

**Minutes of the meeting of South Petherwin Parish Council held on
Wednesday 13th May 2026, at 7.27pm, in South Petherwin Methodist Chapel Schoolroom,
South Petherwin.**

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

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

There was 1 member of the public present.

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| 1 | Chairman's welcome. The Chair welcomed all to the meeting. | |
| 2 | Apologies. None. | |
| 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. None received. | |
| 6 | Unitary Councillor's Report. Cllr Parsons reported on support for heating oil costs: through the Crisis and Resilience Fund (CRF), eligible residents (people in receipt of Council Tax Support, and people exempt from Council Tax due to severe mental impairment) can receive up to £300 to help with essential energy expenses. Pride in Place funding: Cornwall Council had full council on 21 April where Lib Dem members put in a motion about deprivation in Cornwall. This can often be overlooked because of the way the government measures it and allocates funding, which tends to favour more urban areas. Most recently, the government's 'Pride in Place' programme of regeneration funding has allocated £5.8bn to 379 areas across the UK - but not a single one in Cornwall. Cornwall Council and Crowdfunder's Climate and Nature Fund supports projects that help Cornwall tackle and respond to climate change and promote nature recovery. If your idea or project meets the criteria you can apply for a grant to match fund up to 50% of eligible costs, up to £5,000. Cllr Parsons is seconding Councillor James Ball's motion which is being presented to Full Council soon, following concerns which have been brought to our attention at recent public meetings regarding the way some Academies are delivering within our secondary school education setting. The motion requests Cabinet to set up an informal Cabinet Advisory Group to consider the matter of mental, emotional health and wellbeing in our schools and, following completion of its work, write to the Secretary of State for the Department for Education with its findings and asking for their support in tackling any issues that are found. | |

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| 7 | Public Participation. A member of the public commented on the deep ruts in the road near the turning for Hendra Lane. | |
| 8 | Response to Public Participation. The road issues above have already been reported to Highways, Clerk to chase. | Clerk |
| 9 | Planning. a) Planning applications received before the agenda was finalised: PA26/02455 Proposed orangery/extension Highfield, South Petherwin. It was RESOLVED to support the application, proposed by Cllr Parsons, seconded by Cllr Barlow with all in favour. PA26/02686 Variation of condition 2 Decision Notice PA20/07309 Jan 2021. It was RESOLVED to support the application, proposed by Cllr Parsons, seconded by Cllr Middleton with all in favour. PA19/06624 Land at Kennards House. Referring to the original comments for this application and following more information received from the Planning Officer, this application was welcomed as it brings employment and moves traffic away from the busy Pennygillam roundabout. As regards the cricket club, the council emphasised their wish for the cricket club and pavilion to remain in situ as indicated by these revised plans, and that due consideration be given to Sport England's request for safety netting to prevent ball strike on cars, people or buildings. It was RESOLVED to support the application, proposed by Cllr Barlow, seconded by Cllr Parsons with 5 in favour and 2 abstentions. b) Planning applications received after the agenda was published: None c) Planning decisions from Cornwall Council. None. d) Other Planning Matters. Neighbourhood Priorities Statement online information event 28th April was attended by Cllr Ashdown, Cllr Barlow and the Clerk. The council do not wish to create a NPS at this time, as it was not felt to be achievable. Proposed Cllr Barlow, seconded Cllr Dixon, with all in favour. | |
| 10 | Minutes of the meeting held on 8th April 2026 It was RESOLVED that the Minutes are a true record of that meeting Proposed by Cllr Rowse and seconded by Cllr Middleton, all in favour. | |
| 11 | Matters Arising from the above Minutes. None. | |
| 12 | A30/B3257 Junction at Bodmin Services (Plusha). Online meeting proposed 2-4pm 10th June. | |
| 13 | Emergency Plan. The emergency scenario prepared by Cllr Middleton will hopefully be played out after the July meeting. | Cllr Middleton |
| 14 | Wind Turbine Funding. The Clerk has been in discussions with Nat West bank regarding the bank mandate signatories. | Clerk |
| 15 | Parish Matters a) Church lighting. Ongoing. b) Community engagement. Questionnaire by Cllr Rowse is underway. c) Environmental Enhancement Group. No response following magazine article. d) Next coffee morning 30th May 2026 in the Village Hall. e) Dog bin Tregaller Lane. It was agreed to purchase a new Wyborne 50 litre bin plus VAT (£107.98), and sign a contract with CC for the collection of waste from this bin (£152.50), which is a reduced price as SPPC will exchange the 150 litre Glasdon bin with CC. Proposed by Cllr Barlow, seconded by Cllr Rowse, with all in favour. f) Impact of possible closure of Church. A group called Kowethas Paternus has been set up to help with funding for the church. | |

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| 16 | <p>Highway and Footpath matters</p> <p>a) Trelinnoe Close/Gardens walkway adoption. SPPC agreed that they will pay £760 to have the footpaths in question adopted by CC, once Highways have carried out remedial works (which they have agreed to do at their cost). Proposed by Cllr Parsons and seconded by Cllr Barlow, with all in favour.</p> <p>b) Flashing speed sign locations. Purchased with CIL funding. Proposed locations at Trelinnoe Gardens and Tiny Meadows. Show to public at coffee morning.</p> <p>c) LMP grant. Enhanced LMP grant offered – Clerk to find out more information from CC with regards to what this entails.</p> | Clerk |
| 17 | <p>Correspondence.</p> <p>a) Parishioner – Cornwall Council glyphosate proposals</p> <p>b) CALC & Cornwall Council – glyphosate proposals</p> | |
| 18 | <p>Finance.</p> <p>a) Payments. It was RESOLVED to make the payments for April proposed by Cllr Ashdown seconded by Cllr Middleton with all in favour of the following:</p> <p>Online – A Barham, Clerk’s salary etc. for April</p> <p>Online – HMRC, Clerk’s March PAYE, Employer NIC for April</p> <p>Online – Western Web, domain name & email account £88.80</p> <p>Online – Angela Peerless cleaning of toilets & bus shelter April - £56.00</p> <p>Online – SP Parish Magazine (Wind Turbine Grant) £1490.25</p> <p>Online – SP Village Hall (Wind Turbine Grant) £300</p> <p>Online – Zurich annual insurance £576.77</p> <p>Online – Source for Business/SWWater for toilets £63.12</p> <p>Direct Debit – British Gas, monthly direct debit for electricity for toilets - £22.77</p> <p>Direct Debit – Unity Trust, service charge - £7.00</p> <p>Receipts: CC Precept £6,325.00</p> <p>b) Bank Reconciliations. It was RESOLVED to approve the bank reconciliation for April proposed by Cllr Screech seconded by Cllr Dixon with all in favour agreement. The bank balances at 30th April 2026 totalled £39,693.86 (includes £11,219.33 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 RESOLVED to grant the funding of £588 for new signage. Proposed Cllr Parsons, seconded Cllr Rowse, with all in favour. • SP Flowerpot Festival. It was RESOLVED to grant the funding of £500 for the festival. Proposed Cllr Parsons, seconded Cllr Rowse, with all in favour. <p>d) Assertion 10 AGAR. Data Protection Policy & Document Retention Policy. It was RESOLVED to adopt both policies. Proposed by Cllr Barlow, seconded by Cllr Dixon, with all in favour.</p> <p>e) CIL funding. Noticeboards: initial quote received for new noticeboard(s). Village pump: waiting for quote on bollards & improved granite curbing from Highways. Both to be shown at the forthcoming coffee morning.</p> <p>f) Audit 2025/26. 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 Ashdown, seconded by Cllr Screech with all in favour.</p> <p>The council were reminded that they had previously adopted the Local Authority Accounts Guide to Rights with regards to the exercise of public rights to view the accounts in July 2023, and that two hours for a session is the agreed time limit.</p> | |

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| 19 | <p>Any Other Business. A member of the public has pointed out that the horse trough on main road near Petherwin Water is broken and has asked if the council can get it fixed. Clerk to contact Highways as first port of call.</p> | Clerk |
| 20 | <p>Items for inclusion in future meetings. None.</p> | |
| 21 | <p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING: June 10th 2026. Annual Parish Meeting May 20th 2026 July 15th 2026. August no meeting – to be agreed nearer the time.</p> <p>There being no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.13 hours.</p> | |

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

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