



SOUTH PETHERTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of an **Open Spaces Committee** that was held in the **Blake Hall Committee Rooms** on **Monday 12th June 2017** commencing at **6.30 pm** when the following business was transacted.

Present Mr D Williams, Mr C Salway, Mr B Chitty & Mr T New together with the Parish Clerk Kate Alford.

In addition two members of the public were also present.

Public Session

Mr K White spoke with reference to the siting of the proposed Cricket nets, and the effect that the time taken to agree the nets position has had on the rapidly expanding Cricket Club. He also raised concerns about the time taken to progress the Lease for the Cricket Club, which was now the only point that was stopping the Club obtaining Clubmark status from the ECB, which in turn allowed them to apply for further Grants for the club.

Cllr Williams thanked Mr White for his contributions and noted that the Clerk would speak to the solicitors handling the Leases to try to ascertain a date for when a draft lease could be issued.

OS12.1 To elect a Committee Chair

Cllr Dave Williams was re-elected Committee Chair

OS12.2 To elect a Committee Vice Chair

Cllr Courtney Salway was elected Vice Committee Chair

OS12.3 To receive apologies for non attendance

None

OS12.4 To receive any declarations of interest

None

OS12.5 To receive and approve the Minutes of the Open Spaces Committee Meeting held on Monday 6th February 2017.

The Minutes of the 6th February 2017 were duly received, approved and signed off.

OS12.6 Matters for report purposes only

1. Lockable Bollard
2. Lightgate Recreation Ground Management Plan
3. Lightgate Recreation Ground Maintenance Contract
4. Updating current 'Tots' Play Equipment
5. Swan Paul Partnership – Forward Planning Programme
6. Cemetery Chapels

7. Memorial Garden – Maintenance
8. Grass Maintenance Contract
9. Tree Annual Inspection
10. Cemetery Chapels
11. Village Ranger Schedule

No updates or comments.

OS12.7 Resolutions

- (1) **To resolve that South Petherton Open Spaces Committee recommend to SPPC to purchase the land at Mare Lane, as per Mr Peter Kidner's email report of 27.04.16**

Resolved to recommend that the land at Mare Lane is purchased by SPPC.

Meeting suspended in agreement with the Committee for Mr White to make the following points with the options for the Cricket Nets:

- The South Petherton Cricket Club currently have over 80 children playing Cricket on a Thursday evening.
- They have already received Planning Permission for the positioning of the Cricket nets that they favour.
- The South Petherton Cricket Club has details of all the processes & meetings that they have gone through in this.
- The quote for the cricket nets comes with a full maintenance contract.

Meeting reconvened:

- (2) **To resolve to make a final decision on the site to erect the cricket nets and to recommend to SPPC that this site be given to SDDC to proceed with.**

Resolved to recommend to SPPC that Option 1 is used as the position to site the Cricket Nets.

OS12.8 To receive reports – if any – from the following

- (a) Blake Hall
- (b) Cemetery
There will be a meeting of the Combined Arts Society on the 13th June, regarding the usage of the Chapels. Cllr Salway & Cllr Beaufoy plan to attend. Storage of the Combined Arts equipment may need to be addressed.
- (c) SPIB
Noted that the Blake Hall flowers are separate to SPIB, who deal with the hanging baskets, bank trough and other troughs. SPIB will be looking for new volunteers to help going forward.
- (d) Allotments
Discussion around the works at Whitfield Lane and the contractors having removed some of the bank and any issues that may arise from this.
Nick Wakely met with Philip Vaux and some of the Allotment committee on Friday, and a report will be made at the next PC Meeting.
- (e) Churchyard
- (f) SPRUG
No updates as yet, but an intention to hold a meeting in September when updates may be available.
- (g) SPRINC
The Clerk updated the Committee on the recent awards and meeting.
- (h) TA13

- (i) Correspondence
Update from Clerk
- (j) Web Site
- (k) Memorial Garden
Discussion around moving the plaque at the Memorial Garden to the cemetery and returning the garden to the recreation ground, thereby avoiding the issue of vandalism and moving it to a more central place in the village.
- (l) LIC
Cllrs are requested for any help they may be able to provide on a Saturday morning to staff the LIC.
- (m) Youth Council

OS12.9 Others matters referred to the Parish Clerk

The Chairman spoke about the defibrillator purchased by SPPC, and that the original defibrillator that it replaced was from the Doctor's surgery. This was given to the Pavilion, however it cannot be mounted outside and accessibility is a problem if it were needed outside of a time when the Pavilion was open.

It was suggested that the cost of purchasing a new defibrillator for the Pavilion was investigated and in the case of a new unit being purchased, the current one could be donated to The David's Hall or other organisation in the village.

The Clerk reported that the fence next to the Pavilion had been broken again, however the Dan Palmer had agreed to pay for this cost as it had been damaged by the Club.

OS12.10 Date of next meeting – Monday 7th August 2017.