

SOUTH PETHERWIN PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of South Petherwin Parish Council was held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 14th May 2014.

Present Chair: R J Whiting. Councillors: A Finnimore, Mrs C Goodman, T Goodman, A Hosking, R Kneebone, P Parsons, Mrs Dawn Rogers, M Screech, Mrs M Tyler.

Apologies Councillors: PCSO Clare Danson. County Councillor N Burden

Representations from the public. Mr Philip Rees explained the background to his application PA14/03246 Sand practice area. Cllr Parsons and Mr Peter Bailey summarised work undertaken so far on the WW1 Project and the need for increased expenditure. There was confusion over the Council's agreement to underwrite the funding rather than give a grant and this was discussed. Grants have been received from the Community Benefit Fund and the Parish Newsletter.

Declarations of Interest. Cllr Parsons declared an interest in the WW1 project.

14/065 Minutes The minutes of the meeting of 9th April were approved and signed. Proposed by Cllr Parson, seconded by Cllr Hosking. Action

Matters Arising

14/066 WWI Centenary Project. Cllr Parsons having declared an interest left the room. Cllr Finnimore reported the desire of the Group to keep their activities separate from the Council. The funding of the project was discussed and the mechanics for payment for printing. It was unanimously decided that the Council fund the Project with a grant of £600 the majority of this to be drawn from monies arising from the closure of the Social Committee fund last year. The balance to come from a Section 137 grant. Payment will be in the form of direct payment by the Council of the printing costs (quoted as £460) on presentation of invoice, with the balance paid into the Group's funds.

14/067 Roads. Problems with roads and potholes from the previous meeting had been reported to Highways and works undertaken. Flooding outside the Household Waste & Recycling Centre had been rectified and was explained. Trekelland Bridge. Cornwall Council (CC) replied to Council's advice about recent further damage to the bridge to the effect that a feasibility study was being undertaken but was low priority given the extensive repairs elsewhere in the county. Clerk noted he had diarised a follow up on the feasibility study for August. AB

14/068 Community Benefit. Clerk reported that the 2014/15 payment had been received by the Group from the Trevozah turbine amounting to £2607.50.

14/069 Village Pump. Cllr Parsons reported that the section of handle was still missing but he will progress repairs. PP

14/070 Play Area. Cllr Hosking has met with Sarah Mason from CALC who gave valuable advice and suggestions on the setting up of the Play

Area. Cllr Hosking reported that three tenders had been received and these were studied by the Council. Council unanimously voted to choose the most cost effective option and authorised Cllr Hosking to negotiate price with the company. It was noted that the PC had agreed to make a contribution of £10,000 towards the Play Area. Cllr Mrs Rogers commented that the Council has to maintain a reserve equivalent to the annual precept and the level of the Council's contribution needs to be considered with this in mind. It was commented that the council might not be able to fund the full cost of the Play Area and other sources of grants should be researched. (N.B. from Clerk. The Council have not voted to make a grant to the Play Area Project. Minute 11/178 September 2011 notes that the council supported the scheme in principal and thought it might be able to contribute up to £10,000. Governance and Accountability Guide advises councils have no legal powers to hold revenue reserves other than those for working capital needs or for specifically earmarked purposes, when year end general reserves significantly exceed the precept an explanation should be provided to the auditor.)

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14/071 Council Housing. Stuart Blackie had reported the activities undertaken by Cornwall Housing to let 4 Trecrogo Lane End in a timely fashion. Clerk reported that a local family have been offered the property, which should become available for occupation from 16th May. Council asked Clerk to write to Mr Blackie thanking him for the interest he had taken in the case his efforts.

AB

14/072 Landlake Bridge. Clerk reported receipt of an email from Cormac explaining the reasons for the repair on this bridge and advising the cost to have been £26,500.

14/073 Footpaths. Broken finger post on footpath 552/3/1 had been reported to CC who advised funds were very restricted and supplied two way-sign discs. Cllr Finnimore offered to check the location of the broken finger post and place the discs.

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14/074 Training Clerk reported on the recent Audit and Accounts Training highlighting areas of change and concern for the future regarding the Localism legislation. The impact of this will be to require changes to policy and procedure, which the Clerk will propose in due course when advice becomes available from CALC. Clerk advised of the next "Working with your Council" course of 6 sessions over 6 months at a cost of £225+VAT. Approval of funding this course for the Clerk to attend proposed by Cllr Parsons seconded by Cllr Screech.

14/075 Housing Allocation Policy Review. CC has circulated a proposal for changes to the Housing Allocation Scheme. Consultation is until 13th June. Clerk summarised the proposed changes and questions asked in the consultation document. Clerk had circulated details of this by email but will recirculate direct links to the online questionnaire and summary document for Councillors to respond individually if they so wish. The issue of special consideration for border areas was raised and Clerk asked to write to CC regarding this.

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14/076 Review of Polling Districts & Polling Places CC has circulated a questionnaire for Councils to answer. Clerk outlined the issues and was authorised unanimously by Council to respond that no changes were required.

14/077 Planning

Applications Received.

PA14/02874 – Trethorne Leisure Farm - removal of condition on PA13/03342 (Approved - turbine) - No comment from Council as outside parish.

PA14/03246 - Shepherds Barn Trevosper Farm Pipers Pool Launceston Cornwall PL15 7SZ - Sand practice area 60m by 35m - Mr Philip Rees – Support proposed Cllr Parsons, seconded Cllr Mrs Rogers, proposal carried unanimously.

Approvals Received.

PA14/01881 & 01884 Erection of livestock buildings Treguddick Farm.

PA14/01809 Listed building consent Strand Cottage.

14/078 Cornwall Councillor Report. No report received

14/079 Finance.

Initial precept payment has been received (£2500 + £164.20 CTS grant)

Clerk reported guttering on bus shelter and paintwork needed attention. Quotation received from G Bateman £192+VAT. Proposal to proceed with work proposed by Cllr Parsons, Seconded by Cllr Kneebone. Proposal carried.

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Discussion over selection of an approved contractor for small works for council at an agreed rate. Clerk to place on agenda for next meeting.

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Accounts to be paid

SWW Bill £17.93 Cheque 354

Electricity £24.05 Cheque 355

Insurance £466.83 Cheque 356

Proposed and approved unanimously.

Approval of Annual Accounts and Annual Return for audit.

Clerk presented figures for the year including bank reconciliation, variations, justifications and reserves. Clerk read through the statements the Council were approving as part of the audit.

Approval of Annual Accounts and Governance statement for signature by Chairman and Clerk proposed by Cllr Parson, seconded by Cllr Screech, proposal carried.

14/080 Correspondence. As listed

There being no other business the meeting was closed.

Next meeting of the Parish Council will be on 11th June 2014 in the Village Hall.