

SOUTH PETHERWIN PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting

A meeting of South Petherwin Parish Council was held in the Methodist Chapel Hall on Wednesday 10th December 2014.

Present Councillors: A Finnimore, M Screech, P Parsons, Mrs Dawn Rogers, R Kneebone.

Representations from the public. Three new potential Councillors attended and briefly introduced themselves to Councillors. At the end of the meeting the prospective Councillors were invited to formally apply to the Clerk so their co-option may be discussed and decided at the next meeting.

Apologies Cllrs R J Whiting, A Hosking, Cornwall Cllr Burden

In the absence of Cllr Whiting, Vice Chairman Mrs Rogers took the Chair.

14/163 To adopt temporary change to Standing Orders. Clerk explained need for introducing additional paragraphs d) and e) to SO 12. Proposed Cllr Parsons, seconded Cllr Screech.

14/164 Declarations of Interest. Cllr R Kneebone in PA14/10761.

14/165 Minutes
The minutes of the meeting of 12th November were approved and signed.
Proposed Cllr Parsons, seconded Cllr Screech.

14/166 Matters Arising
There were none.

14/167 Planning.

- Applications Received.
PA14/09854 Use of part of St Paternus Church (12 x 8ft) as Community Shop and Post Office. Clerk Supported Proposed Cllr Finnimore, seconded Cllr Kneebone
Cllr Kneebone left the room.
PA14/10761 Construction of pair semi-detached dwellings, after demolition of garages Trelinnoe Lane, South Petherwin. Supported proposed Cllr Finnimore, seconded Cllr Screech.
Cllr Kneebone returned to the room.
PA14/11031 Variation of condition Homeleigh, Tregadillett.
Councillors felt unable to comment since insufficient information was available.

- Applications Received after preparation of Agenda
There were none

- Planning Appeals
There were none

- Planning Decisions – Approved
There were none

5. Other Matters

The Clerk informed Council that Cornwall Planning will be ceasing sending hardcopy plans in the future. Alternatives were discussed and it was decided to try the use of a projector available via a councillor. The Clerk will also request paper copies in future from applicants or agents.

14/168 Police Matters

Problems with parking near the Parish Pump have been referred to the PCSO for attention.

14/169 Highways and Footpaths.

1. Trekelland Bridge – new has been damage reported to Cornwall Council and repair may require closure. Cormac have advised that repairs to the bridge average one per year over the last 11 years. Cllr Screech reported that the site survey has been progressing well. After discussion it was decided the Highways Committee would keep the situation under review with a plan to coordinate with Lewannick PC when appropriate to press Cornwall Council to commit to improvement of the bridge.
2. Winter Gritting. Cllr Kneebone asked whether the short section of road from the Trethorne junction roundabout towards the village would be included in gritting. Agreed that the Highways Committee would research plans and arrange for a letter to be written to Cornwall Council advising of the need.
3. Contract for 2015 weed treatment. Contact from two companies. Clerk to obtain comparison quotations

14/170 Current and on-going business

1. Play Area – Grant application to Cllr Burden's Community Fund resolved not to pursue at this point. Proposed Cllr Parsons, seconded Cllr Kneebone Clerk's letter to Head of School approved with one addition. Clerk confirmed clarification had been provided to the Turbine Community Benefit Committee.
A letter from an anonymous source has been printed in the Parish Magazine querying access to the Play Area. Clerk advised Head Teacher was willing to respond jointly with Council. After discussion it was decided the Council would not respond to an anonymous letter. Considerable effort had gone into securing a location for the Play Area and the option of using school land was the most cost effective and has been used successfully in other parishes. It was suggested that the Head be asked to ensure the posted notice had the specific times and dates of school terms so that the public would be aware of availability. It was suggested that this information be published in the Parish Magazine and on the website.
2. Parish Pump. Work is largely complete. Thanks were expressed to Cllrs Parsons and Hosking as well as Oliver Jones and Mark Brewster of Cornwall Council who supplied bollards and equipment to ensure a safe working environment.
3. Noticeboards. Clerk and Cllr Hosking in contact to assess need for repairs. Cllr Parsons has offered to assist.
4. Co-option of Councillors. Clerk advised Council that two of the applicants had come from an advertisement on the Launceston Noticeboard Facebook page. A useful resource for the future and perhaps a route for Council communications also via its own Facebook page at some stage.
5. Amendments to Standing Orders. Copies of old and new Order formats

have been circulated to Cllrs Parsons and Rogers to study.

14/171 New Business

1. Emergency Box from Western Power. After discussion it was decided that the box should be circulated round groups in the Parish and the Parish Magazine asked to create an article on the subject of planning for power cuts. Location of the box in the longer term to be decided by council in due course.
2. Precept Budget 2015/2016. The Clerk had circulated additional copies of the report deferred from the last meeting. Clerk advised that data was required by Cornwall Council before 31st December but had arranged a potential extension to 15th January. Council decided to defer the decision to January meeting.
3. Clerk had produced a report on hours of work, salary review and proposed holidays. This was referred to the Employment Committee. Cllrs Parsons and Screech offered to join the Committee in addition to Cllrs Hosking and Rogers. The Committee will meet on Monday 19th January in the Chapel Hall at 7.30pm. Clerk is taking leave from 15th December to 5th January.
4. Post Office/Community Shop – progress with the Post Office is slow.
5. Defibrillator Insurance. Clerk advised that to cover the item on the current Council policy would cost an additional £21 per year.
6. Christmas Lantern making day. A grant was requested from the Council who agreed to pay the hire of the hall £24. Proposed Cllr Rogers, seconded Cllr Parsons. (approved under Section 145 1 (d) Local Government Act 1972 – development/improvement of ..arts and crafts.)
7. The matter of future grants was discussed and the use of Turbine Committee funds. Cllr Rogers will suggest to the Committee the possibility of providing a small fund to the Council for short notice small items of expenditure grants, or to set up a system within the Community Fund process to which such applications could be referred.

Correspondence received as listed attached included letter of support for the Post Office from Dan Rogerson and an application from Cornwall Blind Association. Council decided to continue its practice of only supporting parish based organisations.

14/172 Finance

1. Summary Statement

Income this month £252.00 LMP payment, £2470.69 VAT refund.

2. Bank statement/accounts

Current Account Balance	01-Nov	£3627.84
Transfer from Savings Acct		0
Expenditure (debited)	01-Dec	(£183.63)
Unpresented Cheques		<u>(£72.00)</u>
Balance		£3366.21
Income this month		£2722.69
Expenditures this month		<u>(£1074.71)</u>
Balance		<u>£5014.19</u>
Savings Account		<u>£1057.80</u>
Total Balance		<u>£6071.99</u>

3. Accounts to be Paid

Signed

Total Accounts (listed on schedule attached) £1074.71.
Proposed Cllr Parsons, seconded Cllr Kneebone.

14/173 Cornwall Councillor Report.
There was no report

14/174 Other Items for Information

The Clerk circulated a listing of Council Meetings and the Parish Meeting for the coming year. This will also be posted on the noticeboards, and website and passed to the Parish Magazine.

There being no other business the meeting was closed.

Next meeting of the Parish Council will be on 14th January 2015 in the Methodist Chapel Hall.