

South Hill Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of South Hill Parish Council held in the Parish Hall, Golberdon on Tuesday, 17 December 2024 at 7.30pm.

Item No.		Action by
1	<p>Councillors present – A Budd (Chairman), G Hardman (Vice Chairman), D Hicks, D Skelton, J Gale, Mrs H Curtis, Mrs W Trewin, D Smith.</p> <p>Also attending – Mrs J Hoskin (Parish Clerk) Cllr P Seeva (Cornwall Council) Two members of the public.</p>	
2	<p>Public Session (meeting then closes to the public). The Chairman opened the meeting and invited the members of the public to address the council, if they so wished.</p> <p>Mr Howlett, on behalf of the parish hall committee spoke about the proposed extension to the hall and the site meeting held with members of the parish council. As part of this work the planning application needed to contain additional parking and needed the parish council’s permission for this by using some of the parish council land.</p> <p>Cllr Hardman identified the two matters relating to this project, one being grant funding for the project and would this include the construction of a new parking area and the other, did the parish council agree in principle to part of the recreation field being changed to parking.</p> <p>It was noted the parish council were already considering additional parking in the field.</p> <p>The council agreed in principle to assist with planning for additional parking subject to more information from the hall committee that an extension to the building was justified; proposed by Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr Hardman and unanimously agreed.</p> <p>It was suggested the hall committee provide a business plan.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Mr Howatt left at 7.48pm)</p> <p>A member of the public questioned the publication of minutes on the parish council website and it was explained minutes were published once approved. If minutes had to be represented for approval they are held over until the next parish council meeting. Councillors discussed the timescale for the publication of the draft and final minutes.</p> <p>The member of the public also asked for a copy of the letter sent to the parish council in relation to Cornwall Council decision on the issuing of school bus passes on the walk to school route via Maders so the exact text could be published in the South Hill Connection. Councillors were happy for this to be shared. A general conversation then took place about the sharing of correspondence.</p>	
3	<p>Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. P Tunnicliffe, R Squires.</p>	

4	<p>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. None declared at this stage of the meeting.</p>																					
5	<p>Cornwall Council – report from Cllr P Seeva. Cllr Seeva reported on the failed vote of no confidence in the Leader of Cornwall Council, Cllr Linda Taylor. A government announcement has increased the number of new homes to be built, although this figure would include many schemes already at the planning stage. Cllr Curtis will compile an application for the Community Chest Fund to support the cost of a new item of play equipment. (Cllr Seeva left the meeting at 7.55pm)</p>	HC																				
	<p>At this point of the meeting Cllr Skelton offered to write the report for the South Hill Connection (in the absence of Cllr Tunnickliffe) and started to record the proceedings.</p>																					
6	<p>Minutes – to approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 15 October 2024. The Minutes for the Meeting held on the 15 October 2024 were approved and signed by the Chairman; proposed by Cllr Skelton, seconded by Cllr Hardman and unanimously agreed by those who attended.</p> <p>To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 19 November 2024. The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 19 November 2024 were approved and signed by the Chairman; proposed by Cllr Hicks, seconded by Cllr Hardman and unanimously agreed by those who attended.</p>																					
7	<p>Matters Arising except matters listed below. There were no matters arising.</p>																					
8	<p>Planning Applications / Planning Matters to include applications received between the publication of the agenda and the meeting. No applications received.</p> <p>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.</p>																					
9	<p>Accounts / Financial Matters.</p> <p>a) To approve the payment of accounts circulated by the Clerk. It was proposed by Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr Trewin and unanimously agreed the accounts be paid.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="293 1697 1227 1883"> <tr> <td>BACS</td> <td>J Hoskin – Clerks payment Oct</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 – strimming play area</td> <td>£ 800.00</td> <td></td> <td>£ 800.00</td> </tr> </table>	BACS	J Hoskin – Clerks payment Oct	£ 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 – strimming play area	£ 800.00		£ 800.00	
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	<p>b) To approve the budget and precept for the 2025/2026 financial year. Cllr Smith had liaised with the Clerk and Cllrs Budd and Hardman on the budget for the next financial year. Following a discussion on the budget and the councils current financial situation it was proposed by Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr Trewin and unanimously agreed a precept of £12,000 (twelve thousand pounds) be requested for the 2025/2026 financial year.</p> <p>c) Invoice from BT Openreach. The Clerk presented an invoice from BT Openreach with reference to the South Hill Rilla Mill Fibre Partnership Scheme. It was agreed a breakdown of the costs be requested. The parish council should not be expected to pay for work relating to this scheme and costs should be covered by the householder vouchers and Superfast Cornwall via Cornwall Council. Being the legal entity, the parish council supported the scheme but could not fund any of the project. They could reclaim the outstanding balance from Superfast Cornwall and pay BT Openreach if needed. The Clerk stated she was not comfortable with the parish council getting financially involved in this matter. It was proposed by Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr Gale and agreed by the majority that BT Openreach could only be paid via the parish council if money funded from Superfast Cornwall is received. It was also suggested, if possible, the funding be transferred directly from Superfast Cornwall to BT Openreach.</p> <p>d) Money found in parish. A resident had found £40 on the road and although she had made enquiries this money had not been claimed, she then passed it to the parish clerk in November. It was given to the Chairman to donate to a local charity.</p>	<p>Clerk/ AB/Dsm</p> <p>AB</p>
10	<p>Play Area – to receive recent inspection reports and address any matters identified. Nothing to report. A discussion in Item 1 of this meeting address the Hall Committees request to create additional parking for the hall and creating parking for the play area.</p>	
11	<p>Recreation Field – to report any matters requiring attention. Additional parking. Discussions continued into the creation of additional parking at the field to alleviate vehicles parking on the road.</p>	
12	<p>Footpaths / Public Rights of Way – update. Quotes for trimming work in 2025. Cllr Tunnicliffe was unable to attend this meeting. Two quotations had been received for the 2025 trimming work. It was proposed by Cllr Hicks, seconded by Cllr Trewin and unanimously agreed to accept the quote for £400.</p>	

13	Correspondence - to note the correspondence list. To discuss the sharing of parish council correspondence with members of the public. Also discussed under Item 1 of this meeting.	
14	Community Area Partnership – to note Cllr Skeltons report from the December meeting. Cllr Skelton tabled his report that he circulated to Councillors.	
15	To note the action list provided by the Clerk – for information only. Noted.	
16	Community Orchard site – entrance and utilising the old allotment site. Cllr Hardman suggested changes to the fencing and positioning of the gate to allow vehicle entry and a turning head within the site.	
17	Parish Matters / Any other business and items for the next meeting. Nothing to report.	
18	Date of the next Full Council Meeting – Tuesday, 21 January 2025.	
19	To close the Meeting. There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25pm.	

Dated

Signed.