

## **South Petherwin Annual Parish Meeting**

The Annual Parish Meeting of South Petherwin was held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2014.

Councillors Present: Chairman Cllr J Whiting. Councillors: A Finnimore, Mrs D Rogers, M Screech, Mrs M Tyler.

Councillor Apologies: Mrs C Goodman, T Goodman, A Hosking, R Kneebone, P Parsons.

Other Apologies: Cornwall Councillor N Burden, Tim Grey (School) Helena Northmore (Magazine), Oliver Jones (CORMAC – Highways), Roger Pyke (Website), Rachel Jeffrey (PreSchool), PCSO Clare Danson, Peter Northmore (Skittles), Mary Stoneman (Neighbourhood Watch), John Atkinson (Bellringers), Vi Brook (BIMBOS)

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

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. He reported that there had been no changes in Councillors this year but the Parish Clerk, Fran Dennison, had resigned and been replaced by Alan Brook. He thanked Fran for her work over the past 13 years and welcomed Alan.

The minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2013 were approved

Council Chairman's Report Cllr Whiting reported that a very successful skateboard event was held in the autumn in conjunction with the Primary School PTA. There was also an informative and interesting exhibition by the WW1 Project Group, which attracted a wide range of people.

Again wind turbines have predominated in planning applications for the year. Papillon (Kennards House) was approved and is now up and running. A separate body is administering the benefit of £8000 pa from this to be split between the Parish and St Thomas Rural. Trevozah Barton & Beacon Hill have gone to appeal and decisions are awaited. Treguddick has been approved as has Trethorne, which is just outside Parish. Trevozah Cross is now in its second year of contribution. Responsibility for liaison with developers has been passed to the Community Benefit Trustees.

In addition there were 13 applications for planning in the parish including one for several houses at the top of Tiny Meadows.

The largest grant this year of £600 was agreed to the WW1. The skateboard event also received £175 for hire of equipment.

The precept for this coming year has been increased from £4808 to £5000.

Potholes continue to be a problem regularly reported to Highways. Despite Council urging for precedence to be given to repairs to Trekelland Bridge, Cornwall Council repaired Landlake Woods Bridge at a cost of £26,500. Trekelland Bridge was closed for repair works in February and studies conducted at that time as part of feasibility of improvement. Council is keeping close watch and will be pushing for the completion of the feasibility study.

Space has been allocated for the Play Area at the School and it is hoped to have equipment in purchased and in place before the summer holidays.

There have been a couple of cases of minor vandalism at the Council owned toilets and the public are asked to report any concerns to the Clerk

The Council raised the issue of the length of time taken to re-let properties in the parish with Cornwall Housing and met with the Housing Manager. A productive discussion resulted in suggested improvements, which have been included into the Cornwall Council consultation on changes to the Allocation policy.

The Chairman thanked the members of Council for their hard work and support during the year.

Highways Oliver Jones had provided a map showing works to be undertaken in 2014/15 which included surface treatment from Daws House through the village.

Parish Magazine Sue Vernon reported that volunteers continue to circulate 500 copies every 2 months. With a stable committee and healthy finances due largely to prompt paying advertisers, the committee have been able to donate £100 to the WW1 Project. Articles and information continue to be needed to reflect life in our community for interest of current and future residents.

Website The website celebrates its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year with over 17, 000 people visits internationally. A success this year has been identifying Horace Westlake's bible after nearly 100 years thought lost on the battlefield. This showed the power of the internet to inform and generate response. Contributions are requested and this story proves your information will have a large audience.

Church/Community Shop Rev Anne Brown reported the loss of a large tree resulted in damage to three gravestones and questions about the stability of other trees. The refurbishment of the clock has been put back by problems with contractors. The Community Shop has just been awarded full funding from the Diocese and it is hoped it will be up and running in the very near future.

Preschool It was reported that 28 children are on role, 10 children of these are from the parish. The financial situation is stagnant due to the number of unfunded children and extensive building work renewal we have had to have done, this is because of the age of the building and rotting timbers. 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in October to be celebrated with a scrap book of memories. Input of memories or photos was requested from past parents/children.

Police The only crime of note was a theft/burglary at Stenlakes in March. Concerns have been expressed regarding speeding vehicles in Trecrogo Lane End and Daws House. Guidance has been given to traffic calming advice via Cornwall Council.

Village Hall The Hall continues to be hold its own with regular booking and private parties. A health advice session is to be held on 27<sup>th</sup> June. Derek Pitman has moved away and so the committee are seeking a new chairman.

Skittles Celebrating 25 years the club have benefitted from a grant from the Community Benefit Trust which will enable the replacement of the original alley and pins made in 1989. As well as attracting 20-25 people each Tuesday night, there have been a number of social events but funding the new alley will restrict these in the coming year.

Neighbourhood Watch Helen Master is the new NHW coordinator for the village with volunteers needed for other areas. Unfortunately cutbacks have reduced police presence in the area. Information continues to be passed through the email messaging system despite some problems.

Signed

Methodist Church Chris Richardson reported the chapel had celebrated its 143<sup>rd</sup> anniversary. Regular events such as the luncheon club and coffee mornings continue to be well attended and the chapel room well used by local groups. Harvest Supper welcomed 40 people. John Gilbard's new book on the parish was launched and the WW1 exhibition hosted. The chapel is a friendly and welcoming environment and continues unity and sharing of events with the Anglican community.

Little Red Bus Lavinia Archer reported on behalf of the Community Transport which continues its service into town. This loss making service is supported by the subscribed trips. Two school contracts have also been obtained. Funding is being sought to replace the original bus. The service is completely self-supporting.

Allotments Abigail Caine reported a successful start to the year for SPAG. An edible hedge has been planted and a new mower obtained useable by all. Cornwall Community Foundation visited to see the results of their funding. Workdays have been well attended with the age range widened. 1 ½ plots are vacant which can be subdivided. Full plots are 25m x 12m. SPAG has a Facebook page with photographs of developments (South Petherwin Allotment Gardeners)

Bellringers Bellringers are going strong with regular Monday practice and Sunday rings enjoyed by many in and outside the village. Ne recruits are always welcome at the Monday practice. (Several members of the public expressed appreciation that the sound of the bells provides a connection to the village for those away from its centre.)

BIMBOS It was pointed out that this is not a children's group but an exercise class for the over 50's. Now in its 14<sup>th</sup> year, membership is full but there is a waiting list. The objective is to keep joints supple, muscles toned and the membership out of the graveyard!

WW1 Project Group The group has held an exhibition of memories and from this and research is printing a book about the 4 men listed on the village war memorial. Publication is hoped for the end of June. Information is being shared with the school and church. Thanks was expressed to the Parish Magazine, Council and Community Benefit Trustees for funding.

Community Benefit Trust Jonathan Blake reported that funds had been distributed despite considerable problems establishing the bank account and relationship with Cornwall Council. Funds have now been distributed to WW1 Project - £400, Tregadillett Songbirds - £200, Skittles Club - £700, Cricket Club - £400, SPAG - £700. A small balance is retained for expenses and the second payment from the Trevozah Cross turbine is due soon for distribution in the autumn. No payment is anticipated from the Kennards House Turbine. One of the Councillors expressed thanks to the Community Benefit Trust for the work they have undertaken.

#### Other matters

A member of the public asked Mr A Finnimore why funds from the Kennards House Turbine were not being paid over to the Community Benefit Trust. Mr Finnimore explained the role of the developer in deciding how funds would be distributed by an independent group and the relationship of the landowner to both South Petherwin and St Thomas Rural.

A member of the public commented that the Parish Pump was in a sorry state and should be repaired as soon as possible. The Chairman noted that this had been on the Council agenda for some time and was in hand. Another member of the public offered to undertake the work. The Chairman thanked him for the offer, which will be noted.

A member of the public asked it be recorded that five Councillors were not present for the meeting.

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