

SOUTH PETHERWIN ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2010

The Annual Parish Meeting of South Petherwin parish Council was held in the Village Hall on Monday 24th May 2010.

Councillors Present Chairman Councillor P Parsons, Councillors: Mrs L Archer, A Emson, A Hosking, J Whiting.

Councillors Apologies Councillors: T Goodman, A Patterson, M Screech. P Vernon.

About 20 members of the public and representatives of village organisations were present.

The Chair was taken by Cllr A Hosking, Cllr P Parsons attended as Cornwall Councillor.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and on behalf of the Village thanked all those who had contributed towards the improvements made to the village hall during the past year.

Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday June 10th 2009 were approved.

Council Report Cllr Hosking reported that the two main issues of the year had been the new Sita development on the Pennygillam Estate and Trekelland Bridge.

Several meetings had been held with Sita regarding design and colour of the new buildings, the Parish Clerk addressed the full County planning committee to try and procure a cycle track and re-use facility, the issue of re-use is to be addressed within two years.

Trekelland Bridge had been badly damaged, Open meeting had been held with representatives from Lewannick and North Hill present, Cllr Hosking thanked Mr Oliver Jones the Area Highways Manager for his co-operation in the realignment of the road which it is hoped will solve the problem of large vehicles damaging the bridge.

Ongoing negotiations are taking place with the Church authorities re the bus shelter and School House development. It is hoped this will enable a parking area for the Village Hall as well as the church.

The Council is discussing with the School the possibility of Play Space provision within the school grounds.

School Report Mr Phil Wright, Headteacher, reported that the school has made great progress. Teachers are now taking classes of specialised subjects in the afternoons. The Badminton team and Tag Rugby team are in the county finals. The whole school has been involved with many activities including SPIVS and Bellringing.

An environmental area is being constructed together with two outdoor classrooms and a performance area.

There are plans to set up a 'walking bus' from the village. Mr Wright will leave the school in July in order to work in Malawi, the Chairman thanked him and wished him 'all the best' for the future. The new head teacher has been appointed he is Mr Tim Grey.

County Highways report Mr Oliver Jones the Area Highways Manager reported on the changes made since the new Cornwall Council was formed. After the very bad winter an extra £2m was needed for road repairs, £200,000 for this area. There has been a review of speed limits on A and B roads. It has been recommended that the B3254 from Congdons S Shop to Trecrogo be 50mph, from Trecrogo to South Petherwin 40mph, from South Petherwin to Daws House 50mph and from Daws House to Pennygillam 50mph. This was welcomed by all those present.

S.P.I.V.S. Mr Peter Bailey apologised for not attending the meeting. Mrs Jill Lee reported that the plans for Cornwall in Bloom are going ahead, some planting adjacent to the roads has been agreed with County Highways the Parish Council was thanked for the grant given. The competition is about the whole aspect of the village not just flower planting. A kissing gate has been obtained to replace the style at the end of the footpath by the village hall.

Village Hall Mrs Sue Vernon reported that the improvements are still ongoing, the kitchen, new windows, disabled toilets, and painting, are now complete, the heating is to be improved before next winter. There are now several organisations using the hall on a regular basis.

Mrs Vernon thanked everyone who had contributed towards the refurbishment.

Bell Ringers Mr Wheatley reported that the past year had been a successful year but there was a problem with number 2 bell which is cracked. Estimates for the refurbishment of all the bells are being sought. The cost is expected to be about £40,000 it is hoped that the village will support any fundraising necessary as the bells are part of village life

Parish Magazine Mrs Kay Montgomery reported that the magazine now has a new printer, she thanked the regular team who distribute the magazine, the costs are now covered by advertising. Any new contributors towards the content will be most welcome.

Garden Trail Mrs Lavinia Archer reported that last years Garden Trail was a success raising £850 for the Precious Lives appeal. There was a photographic exhibition in the Village Hall and an exhibition in the chapel hall. This year's Trail will be 12 gardens all within walking distance in the village with tea at Manderley. There will be exhibitions of country crafts in the village and competitions.

Community Bus Mrs Archer thanked all those companies who had contributed towards the success of the community bus during its first year. The bus calls at South Petherwin on Thursdays, no one has yet used it. The bus can be used for private hire and can be driven without a special licence.

Neighbourhood Watch Mrs Mary Stoneman reported on some problems in the village, a new co-ordinator is needed for the centre of the village.

Methodist Church Mrs Mary Stoneman reported a successful year at the various activities with an average of 25 people attending the Lunch Club each month she thanked the 6 helpers. She also thanked the Parish Council for the grant made during the year. Several organisations use the Church Hall regularly. The repair work currently being undertaken will cost about £25,000.

S.P.A.G.S. Mrs Penny Bailey reported that the allotment group is now in its second year, she thanked Mr Ian Trethane for the supply of water and manure. A sale was held recently and £140 was raised towards a compostable toilet They are now a member of the South West Counties Allotment Association. There will be a Harvest in the Village Hall.

Wildlife Group Mr Derek Pitman reported on the previous years activities, slide and film shows, guest speakers and visits to the Owl Sanctuary and Trevoise Head. New members are most welcome.

Pre School Mrs Wendy Long reported that the opening hours have now been extended to Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9.00am 'till 3.00pm. She thanked the Parish Council for two grants made during the year, and also Cornwall Council for a grant, a sensory garden has been planted and new bikes purchased. There will be various fund raising events during the summer. Although adjacent to the village school the Pre School is independent and has to raise its own funds

Village Shop Mrs Sarah Hart reported that the Post Office is extremely busy but the constraints of the building means it was not viable to expand the Post Office area. There is to be another Post Office network review in 2011, the trading figures are being assessed now together with a review of Post Office incomes. Meetings are being held with other Post Office and Village Store owners in the area to support each other. Mrs Hart explained all the services the Post Office has to offer and goods available from the shop. The closure of the B3254 whilst Trekilland Bridge was being repaired diminished income by 25%.

Parish Website Mr Roger Pyke apologised for not attending the meeting. He reported that the website is popular but he needs more information about events etc.

Speed Watch Mr Alex Emson reported that the road markings have now been renewed and checked, speed limits can now be enforced when road safety cameras are in action. Speed Watch is about to start with 6 people trained and willing.

Skittles The Skittles club has celebrated its 20th anniversary. A fund raising event in the autumn raised £200.

County Council Councillor Phil Parsons reported that he had recently attended a meeting with representatives from the Highways Agency, County Highways, Alternun, Lewannick and South Petherwin regarding the safety of the A30 at Plusha junction another meeting will be held on June 3rd. He is hoping that a co-operative group for rural post offices will be formed in the near future. The Local Development Framework will be reviewed during the next year. Cllr Parsons was asked about the proposals made last year that some street lights will be turned off at midnight. He will look into this matter.