

SOUTH PETHERWIN PARISH MEETING 2012

The Annual Parish Meeting of South Petherwin Parish Council was held in the Village Hall on Thursday May 10th

Councillors Present Chairman Councillor A Hosking, Councillors Mrs L Archer, P Parsons, M Screech.

Councillor Apologies Councillors: Mrs Tyler, J Whiting

Twelve members of the public and representatives of community organisations were present.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The minutes of the meeting of the 2011 meeting were approved.

Village School Report Tim Grey, head teacher of the primary school reported that the school is currently full (105 pupils) and was oversubscribed for the September intake. Due to funding cuts for small schools there are plans for the village school in the immediate area to formally collaborate and form the Launceston Rural Learning Trust. Consultation papers on this are now in circulation.

Wind Turbines and Community Benefits The Chairman welcomed Ms Carol Reeder from the Natural Resources department at Cornwall Council. Ms Reeder outlined the different ways Community Benefits can be received. In Kind, a Lump Sum, Annually or in shares in the scheme, the benefit is calculated on the capacity of the turbine not the output. The revenue can be administered in a number of ways, by the community setting up an administrative body, the developer can administer or the Cornwall County Community Foundation will do the administration and charge a 12% fee. The developer has a right to choose preferred uses for the money.

Parish Magazine Mrs Kaye Montgomery reported that the magazine is now into its 9th year, the 50th edition will be published in July. The amount of advertising is growing and people appreciate the value of advertising in the magazine. Kaye will be stepping down as editor after the next issue, she thanked the editorial committee who have worked well together over the past years especially Phil Parsons and Derek Pitman, the new editor will be Helena Northmore. The Chairman thanked Kaye on behalf of the community for all she has done for the magazine.

Web Site Mr Roger Pyke apologised for not attending the meeting. He reported that he needs more information for the web site there have been in excess of 11000 hits so far. The 1911 census for the parish can now be seen on the site. The Chairman thanked Roger for running the website.

Village Hall Mr Derek Pitman reported that the Village Hall committee is managing to make a bit more money than it is spending. A Short Mat Bowles mat has been given to the hall by Kensey Bowling Club this will be in use shortly. The village hall has donated £100 towards the jubilee celebrations, in all £400 has been donated towards costs and prizes.

Wild Life Group Mr Derek Pitman reported that the Wild Life Group have been meeting for five years, there are fewer members than previously and new members will be welcome.

Police PC Aran Ward and PCSO Clair Danson attended the meeting. They reported that there have been eight or nine incidents in the past 6 months, these have not been in any way threatening to the community. The Launceston area (including the 16 parishes) have on average 16 to 18 crimes a week. The police force is to economise by £50m over the next four years, it is expected that 700 out of 3500 officers will leave. The force will then have the same number of officers as it employed in the late 1980's. The Rural Policing grant has been cut and the county precept is less.

Church Bells Mrs Sue Vernon reported that the bells are almost ready for collection, the number 2 bell had to be re-cast, it now has the Queens crest on and will be known as the Jubilee Bell. The D S Smith company in Launceston transported the bells to Loughborough and will bring them back to Launceston. John Atkinson will then bring the bells back to South Petherwin by steam engine. The Bishop of Truro will re-dedicate the bells.

Jubilee Celebrations Mrs Sue Vernon outlined the proposed celebrations to be held in the village, everyone will be encouraged to decorate their houses, mugs will be presented to all children of 16 and under resident in the village. There will be a mini scarecrow competition for children. A leaflet will be printed and put through every door.

Neighbourhood Watch Mrs Mary Stoneham welcomed the new PCSO Clair Danson. She said there had been a breakdown in communications around Christmas but that is better now.

Methodist Chapel Mrs Mary Stoneman reported that the united carol service at Christmas was a great success. The schoolchildren use the Chapel for special events at Christmas and other times. There are 27 people who regularly attend the Luncheon Club, the Chapel was very sorry when John Parsons died, he was a great patron of the Chapel. At present the hall is used by art, patchwork, the U3A and BIMBOS groups among others. An inspection has revealed faults in the roof, it will have to be replaced in about five to ten years.

St Paternus Church It was reported that the Rev'd Probert retired last July, a successor has not yet been appointed. The Church Wardens are Mrs Valerie and Miss Deborah Adams. Various fund raising events have taken place over the past year, the Summer Fair this year will be on July 28th. An inspection of the structure of the church has taken place, the building is in good order, there should be no need for any major structural repairs in the next five years.

Allotments David Thomas reported that the allotments are in their fourth year, there are 22 members, five of the original members have decided not to carry on but seven new people have joined, some from Tregadillett and Launceston. The allotments are let as whole plots, half plots or quarter plots. During the winter gales the notice board, poly-tunnel and shed roof blew away.

Community Bus Mrs Lavinia Archer reported that there are now two buses and they can be booked online. An agreement has been made with the Medical Centre for the bus to be used to carry people to flu vaccination clinics. More passengers would be welcomed especially for excursions. The fare is £2 - £4 return concessions £1 - £2. Extra admin staff and drivers are always welcome.

Village Shop Mrs Lavinia Archer reported that the village shop committee thought enough finance had been raised but then the offer of the lease was withdrawn. All money donated has been returned and all the paperwork is still available if it should be needed in the future.

Chairman's Report Cllr Andrew Hosking reported that it had been a busy year for the council, the public are welcome to attend all council meetings. The car park for the use of the Church and Village Hall is working reasonably well with not much unauthorised parking. The funding of the parish council has been cut this year, the £5000 aggregate levy funding has been withdrawn by the government and the £900 grant from Cornwall Council to maintain the toilets has been withdrawn, this meant that the parish council had to raise the precept this year. The new waste and recycling facility on the Pennygillam Industrial Estate has opened, there have been complaints about the steepness of the speed humps, but on the whole it is a very good facility. One wind turbine at Trevoza Cross has received planning permission, others are in the system, there have been two public meetings. The parish council will always try to keep the public informed of planning applications in the future.

Cornwall Council Report Councillor Phil Parsons reported that the new waste and recycling collections are still causing problems after six weeks. The speed humps at the new waste site have been reduced but they are still considered too vicious. The subsidy for bus services has been reduced and the services retendered, there is still a service through South Petherwin. The kerbs are to be dropped at the Trelinnoe Gardens pedestrian entrance. Cllr Parsons has been assured that the erection of wind turbines in the parish will entail the use of local labour. The responses and appraisal of the Launceston Local Development Framework are now almost complete the plan will be in place in the autumn. Cllr Parsons sits on the South West Flood and Coastal Defence Committee, the Health and Wellbeing Committee and the Governance Committee. The structure of the County committees is being discussed and also the possibility of Cornwall having an elected Mayor.