

SOUTH PETHERWIN PARISH COUNCIL: PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting of South Petherwin Parish Council held on Wednesday 14th October 2015 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Councillors D Rogers (Chairman), P Parsons, N Burgess, J Butler, A Finnimore, A Hosking, C Powlesland, M Screech, J Whiting.

Representations from the public: Angela Warwick from Situ8 Planning Consultancy talked to the Parish Council about affordable housing in the area, including a proposed development (at Pre-Application stage) in Tregadillett.

Apologies: Councillor R Kneebone.

CLlr P Parsons chaired the meeting as Cllr D Rogers had to leave early. Cllr M Screech was elected Vice Chairman for the meeting.

15/140 A minute's silence was held in honour of **Graham Facks-Martin**, a long-standing Parish and District Councillor. The late Graham Facks-Martin is recognised for his decades of public service on behalf of South Petherwin parishioners and surrounding parishes. Cllr Parsons will be attending the funeral.

15/141 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

15/142 Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of 12th August 2015 were approved & signed. Proposed Cllr D Rogers, seconded Cllr N Burgess. The minutes of the meeting of the 9th September 2015 were approved & signed. Proposed Cllr C Powlesland, seconded Cllr M Screech.

15/143 Matters arising from the minutes. There were none.

15/144 Planning

Applications Received: None.

Decisions:

PA15/08156 Screening Opinion for Wind turbine west of Botathan Abattoir. No EIA required.

PA15/07558 Reserved matters application for the erection of a dwelling. Land South of Tamarisk. Mr Peter Stenlake. Application has been withdrawn.

Appeals: None

15/145 Police Matters: None.

15/146 Employment Committee: Committee to meet on November 2nd 2015 at 7.30pm at the Methodist Hall (if available, Clerk to check) to review employment policies.

15/147 Highways & Footpaths Matters

1. Tremeale Hill: CC Highways will commence work on extension of existing kerbing in order to improve safety on 2/11. Clerk to put notice on boards (& Launceston Noticeboard on Facebook) to advise parishioners regarding the works.

2. Speed of cars on B3254: CC Highways have advised that a covert speed monitoring device is in operation in South Petherwin, which will record speeds in both directions. This will give initial data whilst they finalise locations for the SpeedVISOR units.

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3. Tiny Meadows footpath issue regarding area not being adopted by Cornwall Council. Parish Council will check with Land Registry.

4. A30 Polyphane to Trebursye Pavement Renewal Scheme work & Plusha Junction proposals. Nigel Dyson (Highways England) &/or David Phillips (Cormac) will attend the Parish Council meeting in November to explain the different schemes in more detail.

5. Grit bins: request from residents for grit bins at Petherwin Water & Kennards House. Applied & received grant from Cornwall Councillor's Community Chest application for funding for both grit bins filled with grit (total £253.06).

Clerk to write & thank Cllr N Burden for granting the award. Cllrs A Finnimore & A Hosking to discuss with Mr O Jones (Highways) regarding liability, training, guidance & policy for maintaining the bins.

6. Traffic speeding through Tregadillett village. Member of public has reported problems with cars & farm vehicles speeding & causing hazards in the village. Parish Councillors who are able will attend the next meeting of St. Thomas Parish Council.

Cllrs D Rogers & J Butler left the meeting at 20:15.

15/148 Current & Ongoing Business

1. New pensions regulations: Pension options to be sent to the Clerk from the Parish Council by the end of the year. The first staging date is 1st February 2016.

2. Victory in Europe Day: Invoices for printing all paid.

3. Noticeboards: Clerk to obtain quotes for repairs/upgrades to the boards and then apply to the Ruth Burden Fund for £200 towards the repairs. Proposed Cllr M Screech, seconded Cllr J Whiting.

4. SPED (South Petherwin Emergency Defibrillator): with the Parish Council's permission the SPED committee have painted the toilet wall & hung the SPED-funded noticeboard. SPED requested that the ownership of the noticeboard be given to the Parish Council, as they own the toilet building. Proposed Cllr J Whiting, seconded Cllr A Hosking. Proposal carried.

5. Standing Orders: Review is on-going.

6. Accountability framework: new Transparency Code for smaller authorities: a fund is available to small authorities to help meet the costs of the Transparency Code. The fund is available for 3 years, and it was proposed that the Parish Council apply for a fund of £300 for the 3 years to help towards maintaining the Parish Website, where records are published. Proposed Cllr A Hosking, seconded Cllr C Powlesland. Proposal carried.

7. Skateboard Event: The Parish Council applied to South Petherwin Community Fund for £350 towards the Skateboard Park Event. The event was held on Saturday 10th October and was well attended and received. It is proposed to hold another similar event in conjunction with the PTA again Spring/Summer 2016.

Cllr J Whiting proposed a show of thanks to Cllr A Hosking & Cllr P Parsons.

8. CALC (Cornwall Association of Local Councils) training courses: Cllr M Screech attended the Budget Setting & Precept course on 30/9/15, and gave a summary of the course to the Council. Cllr Screech will meet with the Clerk to discuss in more detail, and the Parish Council will meet on Precept & budget on November 18th 2015 at the Methodist Chapel Hall at 7.30pm.

9. Discontinuation of paper planning applications. Parish Council to request an extension of start date from 4th January 2016 to 1st April 2016, as Clerk not attending a workshop until 18th January 2016. Clerk also to request a simplification of the ease of use of the Planning Portal. Proposed Cllr M Screech, seconded Cllr N Burgess.

An automatic grant of £700 has been awarded by Cornwall Council to all Parish Councils to help with the setting up of the paperless system.

10. Minute book(s) prior to 1920 missing. Clerk has put a request on the Parish Website & will also put a note in the November Parish Magazine issue, asking if any parishioners know of their whereabouts.

11. Wreath for Remembrance Day, November. The wreath is being organised by the South Petherwin Parish Church this year, and the Parish Council will reimburse them for the costs, as in previous years.

15/149 New business: None.

15/150 Cornwall Councillors Report: Cllr Neil Burden talked about Neighbourhood Plans (some parishes combine with other parishes to create one), and the new Police Safeguarding unit in Launceston (the Custody Centre there is now closed). He also reminded the Council of the closure of the A395 for 3-5 days. The Clerk will add this information to the Tremeale Hill works on the noticeboards.

15/151 Correspondence - as attached.

15/152 Finance

1. Bank reconciliation was presented & signed.
2. South West Water invoices: Need to submit meter reading in order to close account & change name (to Parish Clerk).
3. VAT reclaim: payment has been received for £292.67 on 16/09/15.

Bank Statement

Current Account	Balance 1st October	£6,368.68
Savings Account		£1,058.49
Total Balance		£7,422.17

Invoices due for payment

EDF Energy (toilets)	£ 18.52
First Choice PCs Ltd (set up new email address & 1 year renewal)	£ 33.00
A Peerless toilet cleaning September	£ 56.00
Julian Sanders	
Footpaths	£150.00
Trelinnoe Gardens	£ 42.00
Toilet opening July-September	£ 40.00
Parish Clerk payment (1 month salary £137.76 & expenses £22.65)	£160.41

Proposed Cllr A Hosking, seconded Cllr J Whiting.

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15/153 Urgent items

Items of Information

1. Concern from member of public regarding access out of the School Hill road on to the main road, especially due to increased use because of the Community Shop. Clerk to contact Highways to discuss options.
2. J Sanders has reported an overgrown footpath into Tregadillett. Clerk to show Councillors exact location on map.
3. South West Ambulances have been attempting to use the track to Trebursye Manor, which isn't a right of way. Clerk to contact SW Ambulances.
4. Footpath sign at other end of this track also missing. Clerk to contact Highways to advise.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 21.10.

Next meeting Wednesday 11th November 2015 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.