



# SOUTH PETHERTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Prior to the meeting commencing the Chairman invited Mrs Helen Beaufoy to address the meeting.

Mrs Helen Beaufoy She asked the Parish Council to seriously consider seeking legal expertise in order to better able to fight against any further development within the village

County Councillor C Le-Hyde Informed the gathering of the Flood Mitigation Plans and the forthcoming arrangements for the 2015 elections.

The Chairman thanked them both for their presentations and he confirmed that Mrs Beaufoy’s suggestion would subsequently be discussed by the Parish Council.

**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 Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2015 when the following business was conducted.**

**PRESENT** Councillors Mr A Dance (Chairman) together with Councillors Miss S Beaufoy Mesdames A Allen & A Soulsby Messrs B Chitty G Gatehouse I Greenfield B Herrick D Lees P Ritchens N Wakely together with the Parish Clerk Mr B Poole.

In addition County Councillor Christopher Le-Hardy and 15 members of the public.

**12.1 To receive any apologies for non attendance**

Councillors Mesdames L Chant and P Worner together with Mr M Hickey

**12.2 To receive any declarations of interest**

None

**12.3 To receive and approve the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2014**

**Resolved** that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of South Petherton Parish Council held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2014 that had been previously circulated be taken as read and agreed as being a true and correct record subject to the under mentioned amendment and as a result thereafter approved and duly signed by the Chairman

11.5.1 – Wording changed from Parish Council to Allotment Association

**12.4 Past Subject Matters - For the purpose of report only**

(1) Matters raised by members of the public at the previous meeting of the council. 11

Matters that had been raised in the public session either did not require reporting further on or had been subsequently actioned.

(2) Flower Pergola - Removal 9.4.2

Matter still not actioned – it was noted that a resident had volunteered to assist

(3) Grants to the Cricket Club and the Twinning Association 11.6.2

Matter concluded

- (4) Re-painting of "Slow Signs"  
11.10.4

This request has been passed on to Somerset Highways

- (5) Western Power – Wayleave  
11.10.8

Documentation completed and returned

- (6) HMRC Penalty Notice  
11.10.9

## 12.5

### Resolutions

- (1) **To consider and resolve to agree a Budget for the Financial Period 2015-16**

Following the recommendation of the Finance & General Purposes Committee the Council:

**Resolved** that a Deficit Budget of £57,985 be accepted and approved.

It was explained that the Parish Council was expected to be in a position to draw down monies from South Somerset District Council in respect to Section 106 payments which would in some way mitigate this deficit

- (2) **To consider and resolve to set a Parish Precept for the Financial Period 2015-16**

**Resolved** that the Parish Precept for the Financial Period 2015-16 would be £127,500

It was noted that this figure represented a 2.43% increase on 2014-15 and was equal to an annual payment of 2.18 pence for a Band D Property.

## 12.6

### Finance & Personnel Report

- (1) **To receive the draft minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee that was held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2014 and note the outcomes thereto:-**

**Received**

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

(142) Reach	Youth Work Expenses	100.00	20.00
(143) Reach	Youth Work – December	1821.00	364.20
(144) St James's PCC	Advert – Parish Magazine	50.00	
(145) Microshade	Monthly Hosting Fee	43.00	8.60
(146) SLCC	Annual Subscription	285.00	
(147) Mr J Worner	Allotment work	136.00	
(148) SSDC	Playground Inspection Costs	78.50	15.70
(149) Mr J Wratten	Professional Fees – Neighbourhood Plan	396.60	79.32
(150) Stable Print	Parish Plan Booklets	60.00	
(151) Bluebell Antiques	Notice Board – Allotments	175.00	
(152) Intouchcrm	E-Mail Addresses – Dec 14	19.50	3.90
(153) SSDC	Trough Planting	312.45	62.49
(154) Gemini Licence	Annual Licence	33.19	6.65
(155) Staples	Stationery	116.92	23.38
(156) Stable Print	AV Leaflets – NP	30.00	
(157) Viridor	Administration Charge	20.00	4.00
(158) Viridor	Hire of Euro Bin	18.66	3.74
(159) Furniture@Work	Pedestal Drawer Unit	63.00	12.60
(160) Mr G Gatehouse	Staples – Stationery	92.58	18.52
(161) Mr B Poole	Salary & Expenses	2575.45	

(162) Landscapes	Grass Maintenance – December	960.50	192.10
(163) Mr B Poole	Vodafone	17.54	3.51
(164) Blake Hall	Hall Hire	30.00	
(165) Mr K Harris	Litter Picking	355.50	
	Notice Boards	36.00	
	Whitfield Allotments – Car Park & Bank	1350.00	
(166) Mr K Harris	Rabbit Proof Gate & Fixings	300.00	
(167) B Ryland	Christmas Trees	321.75	

**Resolved** that the invoices as presented be paid plus the grant to South Petherton Cricket Club of £269.00

**12.7 Planning Report**

- (1) To receive the draft minutes of the Planning Committee held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2014 and to note the decisions thereto :-**

**Received**

**12.8 Open Spaces Committee Report**

- (1) To receive the draft minutes of the Open Spaces Committee Meeting on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2014**

**Received**

- (2) To receive the following village reports**

- (a) Allotments NW

It was noted that as a result of the Parish Council's decisions in December a number of the agreed works had been concluded.

Councillor Wakely asked allotment holders to move the piles of manure adjacent to the fencing at their earliest convenience

- (b) Cemetery SB

- (c) Footpaths & Bridle Ways IG

- (d) Roads & Transport BC

- (e) Recreation Ground - SPRUG AS

- (f) Play Area PW

Nothing tangible to report

- (g) TA13 GG

Councillor Gatehouse was congratulated on the latest edition

- (h) Website BP

It was reported that tangible progress was currently being made by the newly appointed Web Master.

- (i) SPIB BH

The proposed suggestion of the Parish Council that it would in the next financial year fund completely the planting throughout the village would be presented to the South Petherton in Bloom Group for their information.

- (j) Blake Hall AS

It was noted that the next management committee meeting would be held on the 21<sup>st</sup> January 2015 at 7.30 pm.

It was noted that the preparation of the new leases was in the hands of the Council's solicitor

**12.9**

**Reports**

- (1) SALC

None

- (2) Councillors

- (a) Bryan Chitty

It was announced that the Parish Council was now an official member of the National Network of the Community Land Trust and that a small working party would be set up.

- (b) Ian Greenfield

Members were reminded that Mr Daryl Chambers of NABMA would be attending the February Parish Council Meeting in order to answer questions relating to the holding of a village street market. He also encouraged members to provide any other questions that they might have to him prior to that meeting.

- (c) Graham Gatehouse

The meeting was informed of the following points:

- (a) that the existing Village Plan would be the proposed starting point for any subsequent Neighbourhood Plan that might be prepared.
- (b) that the whole community would be embraced and
- (c) that discussions would be had with neighbouring parishes

- (3) Chairman

Nothing

- (4) The Clerk

Brought the question of the 2015 May Elections to the attention of the members

**12.10**

**Correspondence**

(1)	NALC	DIS <i>Extra</i> Issue 849 – 12/12/14	E
(2)	SSDC	Parish & Town Council Precepts 2015-16	BP
(3)	SSDC	Council Tax Base 2015/16	E

**Additional correspondence received after the circulation of the agenda**

None

**12.11**

**Other Business referred to the Clerk**

None

**12.12**

**Date of next Meeting – Full Council and Planning Committee Meeting Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2015**