

SOUTH PETHERWIN PARISH COUNCIL: PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting of South Petherwin Parish Council held on 10th February 2016 in the Methodist Chapel Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Councillors D Rogers (Chairman), N Burgess, J Butler, R Kneebone, C Powlesland, M Screech.

Representations from the public:

Parishioners & a member of Lewannick Parish Council attended the meeting to talk about Planning Application PA15/10051 Blackhill Quarry.

Apologies: Councillors A Hosking, P Parsons, A Finnimore, County Councillor N Burden.

16/014 Declarations of Interest

None.

16/015 Minutes: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting of the 13th January 2016 were approved. Proposed Cllr Burden, seconded Cllr Butler.

16/016 Matters arising from the minutes. There were none.

16/017 Urgent Items was brought forward.

Planning Application PA15/10051: Having heard the information & viewpoints from members of the public regarding this application, the Council decided to add to their previously expressed concerns on the Planning Portal & emphasise that if these concerns were not addressed then the Council's support would be withdrawn.

SLCC membership & training courses: it was agreed to join the SLCC (Society for Local Council Clerks) due to the membership benefits and reduced rates for courses. Joining fee (one-off) of £5 and annual membership of £65. Finance course in April to be booked by the Clerk to ensure place, which will now be at the reduced rate of £95 plus VAT. Proposed Cllr Screech, seconded Cllrs Whiting & Kneebone.

16/018 Planning

Applications Received:

PA16/00436 Botathan Farm, erection of a general purpose agricultural storage building. JB Quinn & Sons. Supported. Proposed Cllr Whiting, seconded Cllr Kneebone.

PA16/00497 Hendra Garage, erection of a new dwelling with associated works. Mr & Mrs Congdon. No objection, subject to privacy requirements of school if any. Proposed Cllr Butler, seconded Cllr Screech.

PA16/00101 Trevethy Barn, Conversion of part of ex-cattle shed to double garage and conversion of existing double garage to granny annex. Mr P. Barnes. No objection, with the proviso that it doesn't contravene policies regarding new & separate dwellings being built outside the curtilage of the village & that it is for the use of relatives only. Proposed Cllr Butler, seconded Cllr Whiting.

PA15/11835 St Thomas the Apostle Rural: noted.

Pre-Applications:

PA16/00209 Land North West of 26 Tiny Meadows. Pre-application advice for conversion of garage to single dwelling. Mr T. Davey.

Decisions:

PA15/09185 Wind turbine at Botathan Farm, approved with conditions.

PA15/10013 Extended mezzanine, Unit 2 Tregellas House, approved with conditions.

Approval of reserved matters PA15/11432 Land South of Tamarisk.

Appeals: None.

16/019 Police Matters:

Letter received from West Cornwall Commander Superintendent Pearce regarding levels of engagement going forward. For smaller councils, this constitutes a member of the neighbourhood policing team attending an AGM or similar meeting each year.

A sheet of useful information was also received, which the Clerk will put up on noticeboards & send for inclusion on website.

16/020 Employment Committee: No meetings have taken place.

16/021 Highways & Footpaths Matters

1. Speed of cars on B3254: CC Highways covert speed monitoring device is in operation. Cllr Parsons recently met with Oliver Jones. The parish requires a full report on flows, speed, and time of day of traffic entering & exiting the village in two locations. Apparently the Speed Visor only provides one line of traffic report.

2. Tiny Meadows footpath issue regarding area not being adopted by Cornwall Council. Clerk has asked CC Highways how much it would cost to adopt the land, no reply received as yet. Land Registry to be checked.

3. Concern re. access out of School Hill on to the main road. Highways to review the advance warning signage, no update received as yet.

4. Potholes: Tregaller Close, on road from Trecrogo to Trebullet, on road to Linnick Farm & road from toilets past Brockle Farm to T junction. Cllr Parsons met with Oliver Jones on site. Pot holes to be patched & more serious areas to be put on resurfacing schedule.

The Clerk will meet with Oliver Jones and Cllr Parsons before the next Parish Council meeting.

16/022 Current & Ongoing Business

1. New Pensions Regulations: Clerk has updated the system.

2. Noticeboards: Councillor P Parsons to obtain quotes for restoring OR replacing the noticeboards. Water ingress in board by village seat.

3. Standing Orders: Review is on-going.

4. Accountability framework: new Transparency Code for smaller authorities: Following a meeting with Roger Pyke, Cllr Parsons & the Clerk regarding updating the Parish Website to a system such as WordPress which has better access & allows a few approved 'keyholders' to the site, the Council agreed to apply for £300 from the Transparency Code fund for the upgrade. Application is required by end Feb 2016.

5. Discontinuation of paper planning applications. Deadline for implementation to 1st April 2016. Workshop attended by Chairman and Clerk on 18th January 2016 was very informative. Parish Council will need to agree how they will approach paperless planning at the next meeting. When the Clerk receives notification of a planning application on-line, she will email Councillors (with a link if possible).

6. Post box for Parish magazines on wall of toilets. Cllr Parsons to advise status.

16/023 New business:

1. Cornwall Local Plan Strategic Policies. Public consultation phase 25th Jan – 7th March 2016 on further significant changes to the Draft Local Plan. Clerk to note the Parish Council's interest that they may still wish to speak at the Enquiry.

2. Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments Ltd (replaced Audit Commission). It was decided to opt-in, and therefore the new authority will be required to make audit arrangements. Note that from 2017/18 very few smaller authorities will be required to undergo a limited assurance audit review or pay an audit fee, but they will need to complete & return an annual return in accordance with the Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities and complete an annual exemption form. Proposed Cllr Burgess, seconded Cllr Screech.

3. National Planning Policy Framework. Cornwall Planning Policy reply to Planning Policy team was noted.

4. Toilets. Opening/closing hours were discussed. Hand towel dispenser to be put on the wall in the Unisex side.

5. Good Councillor's Guide: 2016 edition. 15 copies of the guide to be purchased. Proposed Cllr Powlesland, seconded Cllr Screech.

16/024 Cornwall Councillors Report: None.

16/025 Correspondence - as attached.

16/026 Finance

1. Quote from J Sanders re grass cutting in 2016 received & accepted. Proposed Cllr Screech, seconded Cllr Butler.

2. Received contract renewal from EDF (for electricity for toilets). Clerk to check rates or alternatives.

Bank Statement

Current Account	Balance 1st February 2016	£6,145.42
Savings Account		£1,058.73
Total Balance		£7,204.15

Invoices due for payment

A Peerless toilet cleaning January	£ 56.00
South West Water	£ 38.12
Parish Clerk payment (1 month salary & expenses)	£182.14

Proposed Cllr Whiting, seconded Cllr Butler.

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Urgent items:

Moved to Minute item 16/017.

Items of Information:

Cllr Powlesland had been in contact with the Home Fire Safety Check team who had been very useful. Their details to be put on village noticeboards & website by the Clerk.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 21.20.

Next meeting will be 9th March 2016 in the Methodist Chapel Hall.

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