



SOUTH PETHERTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Public Session

Prior to the meeting commencing the Chairman invited the following members of the public to address the meeting.

- Mr Woodruffe-Peacock He expressed his dismay at the announcement by Nat West Bank Ltd that they were to close their local branch in St James Street. Discussion then ensued as to what could be done. It was agreed that the suggestion set out in the following Parish Council Agenda that a Working Party be formed was the right steps to take.
- Mr John Bishop Gave a resume as to the background over many years with regards to the bollard located in George Lane.
- Mr Barry Apps Read a prepared statement in which he strongly recommended that a proposed review of the Parish Plan should be upgraded to that of a "Neighbourhood Plan"
- Mr Richard Blausten Advise the Council Members of the recent flow off of water from the allotments and the ancillary flooding problems it created around his and his immediate neighbours. He urged the Parish Council to seek repair to the drainage in the land leading up to the allotments
- Mr Mark Roach Questioned the current communication platforms being operated by the Parish Council as he had been unable to locate the time and venue of the Parish Council Meeting.
The Parish Clerk gave an update on both the now unsupported village web site the yet to be launched new dedicated parish council website and the posting of notices generally.
- Mrs Pam She indicated that she was very concerned about the gullies in Compton Durville that appear not to be cleansed for many months.
- County Councillor Le-Hyde Spoke on matters relating to Persimmon Homes and the relating problems around future school places. He also referred to the problems of ingress and egress of traffic when the new properties came on stream which would be exacerbated even further if the recently submitted application for more houses came to fruition.

He urged both the members of the public and the parish council to take note and respond to the recently published County Council Library consultation.

Finally he referred to the demonstration that had taken place earlier that day outside the Nat West Bank premises and again urged as many people as possible to write to the local MP expressing their concerns as to the potential fallout the proposed bank closure will cause to the local community.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their presentations and he was confident that the Parish Council would take them into account in their subsequent deliberations.

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting of South Petherton Parish Council held at The William Blake Memorial Hall Market Square St James Street South Petherton on Thursday 6th November 2014 when the following business was conducted.

PRESENT Councillors Mr A Dance (Chairman) together with Councillors Misses S Beaufoy and L Chant Mesdames M H Burrigge P Worner & A Soulsby Messrs B Chitty G Gatehouse I Greenfield M Hickley D Lee P Ritchens N Wakely together with the Parish Clerk Mr B Poole

In addition County Councillor Christopher Le-Hardy 27 members of the public.

10.1 To receive any apologies for non attendance

Councillor Mr B Herrick

10.2 To receive any declarations of interest

None

10.3 To receive and approve the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 6th October 2014

Resolved that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of South Petherton Parish Council held on Monday 6th October 2014 that had been previously circulated be taken as read and agreed as being a true and correct record and as a result therefore approved and duly signed by the Chairman

10.4 Past Subject Matters - For the purpose of report only

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| (1) | Matters raised by members of the public at the previous meeting of the council. | 9 |
| | The public session consisted of reports from District Councillor Barry Walker and County Councillor Christopher Le-Hyde | |
| (2) | Flower Pergola - Removal | 9.4.2 |
| | The Clerk advised the meeting that he was having difficulty in sourcing a contractor | |
| (3) | Parish Plan - Inaugural Meeting | 9.4.5 |
| | Arranged for Thursday 27 th November 2014 | |
| (4) | Tree Inventory | 9.4.9 |
| | Matter is in progress | |
| (5) | Drove – Barcroft Lane | 9.4.10 |
| (6) | Defective Light & Overgrown Hedge | 9.4.14 |
| (7) | Footpath – Watgore | 9.8.1.c |
| | All reported to the appropriate authorities | |
| (8) | Bollard – George Lane | 9.8.1.c |
| | See 10.5.4 | |
| (9) | Bollards – St Michaels Gardens | 9.8.1.c |
| | See 10.5.5 | |
| (10) | SP Junior School – Grant – Sensory Garden | 9.10.10 |
| | Verbal report to be given to the meeting | |
| (11) | Martock Job Scheme | |
| | A letter has been dispatched saying that South Petherton Parish Council could be interested in such a scheme for next financial year | |

10.5 Resolutions

- (1) To consider the following applicants who wish to be considered as a Parish Councillor to fill the final casual vacancy and thereafter resolve to elect one candidate

Angie Allen
Jeanette Mitchell

Resolved on a proposal by 8 votes in favour of Mrs Angie Allen to 5 votes for Mrs Jeanette Mitchell that Mrs Angie Allen fill the last casual vacancy on the Parish Council.

She then completed the Councillor's Declaration of Office congratulated by the Chairman and took her seat on the council

- (2) To resolve to form a working party to consider the closure of the South Petherton Branch of the NatWest.

Resolved to form the said working party comprising of Councillor H Burridge A Dance I Greenfield D Lee together with the flowing members of the public J Mitchell M Lovatt A Winter and M Roach

- (3) To consider using the services of a Minute Clerk

The resolution was considered whereupon it was:-

Resolved not to use the services of a Minute Clerk

- (4) To consider the type of Bollard installation needed at George Lane

This subject matter was considered in the light of the information given in the public session by Mr Bishop and it was therefore:-

Resolved that the Parish Council was not required to take any further action.

- (5) To consider the options available at St Michaels Gardens in respect to the need to replace the broken bollards and as a consequence resolve to implement action

The various options were considered and it was:-

Agreed that the best option would be either a gate or a staggered fenced walk way.

- (6) To resolve to note the receipt of paper drafted by Cllr Graham Gatehouse in respect to reviewing the current village plan and the holding of an open public meeting hosted by the Parish Council to consider the suggested recommendations contained therein and to take the appropriate action with regards to Parish Council representation.

Resolved to note the receipt of the said paper and to approve of the proposed actions

Resolved that the following Councillors would represent the Parish Council Mrs A Allen and Messrs B Chitty & N Wakely

- (7) To resolve to appoint a Parish Council Solicitor

Resolved that such an appointment be made and that the Clerk seek a suitable person located locally

- (8) To resolve to form a working party to consider setting up a Community Land Trust (CLT)

Resolved that a working party be formed and that the following Councillors should represent the Parish Council Miss S Beaufoy and Messrs B Chitty and A Dance

10.6

Finance & Personnel Report

- (1) **To receive a verbal report of the Finance & General Purposes Committee that had been held immediately prior to the Planning Committee Meeting on Wednesday 6th November 2014**

Received

- (2) **To approve the following items of expenditure for the month**

(102) Blake Hall	Hall Hire – Parish Council and others	47.50	
(103) Reach	Youth Work delivery for October 2014	1821.00	
(104) Reach	Materials – 2 Cameras and memory stick	98.90	
(105) Staples	Stationery	3.32	.66
(106) Landscapes	Grass Maintenance	960.50	192.10
(107) Mr B Poole	Salary & Expenses	2452.41	
(108) Mr B Chitty	Expenses	70.55	

Resolved that the invoices as presented be paid

10.7**Planning Report**

- (1) To receive the draft minutes of the Planning Committee held on Monday 6th October 2014 and to note the decisions thereto :-

Received**10.8****Open Spaces Committee Report**

- (1) To receive reports from the following brief holders

- (a) Allotments NW

It was noted that the Allotment Association had formed its steering committee and that various proposals were being discussed before formally coming before the Parish Council for ratification and or approval.

- (b) Cemetery SB

Concern was expressed at the increase in the number of dogs that appeared to be off their leads.

- (c) Footpaths & Bridle Ways IG

It was reported that some of the paths in the Compton Durville area of the village were becoming difficult to walk.

- (d) Roads & Transport BC

Agreed that Councillors Chitty & Dance would investigate the pertaining problem of blocked gullies and thereafter instruct the clerk to take the appropriate action.

- (e) Recreation Ground - SPRUG AS

It was noted that some of the 2014 Rents were still outstanding from some of the Recreation Groups.

- (f) Play Area PW

Reported that on e of the expected quotations had been received

- (g) TA13 GG

It was noted that the next edition was in the process of publication

- (h) Website BP

- (i) SPIB BH

- (j) Blake Hall AS

- (k) SPRINC SB

Nothing tangible to report

10.9**Reports**

- (1) SALC
(2) Councillors
(3) Chairman

Nothing tangible to report

- (4) The Clerk

Indicated that he was pleased that the Parish Council was now at full strength

10.10**Correspondence**

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| (1) | South Petherton | Notice – To Review the Village Plan – Poster | E |
| (2) | Cllr Le-Hyde | South Petherton Highways Review | E |

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| (3) | NatWest | Letter – Closure of the South Petherton Branch – 20/01/15 | E |
| (4) | Mrs J Mitchell | Application Form – Casual Vacancy | E |
| (5) | SP Twinning | Seeking a Grant | BP |

Considered and resolved by the Finance & General Purposes Committee

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| (6) | Mrs A Naish | Flooding – Compton Durville | BP |
| (7) | Viridor | Account Details | BP |
| (8) | SSDC | South Somerset Market Town Guide App. | E |
| (9) | SSDC | Digital Access to Revenues & Benefits Service | E |

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| (10) | Mrs A Clifford | Bollard – George Lane | E |
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See 10.5.4

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| (11) | NALC | DIS <i>Extra</i> Issue 845 – 17/10/14 | E |
| (12) | SSDC | Outdoor Playing Space Sport - Recreation Planning Obligations | E |

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| (13) | Humphries Kirk | Solicitors for Messrs J m & B J Pitts | BP |
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| (14) | SLCC | 40 th Conference National Conference details | C |
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| (15) | SSDC | Play Area & Youth Facility Inspection Report | BP |
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To be considered by the Open Spaces Committee

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| (16) | Mrs R Skinner | Copy Correspondence – Letter to NatWest | C |
| (17) | HMRC | Penalty Notice – Lack of Year End RTI | BP |
| (18) | Clerks & Councils | Direct Issue 96 November 2014 | C |
| (19) | Heating Oil Club | Information of the scheme | C |
| (20) | Chilton Cantelo | School – Invite Nursery Launch & “Release your Child” Session | C |
| (21) | Woodruff-Peacock | Correspondence – Planning Application14/04142 | E |
| (22) | SSDC | Removal of Red Telephone Boxes | E |

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| (23) | SSDC | Annual Playground Inspection Report & Risk Assessment | BP |
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| (24) | SCC | Somerset Library Services Consultation | E |
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Agreed to be a discussion item at a subsequent Parish Council Meeting

Additional correspondence received after the circulation of the agenda

None

10.11 Other Business referred to the Clerk

None

10.12 Date of next Meeting – Full Council and Planning Committee Meeting Monday 1st December 2014