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**Minutes of an Open Spaces Committee** that was held in the **William Blake Memorial Hall** on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019** commencing at **6.15 pm** when the following business was transacted.

**Present:** Cllrs C Salway, N Wakely, A Allen, C Raikes, T New, D Hodson-Wright, with the Parish Clerks Mrs K Alford & Mrs R Swift

No members of the public present.

**OS21.1 To appoint a Chairman**

Cllr Raikes was appointed Chairman. Proposed by Cllr Wakely, seconded by Cllr Allen

**OS21.2 To appoint a Vice Chairman**

Cllr New was appointed Vice Chairman. Proposed by Cllr Hodson-Wright, seconded by Cllr Wakely

**OS21.3 To receive any apologies for non-attendance**

None.

**OS21.4 To receive any declarations of interest**

None.

**OS21.5 To receive and confirm Minutes of South Petherton Open Spaces Committee held Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

Minutes were received, agreed and signed off by the Chairman.

**OS21.6 Matters for report purposes only**

1. **SPRUG** – Meeting to be arranged before the end of July 2019
2. **Yarlington Car Park** – Clerk continuing discussion with Yarlington. Car park used well & sensibly during Co-Op closure.
3. **Scout Hut/Association Lease** – Completed
4. **Cricket Nets Open Event** – Proposed date 20<sup>th</sup> June – however this is subject to confirmation.
5. **Pitch Maintenance** – will be starting in September, once the carnival has taken place on the 14<sup>th</sup>.
6. **Play Area & Equipment Maintenance** – repair needs identified and scheduled.
7. **S106 monies and details of available spend** – updated, and verbal report on changing rooms process.
8. **South Petherton Pavilion** – update on current progress on changing rooms.

**OS21.7 Resolutions**

1. **To resolve to formally allow the NatWest mobile unit to continue to park in the village on the bays outside 29-29c St James Street, each Saturday morning, between 9.30 & 10.30am.**

Resolved to allow this to continue.

Proposed Cllr Salway, seconded Cllr Wakely, all in favour.

2. **To resolve to investigate the process, cost & design of carving the oak tree stump left by the felling of the tree outside the Scout Hut**

After a discussion around a number of options, it was resolved to investigate cost of digging out & also of carving the stump to aid further decisions.

Proposed Cllr Salway, seconded Cllr New, all in favour

**3. Resolved to advertise the Pitway Allotments for rent, using either of the following options:**

**1. Land Argent to draw up a tender form and produce a set of details of the land for prospective tenants. A sign board will be erected. Once a tenant has been found, Land Agent will draw up a farm Tenancy and send copies to all parties for signing - £750.00 + VAT**

**2. Parish Council to draw up the tender documents and Land Agent to erect a signboard on the Council's behalf. Once a tenant has been found, the Land Agent will draw up a Farm Business Tenancy and send copies to all parties for signing - £350 +VAT**

Resolved to write to the Allotments Committee to see if they would be interested in setting up and managing a second site at this land.

Proposed Cllr Raikes, seconded Cllr Hodson-Wright, all in favour.

**4. To resolve to accept the further details of the proposed fencing at the Scout Hut by the Scouts, and agree for them to proceed with this as per the resolution in the Annual Parish Meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019.**

Resolved to allow the Scouts to proceed with the installation of the fencing.

Proposed Cllr New, seconded Cllr Salway, all in favour.

**5. To resolve for Nick Wakely to remove the surplus soil at the entrance to the field at the far end of Whitfield Lane in accordance with instructions from SCC.**

Resolved to go ahead with this resolution.

Proposed Cllr Hodson-Wright, seconded Cllr Raikes, all in favour.

**6. To discuss the advice given by SCC in relation to the Whitfield Lane land and possible options for the future.**

A discussion was held in which the following were considered – Grassing over the field, planting in a different direction/across the slope.

Proposed to keep the land as it is at the moment, and monitor the situation.

Proposed Cllr Wakely, seconded Cllr Salway, 5 in favour, 1 abstention – Cllr Hodson-Wright

**OS21.6 To receive reports – if any – from the following**

- (a) Allotments
- (b) Cemetery
- (c) Footpaths & Bridleways
- (d) Roads & Transport – request for lane markings on approach to South Petherton roundabout from Watergore. Cllr Raikes to raise issue with Highways England again.
- (e) Recreation Ground / SPRUG
- (f) SPIB
- (g) Blake Hall
- (h) SPRINC
- (i) Mere Lynches
- (j) Youth

**OS21.7 Others matters referred to the Parish Clerk**

None

**OS21.8 Date of next meeting – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019.**

