

South Hill Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of South Hill Parish Council held in the Parish Hall, Golberdon on Tuesday, 18 February 2025 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, R Squires.</p> <p>Also attending – Mrs J Hoskin (Parish Clerk) Mr Chris Beckett (Hall Committee) Two members of the public.</p>	
2	<p>Public Session (meeting then closes to the public). A resident of Maders once again spoke about the flooding issues and thanked the Chairman for visiting. No action had been taken to resolve the drainage problems. Councillors confirmed much of the surface water run off came from the lane and land above the parish council field and the flooding increased owing to the insufficient highway road drainage that was not working correctly. Cormac were aware of. The parish council agreed to carry out the repairs that is their responsibility to the drainage pipe in the field, that may alleviate some silt build up. The work to be done as soon as the weather allows. It was noted that another road accident had occurred at Maders with a driver hitting the sign / hedge. The lack of street lighting and the few houses did not qualify for a speed limit to be imposed. (The gentleman left at 7.55pm)</p> <p>Mr Beckett (Hall Committee) spoke about the planning costs for additional parking for the hall. This did not include additional parking at the top of the field being considered by the parish council.</p>	
3	<p>Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Tunnicliffe</p>	
	<p>At this point of the meeting, in the absence of Cllr Tunnicliffe, the council agreed Cllr Skelton drafts the meeting report for the South Hill Connection. Cllr Skelton recorded the proceedings.</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. Cllrs G Hardman and D Skelton declared an interest on agenda item 19 Community Orchard site.</p>	
5	<p>Cornwall Council – report from Cllr P Seeva. No report received.</p>	
6	<p>Minutes – to approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 21 January 2025. The Minutes for the Meeting held on the 21 January 2025 were approved and signed by the Chairman; proposed by Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr Gale and unanimously agreed by those who attended.</p>	

7	<p>Matters Arising except matters listed below.</p> <p>Item 11 Recreation Field - It was agreed the area surrounding the spar stone be cordoned off until the stone is removed. Cllr Hicks will arrange for the stone to be dug out.</p> <p>Item 17 Golberdon Bus Stop – The Clerk will ask the strimming contractor to trim around the area of the bus stop.</p>	<p>DH</p> <p>Clerk</p>																														
8	<p>Planning Applications / Planning Matters to include applications received between the publication of the agenda and the meeting.</p> <p>a) No application 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. Following a discussion, it was resolved to remove this item from the agenda. Cornwall Council planning enforcement department had been notified about issues on the site and it was up to their authority to take any action necessary.</p>																															
9	<p>Accounts / Financial matters – to approve the payment of accounts circulated by the Clerk. It was proposed by Cllr Trewin, seconded by Cllr Smith and unanimously agreed to accounts be paid.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="293 1055 1278 1458"> <tr> <td>BACS</td> <td>J Hoskin – Clerks payment</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 January 2025</td> <td>£ 15.00</td> <td></td> <td>£ 15.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BACS</td> <td>P Tunnicliffe – reimbursement of materials costs – footpath maintenance</td> <td>£ 18.98</td> <td></td> <td>£ 18.98</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BACS</td> <td>Tamar Agri – Hedge trimming</td> <td>£ 247.50</td> <td>£ 49.50</td> <td>£ 297.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BACS</td> <td>South West Water – Maders and Golberdon fields October 2024 – January 2025</td> <td>£ 78.84</td> <td></td> <td>£ 78.84</td> </tr> </table> <p>Update on the account from BT Openreach for the Rilla Mill South Hill fibre broadband scheme. There had been no response from BT giving a breakdown of costs for their invoice.</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr Smith that given the short timescale for the Superfast Cornwall voucher scheme, the parish council pay £1,000 if this will guarantee the funding needed, and this is confirmed by Cornwall Council. This was seconded by Cllr Gale and unanimously agreed.</p>	BACS	J Hoskin – Clerks payment	£213.68		£ 213.68	Cheque	HMRC	£ 50.92		£ 50.92	BACS	South Hill Parish Hall – room hire January 2025	£ 15.00		£ 15.00	BACS	P Tunnicliffe – reimbursement of materials costs – footpath maintenance	£ 18.98		£ 18.98	BACS	Tamar Agri – Hedge trimming	£ 247.50	£ 49.50	£ 297.00	BACS	South West Water – Maders and Golberdon fields October 2024 – January 2025	£ 78.84		£ 78.84	<p>Clerk</p>
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10	<p>Play Area – to receive recent inspection reports and address any matters identified. Cllr Budd reported on recent inspections with some minor work identified. The Clerk confirmed the ROSPA inspection will be carried out in April 2025.</p>	<p>Clerk/ HC</p>																														

	<p>-Update on the application for funding a new item of play equipment (springy hen). It was agreed to seek £1,000 from the Cornwall Councillors Community Chest Fund towards the cost of the springy hen. The remaining costs to be met by the parish council. Cllr Curtis knew of someone that may be able to fit the item, with the parish council paying the materials costs.</p>	
11	<p>Recreation Field – to report any matters requiring attention. Additional parking. The Council agreed to do nothing about additional parking in the recreation field until a decision had been made on the planning application submitted by the hall committee for the hall extension. Item deferred. Thanks will be sent to Gary who put together a quote for planning purposes.</p> <p>Spar stone reported under Item 7 of this meeting.</p>	
12	<p>Footpaths / Public Rights of Way – update. Cllr Tunnicliffe was unable to attend to give an update on matters relating to the public rights of way.</p>	
13	<p>Allotment tenancies for 2025 – to approve the rental charges for each plot. It was agreed that allotments rents remain at £15.00 per plot for 2025/2026. Proposed by Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr Hardman and unanimously agreed.</p> <p>It was noted that large vehicles had damaged the grass verge outside the allotment site. The cause may have been lorries going to Tregonnett Farm. It was noted that at least three haulage contractors had been travelling to Tregonnett, and drivers for one company were showing respect when travelling through Maders and Golberdon.</p> <p>As roads were being damaged by larger vehicles and there was no one specific firm, it was agreed that contact could not be made with the hauliers.</p> <p>It was suggested that a stone surface be put in the entrance to the allotments to provide a better cover going in and out the gate.</p>	DSm
14	<p>Correspondence - to note the correspondence list. Noted.</p>	
15	<p>Community Area Partnership – to confirm the date of the next meeting. 6 March 2025.</p>	
16	<p>Parish Council policies – to approve the Health & Safety policy and revised Financial Regulations.</p> <p>The health and safety policy will be amended to reflect the non-use of chemicals. With those amendments it was agreed the policy be adopted. Proposed by Cllr Curtis, seconded by Cllr Smith and unanimously agreed.</p> <p>Cllr Smith reported the financial regulations had been revised with no changes and remained the same as the May 2023 document.</p>	RS
17	<p>Parish Council Asset register – to accept the updated asset register and explanatory document.</p> <p>The springy hen to be added, once received and the register then circulated to Councillors. The additional asset to be reflected on the Agar audit form at the end of the financial year when the audit is being completed.</p>	

18	To note the action list provided by the Clerk – for information only. Noted.	
19	Community Orchard site – update on the agreed changes to the fencing / gate. Agreed to remove this item from the agenda. Cllr Curtis had the tree saplings to be planted along the new fence line.	
20	Parish Matters / Any other business and items for the next meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Neighbourhood Development Plan – The Clerk advised of the changes made to development boundaries and the NPPF by the new Labour government that may affect neighbourhood plans. ○ Cornwall Council – It was noted that Cornwall Council were spending huge amounts of money to refurbish the County Head Office in Truro. It was agreed to send a letter of objection to the Leader of the Council. ○ Redruth Town Council – The Council were in support of Redruth Town Council that revenue from second homes council tax be used county wide and not within the area where it was generated. It was also felt this should go to affordable home schemes. ○ Parish and Town Council Elections May 2025 – The Clerk will collect councillor nomination packs between the 3rd and 7th March 2025. The Clerk will forward information on becoming a Councillor to Cllr Smith. 	
21	Date of the next Full Council Meeting – Tuesday, 18th March 2025.	
22	To close the Meeting. There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00pm	

Dated

Signed.