

SOUTH PETHERWIN PARISH COUNCIL: RECORD OF DECISIONS

South Petherwin Parish Council was due to hold their monthly Parish Council meeting on 8th April 2020 in the Methodist Church Hall at 7.00pm. Due to COVID-19 restrictions the decision was made on 3rd April 2020 that Parish Council meetings be cancelled until clear guidance and legislation was provided for parish council meetings to be held via conference call systems. These minutes reflect parish council decisions taken between 11th March 2020 and the 15th April 2020.

Present: On 14th April at 10.00 am the Cllr P Parsons (Chairman), Cllr R Jeffery (Vice-Chairman). and the Clerk held a phone meeting to discuss the decisions to be made.

Apologies: N/A

Representations from Public One email received from a parishioner regarding transparency of council business. The parishioner was sent the South Petherwin Parish Council COVID-19 decision making policy document, nothing further heard.

20/034 Councillors' declaration of interest. Cllr M Screech declared an interest in PA20/01403. Cllr P Parsons declared an interest in arrangements for LMP activity and footpath clearing during COVID-19 restrictions.

20/035 Minutes of the Council meeting. The minutes of the meeting held on 11th March 2020 will be decided upon at the next full parish council meeting.

20/036 Matters arising. None.

20/037 Planning.

a. **Applications:**

PA20/00431 Erection of a single storey private garage extension. Frog & Bucket, South Petherwin PL15 7LP. Mr Christopher Ubee. On 11th March 2020 South Petherwin Parish Council supported PA20/00431, erection of a single storey private garage extension at the Frog & Bucket. Via email Parish Councillors have reconsidered the application in response to the Planning Officer's statement. Based on the emails received from South Petherwin Parish Councillors, South Petherwin Parish Clerk, Chairman and Vice-Chairman have taken the view that the Council stand by their original decision and support this application. Normally a Councillor would be appointed to read an agreed statement at the Committee Meeting. As this is not possible below is the agreed statement which sets out the Council's reasoning for supporting this application.

The majority of Councillors considered the application would benefit the village and would not cause harm to a historical asset. The Cornwall Local Plan 2010-2030 follows the National Planning Policy Framework [NPPF] and uses the term 'when granting permission will the application significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits when assessed against the policies in the NPPF taken as a whole.' These policies support rural facilities including pubs. With the rate of closures of rural pubs this investment in a local amenity should be welcomed and supported. The Planning Officer concluded that a flat roof extension would be "clunky" and "degrade" the church setting as a heritage asset however this is both false in presumption and misleading. The hedgerow, lined with trees, would hide the new structure and the existing flat roofed fixture, the existing container, has become part of the accepted visual impact for decades - any improvement on this should be welcomed. There is more than one flat roofed garage surrounding the church setting and by their very setting and structure help to enable the continued view of the church. Furthermore to use the 2014 court decision against a flat roof, when there is a wind turbine, tall and clearly defined, in the vicinity, is surely evidence to the contrary. A flat roof would not cause harm as you are not detracting from the historic asset but allowing it to be seen.

PA20/01403 West Honiton, South Petherwin PL15 7LJ. Amendment to approved planning PA17/09480 for the demolition of substandard rooms and erection of a new extension. Mr and Mrs J Frame. Seven Councillors, via email, supported this application.

b. **Pre-applications:** None

c. **Decisions:**

PA19/11266 APPROVED Land South of South Petherwin CP School. Mr P Parsons.

PA20/01438 DECIDED The Little Bike Shop Ltd, South Petherwin. Mr and Mrs Hart.

d. **Other:**

PA19/09574 Land South Of Tredown Farm South Petherwin Launceston Cornwall PL15 7JJ. Mr Greenwood. Revised plans had been submitted by the applicant on 26 February 2020.

Historic England, in a letter dated 25 March 2020, raised concerns about the application on Heritage grounds and that the HIA did not follow the guidance and Historic Environment Planning, in their comments 24 March 2020, state that the HIA had not followed the guidance and concludes that a new design should be introduced that considers changing the orientation and shape of the barn to reduce or remove the harm to the two (listed) assets.

Mobile caravan at Penbownder House. Confirmed it is not a permanent home, item closed.

PA19/10880 WITHDRAWN.

20/038 Finance

a. Q4 bank reconciliation, EOY accounts. The EOY accounts and Q4 bank reconciliation would be signed by the Chairman. A quote to carry out an audit of the Parish Council accounts would be requested from Buttons Accounting Ltd and Hodgsons Accountants.

b. Bank Statement

Current Account	Actual as at 1 st April 2020	£ 9,295.57
Savings Account		<u>£ 11,096.54</u>
Total Balance		£ 20,392.11

c. Invoices due for payment

Parish Clerk – R Frame	£200.00
Toilet and bus shelter cleaning – A Peerless	£56.00
Stationery – Martin Luck	£76.78
Subscriptions – CALC	£408.56
Toilet utilities – EDF	£37.62

d. Credits received

Saving account interest – HSBC	£1.76
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Under SO18g in exceptional circumstances the Proper Officer (Clerk) shall obtain written approval from the Chairman and Vice-Chairman to make payments before they have been authorised by the Council. Cllr P Parsons and Cllr R Jeffery agreed that the invoices be paid.

20/039 Highways & Footpaths Matters - Updates on outstanding issues will be forwarded to Councillors when received and included in the monthly record of decisions.

a. LMP and Footpaths of South Petherwin during COVID-19 restrictions. Mr Sanders, as a key-worker, continues to work. The Parish Council will carry out a risk-assessment for South Petherwin Parish Council work to be carried out by Mr Sanders. The risk assessment will be published on the Parish Clerk pages of the parish website, copy to Mr Sanders.

b. Trelinnoe Gardens/Close footpath adoption. Ownership of footpath to be confirmed.

c. Pennygillam culvert and fence. Cormac are awaiting on a quote from a contractor to carry out the work .

d. Dog fouling. The Dog Warden to be informed and a request will be made to Cornwall Council for luminous eye stickers. Quote for dog bins ongoing.

e. Community Network Highways Fund. Online consultation outstanding.

f. Speeding traffic. Traffic survey outstanding and not to take place until vehicle movements return to normal. Tregadillett proposed speed camera to be monitored.

g. Pennygillam fly tipping, litter and hedge. Site meeting to be arranged post COVID-19 restrictions.

h. 40 mph sign Daws House. Incorrect speed limit painted on the road now obscured.

i. Hill to Petherwin Water. Continual water on the road, Cormac to investigate.

j. Trekellend Bridge. A meeting with Lewannick Parish Council would be arranged post COVID-19 restrictions.

k. Trecrogo Chestnut tree. Ongoing.

l. Broken road surface on the South Petherwin road above Little Comfort. Reported.

20/040 Current & ongoing business

- a. COVID-19. Legislation had been provided for the holding of Council meetings via a conference call systems such as Zoom and GoToMeeting. Awaiting further guidance from CALC and SLCC. A decision for the May Parish Council meeting would be made by 6th May 2020. South Petherwin Parish Council COVID-19 decision making policy document was available on the Parish Clerk pages of the Parish website.
- b. AGM and Annual Parish Meeting. Cancelled. A new date for the AGM would be decided when normal parish council meetings resumed. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman would remain in post in the interim.
- c. Community Governance Review. Stage 3 feedback form submitted.
- d. Placement of a new Parish seat. Proposed position to be provided by the Parish Council.
- e. Parish fun day 2020. Cancelled.
- f. Church lights. Awaiting quotes.
- g. Flag pole. Awaiting quotes.
- h. SPED. Cllr S Vernon would continue to undertake the defibrillator checks during her daily exercise. Angela Peerless had been contacted reference undertaking this task after the COVID-19 restrictions had been lifted.
- i. Climate change. Group on hold during the COVID-19 restrictions.

20/041 New business

- a. Toilets and bus shelters. New guidance received provided Councils the option to re-open toilets for the use, in particular, of key-workers (carers, delivery drivers etc). It had been decided to reopen South Petherwin toilets once risk assessments for cleaning of the toilets, and for the use of the toilets, had been carried out.
- b. Clerks and Councils Direct. Postponed until the next full meeting.

20/042 Cornwall Councillor's Report. I am very encouraged by how people are supporting the vulnerable and over 70's in the rural villages. As the lockdown will last for many more weeks some who are currently coping may need help as the pressures from isolation hit us all. Try and give a friend or neighbour a landline call once a week. If you have any concerns about their neighbours then please contact volunteers listed in the parish magazine, Volunteer Cornwall or give me a call on 01566 782286; professional help can be promptly arranged. Launceston YFC are really exceptional in their willingness to collect and deliver. Cornwall Council have the largest grant nationally to support small businesses of over £250m. Small businesses receive £10,000 and medium businesses receive £20,000 – automatically and very welcomed. Over £200m has already been paid – Cornwall Council hold the business rate and HRMC details so the data was readily available. Large businesses are not included but they have access to repayable loans and business rates moratorium for the next 12 months. Planning decisions continue over the normal period but at the moment planning committees are not meeting – that is being reviewed. This virus is no respecter of persons or age, keep safe and keep well. 2020 will be a very memorable year for us all and hopefully a vaccine will be found before too long so we can return to some normality.

20/043 Correspondence None.

20/044 Urgent items None.

The next meeting would be held on 13th May 2020 – to be confirmed.