

SOUTH PETHERWIN PARISH COUNCIL: PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting of South Petherwin Parish Council held on 9th August 2017 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: P Parsons (Chairman), Cllrs D Rogers, P Fox (acting Clerk), A Finnimore, M Screech, R Kneebone.

Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllr C Powlesland.

Representations from the public:

1 - Mrs Sue Vernon, as Secretary to the South Petherwin Bell Ringers, asked if the Parish Council grant due to the Bell Ringers, could be deferred until they would be in a position to automate the winding of the clock.

She also informed the meeting that during the final fitting of the restored clock faces and hands, a critical bolt sheared off, with the result being an additional bill to the Bell Ringers of £1,300 for making good. The Bell Ringers needed to find this additional money quickly and approached the South Petherwin Community Grant Fund for a grant to cover this expense but were turned down. No explanation was given, although it was sought. Luckily the Bell Ringers were able to meet the cost through donations, both from individuals and from another charitable trust. However, Mrs Vernon was concerned that, as a seemingly worthy cause, the South Petherwin Community Grant Fund deemed it not to be and refuses to say why. Mrs Vernon asked if the Parish Council could make enquiries to determine the reason. She also stated that perhaps the South Petherwin Community Grant Fund could instigate an emergency fund that could help similar cases that occur in the future, more quickly.

2 - Mr Nigel Parker, the Bell Ringers Captain endorsed the comments made by Mrs Vernon, and stated that although the clock is located in the Church tower, it is not actually owned by the Church, and that may be the reason why the grant request was turned down.

Mr Parker stated that automation of the clock winding was originally quoted at circa £9,000, but subsequent investigations have discovered that a bell ringer in a different part of the country has been able to automate the winding of several clocks for a considerably lower figure, and that he is in communication with hi to investigate the options for South Petherwin Bell Ringers.

3 - There was also representation from Mr Darren Jeffrey of Daws house regarding the concerns to the traffic constantly breaking the 30 MPH speed limit. He informed the meeting that a box had appeared briefly (for about three days) at the junction with Tregaller Lane, and wondered if this was part of the monitoring process that Cornwall Council had undertaken to carry out.

He also stated that the Police had set up a temporary speed trap in Daws House, for about one and a half hours, and they were planning to return at some point in the future.

He reminded the meeting of the on-line petition at Change.org to request Cornwall Council to introduce measures to stop speeding traffic, and also stated that there was a paper petition circulating in the area as well.

Mr Jeffrey stated that the proposed planning applications for additional dwellings in the area would only make the matter worse, and asked for the Parish Council to take this into consideration when in communication with Cornwall Council.

Cornwall Councillor Neil Burden stated that the new Head of Highways at Cornwall Council seemed keen on involvement in such matters.

Cllr Parsons said that he had received no update from the Cornwall Council Highways Department since the last meeting, and would continue to chase them up on the matter.

4 -Mr John Oaten made a statement to the Parish Council stating he was concerned about the state of the road surface in Tregaller Close. He said that in the past the surface had always just been patched up, but this just quickly deteriorated and potholes came back. He said the road needed resurfacing completely.

The Clerk reported that an E.Mail received from Oliver Jones of Cornwall Council indicated that indeed they were planning to patch up the areas rather than resurface completely.

5 - Mrs Ann Nicholson voiced her concerns regarding the application by Cormac Solutions Ltd for the creation of an asphalt reprocessing plant in Bangors Road. She felt that the wider picture of the surrounding area hadn't been taken in to consideration, as extra houses and a school were planned nearby the proposed location, and that extra noise would be generated by the traffic using the plant.

6 - Mrs Ella Payne addressed the meeting stating that she too was concerned over both the surface of Tregaller Close and the proposed asphalt plant.

7 – Launceston Town Councillor Mr Paul O'Brien addressed the meeting regarding the matter of Neighbourhood Planning. He said that after originally dropping the idea of creating a Neighbourhood Plan they were now minded to resurrect the idea. Launceston Town Council are interested in the fact that three neighbouring Parish Councils border Launceston and would therefore be interested in whether South Petherwin would like to get involved, and would like to know South Petherwin Parish Council's view. He said that the Neighbourhood Plan doesn't need to be solely with the Launceston Town Council's boundaries. He said the three Parish Councils could form their own Neighbourhood Plans, requiring them to be synchronised with Launceston Town Council and each other.

Another Launceston Town Councillor, Mr John Harris said that the Cornwall Local Plan has allocated housing in all areas, and that a Neighbourhood Plan would help in having more control in how the housing plans proceed.

Councillor Rogers said that at the Launceston Town Council meeting on the 11th of August 2014. Councillors from South Petherwin attended but because of the work involved, South Petherwin Parish Council decided not to go ahead. At the time minutes of meeting had been circulated.

17/082 Declaration of Interests:

No declaration of interest were signed for.

17/083 Minutes: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting of the 12th July 2017 were approved & signed. Proposed Cllr Finnimore, seconded by Cllr Screech. Passed unanimously.

17/084 Matters arising from the minutes not appearing elsewhere on the agenda.
None.

17/085 Planning:

Applications Received:

PA17/05147 Construction of 2 self-catering cottages within existing caravan site.

Location – Winstead House Trecrogo, South Petherwin, Launceston PL15 7LQ.

A site meeting had been held on July 24th, attended by Cllrs Fox, Rogers, and Powlesland. A report of the meeting was read to the Council.

The Clerk informed the Council that he had received an E.Mail from Cllr Powlesland stating she was against the proposal. Cllr Fox stated that after seeing all the documents and details, he was in favour of the proposal. Cllr Rogers said that she was against the proposal, as did Cllr Screech.

A brief discussion took place on the merits and negative aspects of the proposal, as the Cllr's saw them.

Cllr Rogers proposed that the application not be supported by the Council, this was seconded by Cllr Screech. Cllrs Rogers and Screech voted in favour of the proposal, Cllrs Fox, Finnimore, and Kneebone voted against. The proposal was lost.

Cllr Kneebone proposed that the application be supported, this was seconded by Cllr Finnimore. Cllrs Kneebone, Finnimore, and Fox voted for the proposal, Cllrs Rogers and Screech voted against. The proposal was carried.

The Clerk will subsequently enter a comment on the Cornwall Council planning portal supporting the application.

PA17/05147 Proposed erection and use of an asphalt plant together with associated ancillary facilities including offices, lorry park, storage bays, weighbridge, workshop and dust/sand barn; import of aggregate for levelling and engineering of new internal road with appropriate landscaping/planting of embankments; creation of new site entrance at Bangors Road with closure of current entrance at Quarry Lane and restoration to woodland; demolition of former mobile plant garage, some tree/vegetation removal and installation of culvert.

Location - Land South Of Bangors Road Bangors Road Pennygillam Industrial Estate Launceston.

Cllr Parsons proposed that the Parish Council considers either a site meeting or a public meeting. Cllr Finnimore suggested a site meeting first followed by a public meeting. Cllr Rogers suggested that the site meeting be open to the public.

Cllr Finnimore said Cllr's should have a site visit and then invite Cormac to a public meeting.

Cllr Rogers proposed a site visit and then a public meeting. Seconded by Cllr Finnimore. All Cllr's were in favour.

Cllr Kneebone requested the Parish Council ask Cormac why they didn't go to Greystone Quarry.

Cllr Parsons proposed to have a public meeting. Seconded by Cllr Screech. All were in favour.

The Clerk was asked to contact Tim Warne to arrange.

Pre-applications: None

Decisions None.

Appeals: None.

17/086 Finance

Bank Statement	Estimated	
Current Account	Balance 1st August 2017	£ 11,657.00
Savings Account		£ 1,059.47
Total Balance		£ 12,716.47

The Bank Reconciliation to June 2017 was signed off by Cllr Parsons as Chairman, and Cllr Fox as Responsible Financial Officer.

Invoices due for payment

South West Water	£ 59.01
A Peerless cleaning July	£ 56.00
Complete Business Solutions Ltd	£ 69.79
Hampshire Flag Company	£ 101.88
South Petherwin PCC – electricity for flood lights	£ 87.32
Notice board from Southwest Timber	£ 295.00
Cormac – Weed spraying, 1 st application	£ 190.16

For all invoices due for payment, approval was proposed by Cllr Parsons, seconded by Cllr Screech, passed unanimously.

17/087 Employment Committee. Cllr Fox has still to update the Job Description and Person Specification, and construct the text for an advert for the position of Clerk, ready for September.

17/088 Highways & Footpath Matters

1. Daw's House. A speed trap had been deployed recently. There have been no updates from Oliver Jones since the July Parish Council meeting. Cllr Screech asked if the existing sign at the speed detector needed to be turned around, as it was facing the wrong way. It was agreed that it did need turning around.

2. Daw's House SpeedVisor It had possibly been set up at the junction at Tregaller lane, but was then taken away.

Cllr Parsons will ask the Police to retain any data obtained from the speedvisor device for comparison purposes.

3. Daw's House Speed Warning sign. Reported, no update.

4. Overgrown trees on bank on B3254 near Pennygillam roundabout. Cllr Parsons said some branches have been cut back.

5. Tregaller Close Road Surface.

Oliver Jones had been contacted and responded by saying patching of the surface was on the highways schedule for Autumn.

Signed:

The Clerk to contact Oliver Jones expressing the opinion of the Parish Council that the whole surface should be replaced.

Cllr Rogers stated that:

- There are overhanging trees from the mini roundabout at Tregadillett towards Kennards House.
- The road markings at the mini roundabout (Trebursye roundabout) have worn away and need re-applying.

Cllr Screech said that the road marking at Trekellend Bridge also have worn away.

The Clerk was requested to contact Oliver Jones so that these points can be rectified.

17/089 Current & Ongoing Business

1. Noticeboards. Replacement of remaining boards.

The Clerk has contacted the supplier to arrange for a new notice board to replace the board by the school, and to ask for a weather strip to be fitted to the doors on the recently installed board, to prevent rain ingress.

2. Standing Orders. Cllr Rogers presented a small but important change to section 18. Council agreed with the amendment.

3. Public conveniences water leak. Nothing to report since the June meeting.

4. Toilet sign on shelter. Awaiting a new sign from JAG signs.

5. New St Piran's Flag. Order will be placed with the Hampshire Flag Company for a replacement flag.

6. Councillors Contact Details. Cllr Fox has contacted the company that supports the Parish Council E.Mail system to ask for additional addresses to be set up for the Councillors, and is awaiting their response.

7. Planning Protocols. This will be reviewed by the Councillors and discussed at the next meeting.

8. Finance Regulations. Carried over to next meeting.

9. Co-Option of Councillors. This is still in progress. The Clerk has put notices on all three Parish noticeboards announcing that there are vacancies for Councillors to be co-opted, but no responses so far.

10. Church Clock Restoration. It has been requested that this grant be deferred until such time as the clock winding automation project gets underway. It was agreed that at the September meeting there will be an agenda item to discuss the South Petherwin Community Grant Fund.

17/090 New business:

- 1. Application from South Petherwin PCC for annual Grant.** This is a grant to help with the cost of maintenance of the new graveyard. Proposed by Cllr Rogers, seconded by Cllr Screech, £140.00 to be given and was passed unanimously.

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17/091 Cornwall Councillor's Report. Councillor Neil Burden gave an update on the Cornwall Council and issues affecting South Petherwin Parish. Items mentioned were:

- 20% of people in the county have no access to any services. There will be a review of how Cornwall Council and the public communicate, and will investigate how other councils in big rural areas conduct their communication.
- Stoke Climsland Parish Council are investigating developing an alternative to a Neighbourhood Plan.
- Cornwall Council has removed the accommodation restriction of rates on holiday homes. This will not result in additional funds for Cornwall Council.
- There has been no real progress on the Launceston Health Centre.
- He is looking for support in keeping a library in Launceston.
- Is campaigning for the mandatory installation of fire sprinkler systems as part of building regulations.

17/092 Correspondence. Completed.

17/093

Urgent items: Cllr Rogers pointed out that in section 7 – Finance, It had been listed that a cheque needed to be raised for South West Timber, whereas in fact this cheque had been authorised in the July meeting, but the cheque was never written. As it now looked as if two cheques were to be raised, it was proposed to amend Section 7 – Finance, so as to not authorise the raising of a second cheque for South West Timber. This was proposed by Cllr Parsons, seconded by Cllr Kneebone, and was passed unanimously.

There being no other business the meeting ended at 21:13.

Next meeting will be on 13th September 2017 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.