

South Hill Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of South Hill Parish Council held in the Parish Hall, Golberdon on Tuesday, 18 March 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, P Tunnicliffe, R Squires.</p> <p>Also attending – Mrs J Hoskin (Parish Clerk) Mr Chris Beckett (Hall Committee) left 7.40pm</p>																	
2	<p>Public Session (meeting then closes to the public). Mr Beckett notified the council the planning application for the hall extension had been approved. Funding was now being sought to carry out the work and the extend the parking area. Cllr Squires congratulated the committee on their hard work.</p>																	
3	<p>Apologies for absence were received from Cllr D Smith.</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. No report received.</p>																	
6	<p>Minutes – to approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 18 February 2025. The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 18 February 2025 were approved and signed by the Chairman; proposed by Cllr Gale, seconded by Cllr Hicks and unanimously agreed by those who attended.</p>																	
7	<p>Matters Arising except matters listed below.</p> <p>Item 2 Repairs to the drainage pipe at the parish council field in Maders. It was noted this was not an agenda item for this meeting. Cllr Hicks promised to action the work within one week; with Councillors agreeing this ongoing issue must move forward and be resolved.</p> <p>Item 17 Asset register - Cllr Skelton will circulate his explanatory letter to Councillors, for comments.</p>	DH																
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>																	
9	<p>Accounts / Financial matters – to approve the payment of accounts circulated by the Clerk. It was proposed by Cllr Hardman, seconded by Cllr Hicks and unanimously agreed to accounts be paid.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tbody> <tr> <td style="width: 15%;">BACS</td> <td style="width: 55%;">J Hoskin – Clerks payment /exp</td> <td style="width: 15%; text-align: right;">£</td> <td style="width: 15%; text-align: right;">226.68</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cheque</td> <td>HMRC</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£</td> <td style="text-align: right;">50.92</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BACS</td> <td>South Hill Parish Hall – room hire February 2025</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£</td> <td style="text-align: right;">15.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Bank charges for Solar account</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£</td> <td style="text-align: right;">4.25</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	BACS	J Hoskin – Clerks payment /exp	£	226.68	Cheque	HMRC	£	50.92	BACS	South Hill Parish Hall – room hire February 2025	£	15.00		Bank charges for Solar account	£	4.25	
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	BACS	BT Openreach – South Hill Rilla Mill broadband upgrade scheme – paid February	£ 1,000.00		
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		Bank charges for Parish Council account	£ 4.25		
	<p>Cllr Skelton spoke about the dual action payment system.</p> <p>Update on the account from BT Openreach for the Rilla Mill South Hill fibre broadband scheme. As approved in the payment list above, Councillors agreed to pay the BT account having not received a breakdown of costs. Councillors felt questioning this would achieve no benefit and the account had to be paid. The project was funded by the Superfast Cornwall. This enabled the funding and payments to be made in the same financial year. This was proposed by Cllr Hardman, seconded by Cllr Squires and agreed by the majority. Cllr Skelton did not support this motion and proposed the account be held until information had been received. This proposal was not seconded – motion not carried.</p> <p>Thanks were expressed to those involved in the project and also the Clerk and Cllr Smith for sorting out the funding.</p>				
10	<p>Play Area – to receive recent inspection reports and address any matters identified. Cllr Budd reported on recent inspections. It was agreed to monitor the problem with the moles but take no action at this time.</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed there was an approximate eight-week delivery period for the springy hen. The £1,000 from the Cornwall Councillors Community Chest Fund had been received.</p> <p>Cllr Squires suggested a laminated QR code notice be displayed in the play area that linked to an invite for the public to comment on ideas for the play area and any new equipment. He offered to do this.</p>				RS
11	<p>Recreation Field – to report any matters requiring attention. Additional parking. The large spar stone had been removed. The hole to be filled and the area left to self-seed.</p> <p>Cllr Skelton reported on the Cornwall Council Community Area Partnership Levelling Up programme that provided funding for play areas; and the Community Capacity fund that could support the extensions to the parking areas.</p>				PT
12	<p>Footpaths / Public Rights of Way – update. Cllr Tunnicliffe updated the meeting; the installation of the gate and fencing had now been completed at Woodlands. A case review meeting would be held to address issues with the bank. An application may be submitted by the landowner to divert the path.</p>				
13	<p>Correspondence - to note the correspondence list. To be circulated.</p>				
14	<p>Community Area Partnership – to note Cllr Skeltons report of the meeting held on the 6 March 2025. Cllr Skelton tabled his report; that included the highway plans for the Plusha junction, cross borders services with Devon, the police report, elections and voting, waste and recycling, devolution of services, the Cornwall volunteer sector, the closure of the adult education centre in Callington, car parking in Launceston.</p>				

15	Elections 1st May 2025 – Councillor nomination packs. Nomination packs had been given to Councillors and notices for the Parish, Town and Cornwall Councillor elections displayed. Information on becoming a Councillor was available.	
16	To note the action list provided by the Clerk – for information only. Noted.	
17	Parish Matters / Any other business and items for the next meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Annual Parish Meeting – It was agreed to hold the Annual parish Meeting on Tuesday, 20 May 2025. ○ South Hill Connection – It was noted the South Hill Connection newsletter would no longer be produced in it's present form. Cllr Skelton was asked if he received any response to the article about affordable housing published in the latest edition. 	
18	Date of the next Full Council Meeting – Tuesday, 15 April 2025. The Clerk confirmed the Annual meeting of the parish council (AGM) would be held on Tuesday 13 May followed by the monthly meeting.	
19	To close the Meeting. There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00pm	

Dated

Signed.