SOUTH PETHERWIN PARISH COUNCIL: PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting of South Petherwin Parish Council held on 11th November 2015 in the Methodist Chapel Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Councillors D Rogers (Chairman), A Finnimore, A Hosking, M Screech, R Kneebone, N Burgess.

Representations from the public:

The agent talked on behalf of Planning Application PA15/09185 (see below).

Mr Dyson from Highways England & Mr Phillips from Cormac gave an overview of possible road improvements at Plusha Junction on the A30.

Apologies: Councillors P Parsons, J Butler, C Powlesland, J Whiting.

15/154 Declarations of Interest

Cllr A Finnimore declared an interest in PA15/09185 and Cllr A Hosking declared an interest in PA15/09829.

15/155 Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of 14th October 2015 were approved & signed. Proposed Cllr M Screech, seconded Cllr N Burgess.

15/156 Matters arising from the minutes. There were none.

15/157 Planning

Applications Received:

PA15/09185 Proposed erection of a single wind turbine with max blade tip height of 77m at land at Botathan Farm Road from Treguddick Lane to Hendra Lane.

Cllr Finnimore left the room. The Council felt that this application would benefit the local economy (local jobs and businesses), be a direct usage of electricity and bring minimal disturbance to the parishioners. Proposed Cllr Kneebone, seconded Cllr Hosking. Supported.

Cllr Finnimore rejoined the room. Cllr Hosking left the room.

PA15/099829 Proposed single storey extension to front elevation, storm porch to rear internal alterations. Glenview, Kennards House. Proposed Cllr Kneebone, seconded Cllr Screech. Supported. Cllr Hosking rejoined the room.

Decisions: None **Appeals:** None

15/158 Police Matters: None.

15/159 Employment Committee: Further to the committee meeting on November 2nd 2015 to review, documents on the new policies were circulated and approved. Proposed Cllr Kneebone, seconded Cllr Hosking.

Part 2 of the Employment Committee was closed session. The Clerk left the room. On rejoining the room, the Council stated that they were pleased with the Clerk's performance, and that she had passed her probationary period. She was therefore offered the position on a permanent position, which she was pleased to accept.

15/160 Highways & Footpaths Matters

- 1. Tremeale Hill: CC Highways have now completed work on the extension of kerbing.
- **2. Speed of cars on B3254:** no update has been given by CC Highways on the covert speed monitoring device in operation in South Petherwin.
- **3. Tiny Meadows footpath** issue regarding area not being adopted by Cornwall Council. Parish Council will check with Land Registry. Cllr Burden recommended that the Parish Council ask CC Highways how much it would cost to adopt the land.
- **4. A30 Plusha Junction proposals.** See representations from the public.
- **5. Grit bins:** request from residents for grit bins at Petherwin Water & Kennards House. Clerk to order the bins from Logistics Hub, now that the grant has been received. Cllrs Hosking & Finnimore will liaise with the Clerk regarding the placement of the bins. Highways Working Group also to discuss with Mr Jones (Highways) regarding liability, training, guidance & policy for ongoing maintenance.
- **6.** Traffic speeding through Tregadillett village. Member of public has reported problems with cars & farm vehicles speeding & causing hazards in the village. Some Parish Councillors attended the St. Thomas Parish Council meeting. They are looking into moving the 30mph warning sign past Moor View (eastern end of the village).
- **7.** Concern re. access out of School Hill on to the main road, especially due to extra use from shop. Highways to review the advance warning signage.
- 8. Overgrown footpath into Tregadillett. Understood it will be cut.
- **9. South West Ambulances** have been attempting to use the track to Penbownder House (Trebursye Manor) from Tregaller Lane, which isn't a right of way. Clerk advise correct route to SW Ambulances.
- **10. Footpath sign** at other end of the track above also missing. Clerk has notified the Countryside Information Officer, but at present the budget prohibits the replacement of any signs.

15/161 Current & Ongoing Business

- **1. New pensions regulations:** Pension options to be sent to the Clerk from the Parish Council. The first staging date is 1st February 2016.
- **2 Noticeboards:** Clerk to obtain quotes for repairs/upgrades to the boards prior to applying to the Ruth Burden Fund for £200 towards the repairs. Deferred to next meeting.
- **3. SPED** (**South Petherwin Emergency Defibrillator**): ownership of the SPED-funded Defibrillator/Emergency noticeboard to be given to the Parish Council. The SPED Chairman will be writing to the Parish Council shortly.
- 4. Standing Orders: Review is on-going.
- **5.** Accountability framework: new Transparency Code for smaller authorities: fund for small authorities to help meet the costs of the Transparency Code to be applied to for help towards the costs of the Village Website. Clerk has received the form for applying and needs to check that the criteria are met.
- 6. **Discontinuation of paper planning applications.** Parish Council has had their request to extend the deadline for implementation to 1st April 2016 accepted, as Clerk & Chairman not attending a workshop until 18th January 2016. Clerk also to request a simplification of the ease of use of the Planning Portal.

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- **7. Minute book(s) prior to 1920 missing.** Requests for information leading to their whereabouts has gone out on Parish Website, in Parish Magazine & in Cornish & Devon newspaper.
- **8. Wreath for Remembrance Day, November.** The wreath was ordered by the Parish Church this year, and the Parish Council agreed to reimburse them for the costs, as in previous years.

15/162 New business: None.

15/163 Cornwall Councillors Report: Cllr Neil Burden reported on the Local Plan, Launceston Hospital & concerns over the budget.

15/164 Correspondence - as attached. A Thank You card was also received from South Petherwin Primary School for organising the mobile skate park.

15/165 Finance

- 1. Budget & Precept: a meeting will be held on 18th November 2015 at 7.30pm in the Methodist Chapel Hall.
- 2. South West Water: need to submit meter reading in order to close account & change name (to Parish Clerk).

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Current Account	Balance 1st November	£6,849.81
Savings Account		£1,058.55
Total Balance		£7,908.36

Invoices due for payment

South West Water	£ 36.43
A Peerless toilet cleaning October	£ 71.67
Parish Clerk payment (1 month salary & expenses)	£160.76
Remembrance wreath	£ 15.00

Payment of invoices proposed Cllr Screech, seconded Cllr Finnimore.

Clerk to check with South Petherwin Community Fund re payment of grant for Skate Park.

Urgent items: Cllr Screech reported sinking of the road from Trecogo to Trebullett. Clerk to contact Highways.

Items of Information: None.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 21.30.

Next meeting Wednesday 9th December 2015 at 7.30pm in the Methodist Chapel Hall.