

**Minutes of the meeting of South Petherwin Parish Council held on
Wednesday 19th March 2025, at 7pm, in South Petherwin Methodist Chapel Schoolroom,
South Petherwin.**

Present: Cllr P Parsons (Chairman), Cllr J Ashdown, Cllr J Barlow, Cllr M Lewis and Cllr MA Screech.

In Attendance: L Coles, Parish Clerk, and Cllr A Parsons, Cornwall Councillor.

There were seven members of the public present.

Item No	Cllr Barlow took the Chair to open the meeting as Cllr P Parsons (Chair) and Cllr Finnimore (Vice Chair) were not present at 7pm	Action By
1	Chairman's welcome. The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.	
2	Apologies. Cllr P Parsons (Chairman) for being late to the meeting, and Cllr Finnimore and Cllr Kneebone for absence.	
3	Declarations of Interest. a) Agenda Items. None declared. b) Gifts. None declared.	
4	Consideration of written requests for dispensation. None received.	
5	Elections. The Clerk distributed the election packs to the Members and reminded them that they had to submit them in person before the 2 nd of April at the very latest.	
6	Unitary Councillor's Report. Cllr Parsons reported that with the elections and purdah looming things are winding down at County Hall. Cornwall Housing will prioritise those people in greatest need of housing and not those with a local connection as previously done. Cllr Parsons said that he felt that the local connection policy had worked well in the past but this will change. Cornwall Council has been focused on budget setting for 2025/26 and the capitol budget will include £173m to fund education and repair school buildings. Cllr Parsons has been successful in securing £250k for a feasibility/business case study for Plusha Junction. The Government has failed to address the issues of Adult Social Care and there will be a reduction in action for children's places. Cornwall Council is to start charging in car parks that are currently free and there will be a reduction in the Community Chest funding for Cornwall Councillors. Cllr Parsons thanked the Parish Council for his time working for them and said that he hoped to be re-elected. The Parish Council thanked Cllr Parsons for his sterling work as its Ward Member.	
7	Public Participation. A member of the public said that he is concerned about the increase in the traffic and the speed of vehicles, particularly large vehicles, through the village, and would like to see bollards installed to protect some of the properties that immediately front the highway. Another member of the public said that a juggernaut blocked the road yesterday; the bus could not get through and there was no room for pedestrians to walk.	
8	Response to Public Participation. The above concerns will be addressed in later items of the agenda.	
9	Planning. a) Planning applications received before the agenda was finalised: PA25/01537. Land West of South Petherwin School, South Petherwin, Launceston. Application in principle for proposed residential development comprising up to 5 dwellings. The access to the proposed development is not clear from the application,	

	Council would like clarity. It was felt that access on the school side of the land would be safer. There was some discussion and the Chair invited those members of the public, who had not understood the rules of Public Participation, item 7, to speak about the planning. A member of the public said that a pavement needs to be put in and that parking for the school is already an issue and this development will make matters worse. The Clerk said that Highways would be consulted when a full application is submitted for consultation. It was RESOLVED to support this application, Cllr Lewis proposed, Cllr Screech seconded with all in favour. Cllr P Parsons arrived at the meeting. PA25/00821. Barn North of East Petherwin, South Petherwin, Launceston. Demolition of existing building and erection of one new dwelling, together with associated works in lieu of extant Class Q consent under PA23/04702. Following discussion it was agreed that clarity on the access is needed as the visibility from the entrance to the site is in question. It was RESOLVED to support the application, proposed by Cllr Ashdown, seconded by Cllr Lewis with all in favour. PA25/01520. Household Waste Recycling Centre and Refuse Transfer Station, Bangor Road, Penningillam Industrial Estate, Launceston. Development of a re-use area. It was RESOLVED to support this application, proposed by Cllr Ashdown, seconded by Cllr Screech with all in favour. b) Planning applications received after the agenda was published: PA25/01932, Linnick Farm, South Petherwin, Cornwall. Outline Planning Permission with all matters reserved for construction of a bungalow. Following a short discussion it was RESOLVED to support this application, proposed by Cllr Screech, seconded by Cllr Lewis with all in favour. Cllr P Parsons took the Chair for the rest of the meeting. c) Planning decisions notified by Cornwall Council: PA24/07365, Botathan Farm, South Petherwin, Launceston, PL15 7JL. Erection of an agricultural general purpose storage building, together with associated works. APPROVED d) Other Planning Matters. None.	
10	Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday February 12th 2025. It was RESOLVED that the Minutes are a true record of that meeting. Proposed by Cllr Barlow, seconded by Cllr Ashdown with all those who had been present at that meeting being in favour.	
11	Matters Arising from the above Minutes. None	
12	A30/B3257 Junction at Bodmin Services (Plusha). The Clerk had circulated the update from SPAG and the funding for the feasibility study the funding has already been minuted.	
13	Wind Turbine Funding. The Clerk has been advised by Cornwall Council that the Parish Council should seek legal advice to gain access to the 'frozen' funds held at Nat West. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk will get some quotes for this from local firms, proposed by Cllr Barlow, seconded by Cllr Ashdown with all in favour.	Clerk
14	Parish Matters a) Church Lighting. No update. b) Flagpole. Cllr Ashdown has obtained quotes for the flagpole and has been up the tower with Andy Crocombe who has sourced a new Oak block, at a cost of £45 for the pole to be secured in. Cllr Ashdown proposed the quote for the ground tube option, at £350, is accepted, seconded by Cllr Barlow with all in favour. Cllr Ashdown will ask for a pro forma invoice and the Clerk will deal with this.	Clerk

	c) VE Day Celebrations. The Clerk will look into the costs of celebration coins or pin badges.	Clerk
15	Highway and Footpath matters The Clerk has sent a list of the highways and footpaths issues to Oliver Jones, Cornwall Highways. The list includes: the visibility splays at Daws House and pedestrian safety, traffic calming through the village, potholes and road surfaces, a sign for South Petherwin, bollards to protect Corner Cottage and similar properties, overhanging trees on the highway and the trees between Trelinnoe Close and Trelinnoe Gardens, the drainage at South Petherwin Water, bollards to protect the Parish Pump and installation of the dog bin at Tregaller. Oliver Jones has responded that the Highways Steward and Ian Findler, CC Road Safety Officer are looking at the points that are appropriate for them and report back. The Clerk shall co-ordinate the installation of the bin with Biffa, etc. Highways is prepared to install posts to protect the Pump but has asked Council to consider whether more damage could be sustained if the bollards are hit and pushed into the Pump. Oliver Jones is asking Forestry about the trees.	Clerk
17	Correspondence. a) Email update from SPAG on Plusha Junction. Noted b) Email regarding involvement in the Flowerpot Festival. The Clerk read out an emailed letter regarding the Flowerpot Festival which invited all to support and take part. It was agreed that this had been a very successful event last year. The Parish Council suggested that it has its own Flowerpot this year. Noted. c) The Clerk has received a note from the cleaner of the toilets to say that there is a leak at the back of the panel, there has been a beer bottle smashed in the toilets and the manhole cover outside is rusting and full of holes. Cllr Barlow will ask Andy Crocombe to take a look at the cover and the Clerk will contact Dave Elcock regarding the leak repair.	JB Clerk
18	Finance. a) Payments. It was RESOLVED to make the payments for February, proposed by Cllr Barlow seconded by Cllr Lewis with all in favour of the following: Online – L Coles, Clerk’s salary etc. for February Online – HMRC, Clerk’s February PAYE Online – Angel Peerless cleaning of toilet & bus shelter February - £56.00 Online - South Petherwin Village Hall, hire of hall for coffee morning - £10.00 Online – Discount Displays (L Coles), A Board for advertising parish events - £116.88 Online – WesternWeb Ltd, (L Coles) deposit for new website - £306.00 Online – A Crocombe, repairs to Tregaller Notice Board - £87.70 Online A Crocombe, repairs to South Petherwin Notice Board - £75.00 Direct Debit – EDF Energy, monthly direct debit for electricity for toilets - £57.69 Direct Debit – Unity Trust, service charge - £6.00 Receipts: None b) Bank Reconciliations. It was RESOLVED to approve the bank reconciliation for February proposed by Cllr Barlow, seconded by Cllr Screech with all in agreement. The bank balances at 28th February 2025 totalled £39,466.72 c) It was RESOLVED to award a grant of £1490.25 to South Petherwin Parish Magazine from the Wind Turbine Fund. Proposed by Cllr Barlow, seconded by Cllr Lewis with all in favour. (Cllr P Parsons abstained from the vote because he is a member of the magazine committee).	Clerk

19	Any Other Business Cllr Barlow said that elderly parishioners have telephoned her to say the Launceston Medical Centre is no longer delivering prescriptions and they have not been advised of any alternative arrangements. It was agreed that the Clerk will send a letter of concern over the vulnerability of elderly/disabled patients and ask what alternative is in place. The Clerk is to co-ordinate the installation of the dog bin at Tregaller with Cornwall Council, Biffa and Highways. It was agreed that a Zoom meeting will be held on 2 nd April at 7pm to discuss the VE Day celebrations.	Clerk Clerk
20	Items for inclusion in future meetings. Nothing brought forward	
21	Date of next meeting. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 16 th April 2025 at 7pm in the Methodist Chapel Schoolroom, South Petherwin.	

There being no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.18 hrs.

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