.</p>	Clerk
15	<p>Parish Matters</p> <p>a) Church lighting. Ongoing.</p> <p>b) Community engagement. Cllr Rowse has questionnaires to take around the community and will put an article in the May issue of the parish magazine to explain what he is doing.</p> <p>c) Environmental Enhancement Group. Cllr Rowse explained his idea for encouraging an independent voluntary group of the community to care for our surroundings, and will put an article in the May issue of the magazine to gauge interest.</p> <p>d) Next coffee morning 30th May 2026 in the Village Hall. Hopefully it will be possible for people to visit the church clock if they would like to as part of this coffee morning.</p> <p>e) Dog bin Tregaller Lane. A site has been advised to Highways who will prepare the site, before the council contact Biffa to instal the bin.</p> <p>f) Church clock. Further to the discussion of the clock maintenance with members of the public, the council will investigate its ownership and responsibility.</p> <p>g) Impact of possible closure of Church. Some of the councillors will attend a public meeting on Saturday 11th April at 1pm in the Village Hall to hear more about plans for the future of the church, especially with regard to public amenities/features such as the clock and flagpole.</p>	Clerk
16	<p>Highway and Footpath matters</p> <p>a) Trelinnoe Close/Gardens walkway trees (FOI request). Oliver Jones is going back to archives to check regarding possible ownership/adoption status.</p> <p>b) Visibility on road up from Petherwin Water to the village. Highways are reviewing the tree-lined section with regards to improving overall visibility of the highway.</p> <p>c) B3254 near Petherwin Water towards Daws House. As the road is within the 40mph speed restriction, there is no requirement for a safety fence.</p>	

	<p>d) Flashing speed sign locations. Highways will help to locate the signs once they have been received. Councillors to meet online or in situ regarding positioning.</p> <p>e) Weed treatment – CC required a reply before the next meeting, and the Parish Council RESOLVED to accept the resumption of weed treatment. Proposed Cllr Rowse, seconded Cllr Dixon, with all in favour.</p>	Cllr Parsons
17	<p>Correspondence.</p> <p>a) FOI request from parishioner regarding Trelinnoe Close/Gardens walkway. See 16a.</p> <p>b) Local Plan & Local Councils involvement.</p> <p>c) Emergency Plan template.</p>	
18	<p>Finance.</p> <p>a) Payments. It was RESOLVED to make the payments for March proposed by Cllr Barlow seconded by Cllr Ashdown with all in favour of the following:</p> <p>Online – A Barham, Clerk’s salary etc. for March</p> <p>Online – HMRC, Clerk’s March PAYE, Employer NIC for March</p> <p>Online – Angela Peerless cleaning of toilets & bus shelter March - £56.00</p> <p>Online – SP Methodist Church for hire of hall £133.50</p> <p>Online – CALC annual membership £507.12</p> <p>Online – Elancity flashing speed signs (CIL funding) £5615.96</p> <p>Direct Debit – British Gas, monthly direct debit for electricity for toilets - £21.05</p> <p>Direct Debit – Unity Trust, service charge - £7.00</p> <p>Receipts: Cornwall Council s106 payment - £4196.61</p> <p>Cornwall Council precept - £6325.00</p> <p>b) Bank Reconciliations. It was RESOLVED to approve the bank reconciliation for March proposed by Cllr Ashdown seconded by Cllr Rowse with all in favour agreement. The bank balances at 31st March 2026 totalled £40,326.86 (includes £13,009.58 Wind Turbine Fund)</p> <p>c) Grant Applications received for the Wind Turbine fund:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Village Hall. It was agreed to grant the funds. Proposed by Cllr Middleton, seconded by Cllr Rowse, with all in favour. • CMA Launceston. It was agreed not to accept the application as it did not meet the criteria. Proposed by Cllr Parsons, seconded by Cllr Ashdown, with all in favour. • Parish magazine. It was agreed to grant the funds. Proposed Cllr Barlow, seconded Cllr Middleton, with all in favour. • An application was received after the agenda was posted from Cake & Rakers. As some of the group were present in the room, they were advised that it was necessary to have their own bank account. <p>d) Assertion 10 AGAR. The Data Protection Policy has previously been circulated, but the Clerk advised that a Document Retention Policy would go well this too, and will circulate both for the next meeting. GDPR training still required at some stage.</p> <p>e) CIL funding. Noticeboards: a quote is being obtained on 2-3 new noticeboards. Village pump: photo mock-up of bollards distributed to councillors and a quote is being obtained from Highways for these and improved granite curbing.</p>	Clerk
19	<p>Any Other Business.</p> <p>Cllr Barlow asked if a blue tarpaulin wrapped around a telegraph pole just past the junction to the school can be removed.</p> <p>Cllr Middleton requested that internet access for the Methodist Chapel Hall be explored, so information can be accessed during the meeting.</p>	
20	<p>Items for inclusion in future meetings. None.</p>	

<p>21</p>	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING: May 13th 2026 (with AGM). Annual Parish Meeting May 20th 2026 June 10th 2026. July meeting – it was agreed that the meeting will be held one week later, on July 15th 2026 (proposed Cllr Ashdown, seconded Cllr Parsons with all in favour). August no meeting – to be agreed nearer the time.</p> <p>There being no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.28 hours.</p>	
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Signed.....Chairman Dated.....

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