

## South Hill Parish Council

**Minutes of the Meeting of South Hill Parish Council held in the Parish Hall, Golberdon on Tuesday, 19 November 2024 at 7.30pm.**

Item No.		Action by
1	<p><b>Councillors present</b> – G Hardman (Vice Chairman), D Hicks, D Skelton, J Gale, P Tunnicliffe, R Squires, Mrs H Curtis, Mrs W Trewin.</p> <p><b>Also attending</b> – Mrs J Hoskin (Parish Clerk) Twenty Three members of the public.</p> <p>In the absence of the Chairman, Cllr G Hardman conducted the business for this meeting.</p>	
2	<p><b>Public Session (meeting then closes to the public).</b> Cllr Hardman opened the meeting and invited the members of the public to address the council. if they so wished.</p> <p>Mr Chris Beckett (South Hill Parish Hall Committee) gave an update on the setting up of the CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation) that was now nearing completion. The change of trustees did not affect this.</p> <p>Mr Beckett invited Councillors to a site meeting being held on the 8 December 2024 at 2.00pm to look at the potential hall extension and the impact on the parking areas.</p> <p>A local resident spoke about the ongoing flooding issues at Maders and asked when the parish council were going to investigate the drainage through their field. The council had authorised funding to carry out the investigation work and selected a contractor to do this, in consultation with the tenant. It was noted the field was now in grass which created a better natural drainage compared to the previous arable crop.</p> <p>Cllr Hardman advised it was not just the parish council field that was causing the problems. Cormac had been advised of a highway drain filled with silt.</p> <p>Questions and comments were made about the planning application on the agenda for this meeting. Cllr Hardman stated two public meeting had been held to allow the public to participate in a debate on this matter. The parish council were aware the planning site notice had not yet been displayed.</p> <p>The Clerk read a reply from Cornwall Council following their review of the walk to school route via Maders to Callington.</p> <p>Having extended the public session until 7.50pm Cllr Hardman informed the public the council were now moving on, in committee, with the rest of the meeting. Some members of the public left.</p>	
3	<p><b>Apologies for absence</b> were received from Cllrs. A Budd (Chairman), D Smith</p>	

4	<p><b>Members Declarations of Interest. Councillors to register any declarations of interest. To advise of any dispensation to be granted in line with the Code of Conduct.</b> None declared at this stage of the meeting.</p>	
5	<p><b>Minutes – to approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 15 October 2024.</b> The approval of the Minutes for the Meeting held on the 15 October 2024 was deferred until the next meeting following amendments. Proposed by Cllr Hardman, seconded by Cllr Gale and unanimously agreed.</p> <p>Councillors were reminded of the timescale to put forward amendments to the minutes, this being prior to the next council meeting.</p>	Clerk
6	<p><b>Matters Arising except matters listed below.</b></p> <p>Item 13- Knotweed. Andrew Price will be asked to treat this.</p> <p>Item 18 – Old allotment site. Cllr Squires provided the contact details for Caradon Waste to remove the plastic from the site. Councillors commented on the entrance to the orchard site but deferred any decision as this was not an agenda item for this meeting.</p>	Clerk
7	<p><b>Planning Applications / Planning Matters to include applications received between the publication of the agenda and the meeting.</b></p> <p>a) <b>PA24/06942 Land north east of Meadowside, South Hill Road, Callington – Change of use of land from agricultural grazing to a green burial ground, associated with soft landscaping, green pathways, green parking area, re-erecting the existing shed and enhancing the existing access.</b> Having spent time considering the proposals, attending two public meetings, a site meeting, taking into account comments for and against and noting planning policy it was unanimously agreed to submit the response that had been drafted by Councillors and circulated for all to approve. Proposed by Cllr Hardman seconded by Cllr Squires. Cllr Hardman read out this response.</p> <p>Objection to Planning Application for proposed Burial Ground in South Hill Parish. The parish council respectfully submit the following grounds for objecting to the proposed cemetery development in South Hill Parish:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Inappropriate Development and Lack of Community Need</b> The proposed burial ground represents development of an unsuitable scale and form for South Hill Parish, as it does not meet the needs of the local community and lacks support from the policies outlined in the neighbourhood plan.</li> <li>2. <b>Loss of Agricultural Land and Environmental Impact</b> This development would lead to the loss of valuable agricultural land, reducing carbon sequestration and negatively affecting local biodiversity. The change in land use raises serious environmental concerns, particularly in relation to South Hill Parish's commitment to sustainability.</li> <li>3. <b>Increased Traffic and Road Safety Concerns</b> The site entrance is 1.2 km from the nearest public transport access point, along narrow, unlit roads with a national speed limit and no</li> </ol>	

	<p>footways. The additional private vehicle traffic generated by this proposal would significantly increase road mileage, conflicting with our parish’s objective to reduce its carbon footprint and Cornwall Council's hierarchy of sustainable transport options for new developments.</p> <p><b>4. Risk to Groundwater and Local Water Supplies</b> There are significant concerns about the impact of the proposed development on groundwater conditions, which could pose risks to nearby water wells and boreholes that supply water to households and livestock. There are nine such water sources within close proximity to the site, and any contamination or depletion could have serious consequences for local residents and agricultural operations.</p> <p><b>5. Lack of Demonstrated Need</b> The application does not address a specific need, as there are already eight dedicated cemetery sites serving Devon and Cornwall. This development is unnecessary and does not fill a gap in local or regional provision.</p> <p>In light of these concerns, we believe the proposed burial ground is not in the best interests of South Hill Parish and as such wish to register our objection.</p> <p><b>b) Planning matters – update on enforcement matters, if available. To agree information from residents be sent to the Cornwall Council Planning Enforcement in relation to the land and caravan adjacent to Kerney Cottage – EN18/00349. Nothing to report.</b></p>																					
8	<p><b>Accounts / Financial Matters.</b></p> <p><b>a) To approve the payment of accounts circulated by the Clerk.</b> It was proposed by Cllr Hardman, seconded by Cllr Curtis and unanimously agreed the accounts be paid.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="277 1346 1240 1532"> <tr> <td>BACS</td> <td>Clerks payment October</td> <td>£ 213.68</td> <td></td> <td>£ 213.68</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cheque</td> <td>HMRC</td> <td>£ 50.92</td> <td></td> <td>£ 50.92</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BACS</td> <td>South Hill Parish Hall – room hire May (2) June and October</td> <td>£ 60.00</td> <td></td> <td>£ 60.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BACS</td> <td>G Crabb –trimming play area 2024</td> <td>£ 800.00</td> <td></td> <td>£ 800.00</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>b) To approve the budget and precept for the 2025/2026 financial year.</b> Cllr Smith had liaised with the Clerk and Cllrs Budd and Hardman on the budget for the next financial year. It was agreed to defer the setting of the precept until the next meeting.</p>	BACS	Clerks payment October	£ 213.68		£ 213.68	Cheque	HMRC	£ 50.92		£ 50.92	BACS	South Hill Parish Hall – room hire May (2) June and October	£ 60.00		£ 60.00	BACS	G Crabb –trimming play area 2024	£ 800.00		£ 800.00	DSm/ Clerk
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9	<b>To note the correspondence / reports circulated by the Clerk.</b> Noted.																					
10	<b>To note the action list provided by the Clerk – for information only.</b> Noted.																					
11	<p><b>Parish Matters / Any other business and items for the next meeting.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Footpaths</b> – quotes for the trimming work in 2025.</li> <li>○ <b>Recreation Field</b> – parking.</li> </ul> <p>It was agreed to remove the item Climate Change Action Plan from the agenda</p>																					

	until the working group had something to report.	
<b>12</b>	<b>Date of the next Full Council Meeting – Tuesday, 17 December 2024</b>	
<b>13</b>	<b>To close the Meeting.</b> There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00pm	

Dated

Signed.