Minutes of the meeting of South Petherwin Parish Council held on Wednesday 11th November October 2026, at 7.00pm, in South Petherwin Methodist Chapel Schoolroom, South Petherwin.

Present: Cllr P Parsons (Chairman), Cllr Barlow, Cllr Ashdown, Cllr Dixon, Cllr Screech, Cllr Middleton, Cllr Rowse.
There were 4 members of the public present.

In Attendance: Alison Barham, Parish Clerk

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1	**Chairman's welcome.** The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.	
2	Apologies. County Councillor Adrian Parsons.	
3	**Declarations of Interest.** **a) Agenda Items.** Cllr Parsons declared an interest in 19a. **b) Gifts**. None declared.	
4	**Consideration of written requests for dispensation.** None received.	
5	**Casual Vacancies.** None received, but a parishioner who is interested in joining the parish council, attended the meeting.	
6	Unitary Councillor's Report. Cllr Adrian Parsons sent in a full report which is available on the Parish Council website, including: Cornwall's Devolution Settlement and Foundation Strategic Authority Status. Changes at Cornwall Council – several senior executives have resigned recently. National Highways – talks trying to mitigate the issues due to the safety works which have been taking place on the A30. Launceston College - Department for Education issued a formal Notice to Improve to Athena Learning Trust, which operates Launceston College and several other schools across Cornwall and Devon. CC Assets – the Council may try to sell their development land along the Link Road at Pennygillam 20mph Roll Out – most areas now complete.	
7	**Public Participation.** Members of the public spoke regarding the Daws House build out – Cornwall Council have installed cameras to monitor it, and have now added bollards around it. The Daws House Community Speed Watch team have been trained and commenced operations. MSAS (Mobile Speed Activation Sign) – policy to be voted on later in meeting, and first data will be taken this month.	
8	**Response to Public Participation** Cllr Parsons thanked everyone for their comments and information, and mentioned the Emergency Plan cascade system – would members of the public be happy to help.	
9	**Planning.** **a)** Planning applications received before the agenda was finalised. **None received.** **b)** Planning applications received after the agenda was published: **None received.**	

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	c) Planning decisions from Cornwall Council. **PA26/05686** Extensions to farm machinery dealership building, Rundle & Co, Kennards House. **APPROVED.** **PA26/06552** Outline Planning Permission with some matters reserved for the construction of 5 dwellings Land adjacent to Trelinnoe Close Mrs C Davies. **APPROVED.** **d) Other Planning Matters.** None.	
10	**a) Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th October 2026** One amendment: Cllr Screech was marked as present and absent. After amending this error, it was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes are a true record of that meeting **Proposed by Cllr Barlow and seconded by Cllr Ashdown, all in favour.**	
11	**Matters Arising from the above Minutes**. None.	
12	**A30/B3257 Junction at Bodmin Services (Plusha).** No update.	
13	**Emergency Plan**. An Emergency Scenario was conducted by Cllr Middleton on November 9th and the councillors unanimously agreed that it was a very worthwhile exercise, with learnings to be taken forward and built in to the South Petherwin Emergency Plan. Thanks were extended to Cllr Middleton for his time. A similar exercise for members of the public will be held on 8th February 2027 in the Village Hall. The Clerk will ensure there is some budget set for the Plan, and will start creating the documentation.	**Clerk**
14	**Wind Turbine Funding.** New information has come to light that will now be reviewed.	
15	**Register of Interest Forms.** Members to complete revised forms.	
16	**Parish Matters** a) Trees opposite Trelinnoe Close. Reported by parishioner – touching fibre cable, but Highways advise fibre companies do not undertake trimming. b) Community engagement/next coffee morning: Emergency Scenario 8th Feb 2027. c) Remembrance Sunday 8th November 2026. It was resolved to send a thank you card to Olive Stevens for her involvement with the day, especially the display of poppies. **Proposed by Phil Parsons, seconded by Cllr Butler, with all in favour.**	
17	**Highway and Footpath matters** a) Daws House traffic calming measures. Discussed in Public Participation section. b) Flashing speed signs. Discussed in Public Participation section. c) Change of speed from 40mph to 30mph on stretch of road from Daws House up to South Petherwin. After reviewing, Highways will not change the speed limits. d) Grit bins & gritting of roads. After a query from a parishioner at the October meeting, Highways have confirmed that only the B3254 is gritted as a 'precautionary' route. The road past the school would only be gritted on a reactive basis ie. a prolonged cold spell. The updated price list on salt bins and refills has been obtained, as there was a request by a parishioner for one at the entrance to Trelinnoe Gardens. There is currently no budget for this at present, but it was agreed in principle to purchase a 1 tonne dumpy bag of salt for the existing bins if required. **Proposed by Cllr Parsons and seconded by Cllr Middleton with all in favour.** e) Lighting on School Hill; it was suggested that the Village Hall committee reviews this. Hole repairs in road: Highways have advised that the recent infilling was temporary. Clerk to check when the road is resurfaced, that it will cover the whole area around to the footpath. f) Church Walk. Unadopted area. Obtain quote from Highways for one-off resurfacing, and find possible funding. g) Road markings on B3254 near School Hill. Is it possible to bring out the white lines to match the line past the Church? Signpost marker opposite School Hill: Cllr Dixon to ask	**Clerk** **Clerk** **Cllr Dixon**

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	the homeowner if they are happy for the old wooden marker post be replaced by a new metal one. h) Tregaller Lane visibility of 30mph signs. Following feedback from the Community Speed Watch group in Daws House, Highways have been asked to cut back foliage and repair a speed sign.	
18	**Correspondence** A list of correspondence had previously been circulated. A thank you card from Cornwall Air Ambulance was circulated at the meeting.	
19	Finance. Cllr Parsons left the meeting, Vice Chair Cllr Screech took the chair. **a)** Payments. **It was RESOLVED to make the payments for October proposed by Cllr Barlow seconded by Cllr Dixon with all in favour** of the following: Online – A Barham, Clerk's salary etc. for October. Online – HMRC, Clerk's September PAYE, Employer NIC for October - £140.85 Online – Angela Peerless cleaning of toilets & bus shelter October - £56.00 Online – Julian Sanders, cutting of grass verges - £360.16 Online – Pennon Source for Business - £80.42 Direct Debit – British Gas, monthly direct debit for electricity for toilets - £19.42 was paid at end of October. Direct Debit – Unity Trust, service charge - £7.00 Receipts: None. It was proposed that Cllr Parsons return to the room as chair by Cllr Ashdown, seconded by Cllr Barlow with all in favour. **b)** Bank Reconciliations. **It was RESOLVED to approve the bank reconciliation for October proposed by Cllr Barlow seconded by Cllr Dixon with all in favour.** The bank balances at 31st October 2026 totalled £35,719.49 (includes £8,730.65 Wind Turbine Fund) **c)** Grant applications received for the Wind Turbine fund. None received. Other grant applications received: Methodist Church £500 for graveyard maintenance. **Proposed Cllr Screech, seconded Cllr Dixon with all in favour.** South Petherwin Parochial Church Council £500 for graveyard maintenance. **Proposed Cllr Barlow, seconded Cllr Rowse with all in favour.** **d)** CIL funding. Latest quote for new kerbing around the pump. Apply to the Community Area Partnership Highways Scheme. **e)** CC CIL funding agreement. It was RESOLVED to agree to the document being signed by the Chair and Vice Chair. **Proposed Cllr Ashdown, seconded Cllr Barlow, with all in favour.** **f)** Budget and precept. The Clerk will shortly be distributed proposals for the 2027/28 budget and precept to members. A Teams meeting will be held to discuss on November 24th at 7pm. Clerk to send out invite.	**Clerk** **Clerk**
20	**Policies** for consideration. **a)** Social media. **It was RESOLVED to adopt this policy, proposed by Cllr Screech, seconded by Cllr Dixon, with all in favour.** **b)** MSAS policy. After some amendments, it was RESOLVED to adopt this policy. **Proposed by Cllr Barlow, seconded by Cllr Rowse, with all in favour.** c) Casual vacancy protocol – to be discussed at the December meeting, along with Working group protocol/guidance notes.	
20	**Any Other Business.** None.	

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21	**Items for inclusion in future meetings**. • Frequent changes of speed from Daws House into South Petherwin. • Trekelland Bridge.	
22	**DATE OF NEXT MEETING: December 9th 2026.** January 13th 2027 All meetings will be held at South Petherwin Methodist Chapel Hall. **There being no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 20:50 hours.**	

Signed……Chairman Dated…….

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