

**Minutes of the meeting of South Petherwin Parish Council held on
Wednesday 10th June 2026, at 7.00pm, in South Petherwin Methodist Chapel Schoolroom,
South Petherwin.**

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

In Attendance: Alison Barham, Parish Clerk

There was 1 member of the public present.

Item No		Action By
1	Chairman's welcome. The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.	
2	Apologies. Cllr Phill Middleton; Cllr Adrian Parsons, CC	
3	Declarations of Interest. a) Agenda Items. 18a) Cllr Parsons, 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 sent in a full report to councillors prior to the meeting. Following recent public meetings about behaviour policies in some of Cornwall's secondary schools, I was pleased to second a motion brought forward by James Ball to support the mental health and wellbeing of children. The proposal is to establish a task-and-finish group to engage with schools, assess what is working and what is not, and report findings back to the Department for Education. The aim is to move towards an academy system that is more accountable and better supports both pupils and teachers. Recently along with James Ball we have a meeting in at Launceston college to meet Mark Blackman and Matt Thompson. Locally, there is real concern over the consultation on the potential closure of the DS Smith factory in Launceston. For over 50 years, it has been an iconic business in the town, providing employment and opportunity for many local families. It is encouraging that discussions are ongoing with the owners to find a way forward. One can only hope they act responsibly as the employees have contributed greatly to the site's success, and they deserve a secure and fair outcome. The prospect of losing such a significant employer locally in the current climate is deeply worrying. Plans have now been submitted for a new banking hub in Launceston, at the former Santander site. With both the banking sector and high streets changing rapidly, this facility should prove a valuable asset to the town. National Grid Electricity Distribution (NGED) – the electricity distribution network operator for your area – has launched the latest round of its Community Matters Fund, focused this summer on improving access to green spaces and enhancing biodiversity.	

	This funding round, delivered in partnership with Localgiving, will provide £250,000 in grants to grassroots charities and community groups working to protect, improve and create green spaces for their local communities. The fund is designed to support projects that boost wellbeing, strengthen community connections and enhance the natural environment. Organisations can apply for grants to support projects that: • Create or improve parks, gardens, open spaces, raised flowerbeds or living walls in public areas • Improve accessibility to green spaces, including paths, ramps or seating • Enhance biodiversity through activities such as planting trees, hedges or wildflowers, or creating habitats such as bee hives or bird and bat boxes Other subjects included: Neighbourhood Priority Statements, Plusha, Saltash Tunnel, and Trekelland Bridge.	
7	Public Participation. None.	
8	Response to Public Participation. None.	
9	Planning. a) Planning applications received before the agenda was finalised: None received. b) Planning applications received after the agenda was published: None received. c) Planning decisions from Cornwall Council. PA25/05578 & 79 Treguddick Farm Fodder Beet Stores 1 & 2. REFUSED. d) Other Planning Matters. Pre-application advice for single two storey dwelling with drive and hardstanding for two cars. South Petherwin. PA26/00562/PREAPP. For information only.	
10	a) Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on 13th May 2026 It was RESOLVED that the Minutes are a true record of that meeting Proposed by Cllr Ashdown and seconded by Cllr Screech, all in favour. b) Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13th May 2026 It was RESOLVED that the Minutes are a true record of that meeting Proposed by Cllr Barlow and seconded by Cllr Parsons, all in favour. c) Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on 20th May 2026 It was RESOLVED that the Minutes are a true record of that meeting Proposed by Cllr Parsons and seconded by Cllr Rowse, all in favour.	
11	Matters Arising from the above Minutes. None.	
12	A30/B3257 Junction at Bodmin Services (Plusha). Online meeting held 2-4pm 10th June: Cllrs Dixon and Barlow attended the meeting, plus the Clerk, and all gave a quick recap. Full presentation has been sent to all councillors and Rick Clayton would appreciate some feedback.	
13	Emergency Plan. Exercise planned by Cllr Middleton for July meeting.	
14	Wind Turbine Funding. Clerk to contact Nat West bank to give 14 days' notice that the Parish Council will be contacting the FCA regarding the money tied up in the previous bank account.	Clerk
15	Parish Matters a) Community engagement. Cllr Rowse gave an update, full report when all questionnaires completed. b) Dog bin Tregaller Lane. Waiting for date from Biffa for installation.	

	c) Question from school at Annual Parish meeting regarding help with playground maintenance. Unfortunately, this is outside of the Parish Council's remit, it was suggested that the School raise the matter with Cornwall Council. d) Question from Annual Parish meeting regarding condition of phone box. Cllr Barlow to tidy up the phone box and Clerk to mention in parish magazine that the box is available for creative ideas. e) Feedback from coffee morning 30th May 2026. Successful coffee morning with good feedback on the village pump and speed sign locations. Following feedback from the community engagement exercise, it was felt that perhaps a 'surgery' could be held regularly by the Parish Council, also at different times eg. early evening.	Clerk Clerk
16	Highway and Footpath matters a) Trelinnoe Gardens/Close walkway adoption by CC. Underway. b) Flashing speed sign locations. Highways to be contacted regarding installation. c) Enhanced LMP grant. Check date when requests have to be submitted by.	Clerk
17	Correspondence. a) CAP: Affordable Housing Report b) Parishioners: Idea for village pump surround. To be forwarded to Highways. c) Cormac: Meet the Team Summer Workshops. Two councillors to attend separate workshops.	Clerk
18	Finance. a) Payments. It was RESOLVED to make the payments for May proposed by Cllr Parsons seconded by Cllr Barlow with one abstention and the rest in favour of the following: Online – A Barham, Clerk's salary etc. for May Online – HMRC, Clerk's March PAYE, Employer NIC for May Online – Village Hall hire for coffee morning £12.50 Online – Angela Peerless cleaning of toilets & bus shelter April - £56.00 Online – SP Flowerpot Festival (Wind Turbine Grant) £500.00 Online – SP Village Hall (Wind Turbine Grant) £588.00 Online – Cornwall Council for adoption of Trelinnoe Gardens pathways £760.00 Online – CL Accounting (SW) LLP audit £300.00 Direct Debit – British Gas, monthly direct debit for electricity for toilets - £19.89 Direct Debit – Unity Trust, service charge - £7.00 Receipts: HMRC VAT refund £1088.00 b) Bank Reconciliations. It was RESOLVED to approve the bank reconciliation for May proposed by Cllr Barlow seconded by Cllr Dixon with one abstention and the rest in favour agreement. The bank balances at 30th April 2026 totalled £37,981.84 (includes £11,219.33 Wind Turbine Fund) c) Audit 2025/26. Annual Accounts Statement. It was RESOLVED to Sign the Annual Accounts Statement as correct, proposed by Cllr Ashdown, seconded by Cllr Rowse, with one abstention and the rest in favour. It was RESOLVED to authorise the timings for notice of public rights. Proposed by Cllr Parsons, seconded by Cllr Screech and all in favour. d) To RESOLVE Grant Applications received. None received. e) Assertion 10: Data protection – Cllrs to be regularly reminded/briefed on key areas. Procedures for Subject Access Requests and protection from data breaches are covered in Data Protection Policy. f) CIL funding. Clerk to circulate noticeboard quote and Cllr Parsons to look into having a wooden roof added. Pump alternative surround to be forwarded to Highways.	Clerk; Cllr Parsons

19	Any Other Business. Welcome Pack for new parishioners organised by Cllr Barlow to be formalised. Who owns Church Walk eg. For maintenance of road surface? (Clerk has checked and it is not Highways)	
20	Items for inclusion in future meetings. Welcome Pack. Church Walk. Neighbourhood Watch/system for help in emergency.	
21	DATE OF NEXT MEETING: July 15th 2026. August no meeting – to be agreed at July meeting. September 9 th 2026 October 14 th 2026 All meetings will be held at South Petherwin Methodist Chapel Hall. There being no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 20:55 hours.	
22	CLOSED SESSION. Pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, members of the public and press will not be present for this item. Employment matters.	

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