

# **SOUTH PETHERWIN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 2011**

The Annual Parish Meeting of South Petherwin Parish Council was held in the Village Hall on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2011.

Councillors Present Chairman Councillor A Hosking. Councillors: Mrs L Archer, T Goodman, P Parsons, M Screech, P Vernon.  
Councillor Parsons also attended as County Councillor.

Councillors Apologies Councillors: Mrs D Rogers, J Whiting.

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

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and expressed disappointment that more people had not attended.

The minutes of the 2010 Parish Meeting were approved

Council Report Cllr Hosking reported that the parish council had a busy year. The sale of the old school house enabled the council to enter into an agreement whereby users of the Church and Village Hall are able to park in the six new parking spaces. The old school house and grounds will be one family home.

A request was made for a dog waste bin a Trebursey, this was purchased and erected by the council and will be emptied by Mr Oak, thanks go to Mr Oak for his assistance.

Following correspondence from the owners of the village shop indicating their desire to either sell or close the shop, the council are backing the village shop support group who are developing options for a shop to remain in the village. Following the launch of the appeal for funding to repair the Church bells the council donated £5000. This was council funding from the Aggregate Levy Fund, this funding to councils has now been discontinued.

The council donated £1500 to the Church towards the renovation of the bus shelter and sheds in the centre of the village, the work was done by Gavin Smith and considered excellent.

Councillor Alex Emson resigned due to work commitments and new councillor Mrs Dawn Rogers has been co-opted onto the council.

Discussions with the Primary School regarding a shared play space are ongoing.

The Chairman thanked all those who had been members of SPIVS, which has disbanded, for all the work they have done in the village especially winning the Cornwall in Bloom competition.

The new refuse site at Bangors Quarry is now under construction, work has been delayed by a seam of slate which the contractors are excavating. The new site is due to open in October.

County Report Cornwall Councillor Phil Parsons explained some inaccuracies in recent newspaper reports on Cornwall Council's expenses, 21,000 people are employed by the council.

Speeding traffic is still a problem at Daws House, a county highways review of A and B roads is taking place, it is hoped that South Petherwin will be one of the first areas where new speed limits etc. will be enforced. Cllr Parsons is also hoping for a road crossing for pedestrians at the Trelinnoe Gardens footpath.

Trekelland Bridge had been hit by vehicles three times in the past year, it is hoped that high kerbing and bollards will be constructed on the Lewannick side of the bridge. Cllr Parsons has asked the engineers to look at the possibility of constructing a second bridge.

A planning application for a service station at Kennards House has been received all comments on the application are welcome.

The problem of Affordable Housing and Green Energy have taken up Cllr Parsons time.

Schools are going through great change, they can now opt out of County involvement, those with fewer pupils will receive less funding than larger schools.

Parish Magazine Mrs Montgomery apologised for not being able to attend the meeting, she reported that the Magazine had another successful year, its seventh, and had given donations to the Village Shop questionnaire and Church Bell fund. Derek Pitman, one of the founders of the magazine has retired, he was thanked for all the work he had done over the years. Two new people, Venessa Elcock and Diane Earle are replacing Derek on the committee and Charlie Wheatley is to deliver magazines to outlying areas.

The magazine committee are always looking for new ideas, suggestions and contributions.

Web Site Mr Roger Pyke apologised for not being able to attend the meeting, he reported that he is in great need of more people to send him information to put on the website. There have been no updates for several months,

Police Report PCSO Sharon Chinn apologised for not attending the meeting, she reported the following: There was very little crime logged for South Petherwin in the past year. Launceston had a number of shed burglaries recently with power tools etc. stolen. Traffic speeding at Daws House is still a problem, several drivers were stopped at a Speed Watch held recently. PCSO Chinn had attended several community events with young people during the year.

Village Hall Mr Derek Pitman reported that more improvements had been made to the village hall during the past year, new heaters with double the capacity of the old ones have now been installed together with a Trace heating system to prevent the water pipes freezing. It is hoped that the lighting will be improved during the coming year and new doors installed. He reported that the village hall is now financially sound and gave a resume of all grants gained and donations given. All those concerned with the village hall improvements were thanked by Cllr Hosking.

Wildlife Group Mr Derek Pitman reported that the Wildlife Group has been running for four years it meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month, he outlined the various activities undertaken during the past year and some which the group intends to do this year including a Photographic Evening in the autumn. Any new members will be most welcome. A Fresh Water Fishing Club is now being formed any one interested contact Derek.

Church Bells Mr Charlie Wheatly apologised for not attending the meeting, he reported that £36,000 was needed for the repair of the bells of that sum £19,00 has already been raised or promised and a Church Faculty to enable the work to go ahead has been received. Several events are being organised for future fund raising, the Parish council was thanked for the £5000 donation.

Speed Watch Mr Alex Emson apologised for not attending the meeting, he reported that Speedwatch had ceased operation in January as the volunteers had decided they were not happy doing the job. It had been proved that 15 – 20% of traffic was travelling at more than 35mph information which had been sent to the Police. Mr Emson thanked the parish council for all the support given.

Neighbourhood Watch Mrs Stoneman apologised for not attending the meeting, in her absence Mr Crispen Erol reported that Daws House now has 30 in the group, everything has been very quiet over the past year.

Methodist Church Mrs Chris Richardson reported that the lunch club held on the last Monday of each month is very popular as is the coffee morning held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month. Several organisations hire the hall regularly. The Methodist and C of E Church work together especially on occasions like Harvest and Christmas. The Rev'd Margaret is about to retire, a new minister will take over in the Autumn.

Allotments Mrs Sue Vernon reported that the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the allotments had been very productive, a composting toilet has been installed and a heavy duty shredder has been purchased, thanks were given to Cornwall Councillor Phil Parsons for providing funds for this. Work is underway on a wildlife pond and water system. There are 20 members and no vacant plots, the chairman is Mr Ian Pearne, thanks were given to Mr Ian Trehane the landlord for his support.

Little Red Bus Mrs Lavinia Archer reported that the bus has been running for two years, passenger numbers are now over 2,000 with 160 wheelchairs, there are 20 drivers and three in the office. There are now regular runs on four to five days a week and other bookings. Several awards have been gained and a substantial grant from the Big Lottery fund. It is hoped that a second and a bigger bus will be purchased in year three and online bookings will be taken.

Garden Trail Mrs Archer reported that 12 gardens took part in 2010 and there were two exhibitions in the village, the gardens were all within walking distance. Over 200 people viewed the gardens and over £1,300 was collected for the Precious Lives appeal. Thanks were given to all those who opened their gardens and those who provided refreshments. There will not be an open day this year but Mr & Mrs Baker have agreed to open Manderley garden this year.

Village Shop Mrs Lavinia Archer reported that the 'Community Shop Steering Group' have decided to become an 'Industrial and Provident Society for the Benefit of the Community'. Shares are to be sold at £10 each with a maximum of 2,000 per person. The support of the whole village is necessary for this venture to succeed. Cards had been left on chairs for people to fill in their details and any way in which they will be able to help.

Questions from the Public Only one question was asked, this was regarding the repair of the village pump, this is in hand. A request was made that the fact that rubbish bins are now collected on Bank Holidays be put in the next Parish Magazine.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting. The meeting ended at 8.20pm.

