

## **SOUTH PETHERWIN PARISH COUNCIL**

The Annual Parish Meeting of South Petherwin Parish Council was held in the village hall on Wednesday June 5<sup>th</sup> 2013.

Councillors Present Chairman Cllr J Whiting. Councillors: A Finnimore, R Kneebone, Mrs D Rogers, M Screech, Mrs M Tyler. Cornwall Councillor N Burden.

Councillor Apologies Councillors: A Hosking, Mrs C Goodman, T Goodman, P Parsons.  
Other apologies T Grey (School) Rev Mrs Brown (Church) Mrs H Northmore (Magazine) Mrs L Archer (Community Bus)

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

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. He introduced the new councillors present and new Cornwall Councillor. And thanked Cllr Parsons for his work as when Cornwall Councillor

The minutes of the meeting held on May 10<sup>th</sup> 2012 were approved

Council Chairman's Report Cllr Whiting reported that the Jubilee celebrations had been a great success, a few mugs are still available.

Much of the council's attention this year has been on wind turbines. The one situated at Trevozah Cross generates community benefit of £2500 per year and a lump sum of £15,000. One at Kennards House has planning permission and £8000 per year promised. Two more are going through the planning process one at Trevozah Barton and one at Treguddick. One at Beacon was rejected by the planning committee but could still go to appeal. A Community Trust has been set up to administer the funds, this is because the rules on parish council spending are extremely rigid.

There were no large planning applications in the parish last year, the parish council was consulted on the Link Road development as the area adjoins the parish. The parish council supported the application with the request that the B3254 be improved.

Large grants this year were given to the Pre School (£941 for a new fence) and the Church (£1275 towards the refurbishment of the Church clock).

All council minutes now appear on the web site as soon as they have been approved by the council. New 40mph speed limits have been introduced on the B3254 at each end of the village. The negotiations to site the play area at the school have been protracted but the end is in site. The lump sum paid in community benefit following the erection of the turbine at Trevozah Cross is specifically for the play area. The toilets in the village are owned by the parish council so have escaped the Cornwall Council closures. The maintenance grant received for the toilets has been axed leaving the parish council £800 worse off. The parish council decided not to raise the precept this year but might have to increase it next year.

Police Report P.C.S.O. Clare Danson reported that there have been no significant crimes in the area during the past year. It was reported that the non emergency 101 phone number is not working well with long waits for the phone to be answered, this problem is being addressed. P.C.S.O. Danson will try to spend more time on foot in the parish but has 15 parishes to cover.

Parish Magazine It was reported that the size of the magazine has increased recently and the magazine is now published in colour, the editorial group has had to turn away advertisers but would welcome more content from local people. The Chairman thanked Helena Northmore and the editorial team. The Jubilee calendar raised £100 for charity.

Web Site It was reported that all is going well, more contributions for the website are always welcome.

Village Hall The hall has had a successful year with income exceeding expenditure. The heating has been improved and the cost of rent is still £10 a session.

Wild Life Group It was reported that the numbers attending fell and the group is now in abeyance.

Church It was reported that the refurbished bells were re-hung in July, the Bishop of Truro dedicated and blessed the bells. The new Parish Priest, Rev Anne Brown, was inducted by the Bishop in September and is settling into village life. She has five parishes to look after. The Church is finding finances challenging and are thankful for the support within the parish.

Neighbourhood Watch The Neighbourhood Watch is well supported by P.C.S.O. Clare Danson there have been some problems concerning doorstep calling. The co-ordinators in the centre of the village have moved a notice asking for more volunteers will be put in the parish magazine. There is a new co-ordinator in Tiny Meadows.

Methodist Chapel The Chapel had a busy year. A Cream Tea Challenge in May served 99 cream teas to members of the community. Harvest festival was a success 40 people enjoying the harvest supper. A musical evening by Youthful Spirit, held in April, was very successful the proceeds given to the Launceston Hospital League of Friends. The monthly Luncheon Club has over 30 members and the Saturday coffee mornings are popular. The primary school uses the chapel for Harvest Festival and Christmas services. The Sunday School is used by the U3A, art and patchwork groups BIMBOS, Homeleigh Choir practice, Launceston WI and the parish council in the winter. There is an ongoing programme of maintenance.

Allotments The allotment holders are very enthusiastic some coming from surrounding areas, there are some vacant ½ and ¼ plots. Funding is needed for a natural pond and a pollytunnel.

Pre School A recent Ofstead report rated the pre school as Good this means two year olds can now be accepted. There is currently a waiting list but several children will leave in July to attend school. Thanks were given to the parish council for funding the new fence.

Skittles The skittles club was started 25 years ago, there are 32 members, only four from outside the village, the ages range from 40 to 90. It is hoped to reintroduce tournaments with other clubs soon. The skittles club was originally started in order to support the village hall.

Cornwall Council Report Councillor Burden thanked the parish for returning him to Cornwall Council the percentage voting was 42.6%, 4<sup>th</sup> highest in the county. Cllr Burden outlined the make up of the current council. The children's services are now out of Ofstead 'special measures' Cornwall Council has no firm policy on wind turbines or solar farms. The solar farm at Bray Shop is causing problems with excess noise from the accompanying inverters. There are no planning conditions referring to noise.

#### Other Matters

##### Wind Turbines

Mr Pitman expressed his dissatisfaction with the way the Community Benefit Trust was set up and asked for another public meeting to be held in order that the trust members had a clear mandate from the public.

The issues of planning permission and Community Benefit were also discussed.

The Chairman closed the meeting and thanked all those who attended.