



SOUTH PETHERTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Public Session

The Parish Council Chairman Mr Paull Robathan invited the following members of the public to address the meeting:

Mr Bryan Chitty

He asked if the Parish Council would consider inviting two migrant families from the Middle East to the village.

Council Chairman Paull indicated that he was sure that the Parish Council would be willing to assist in such an initiative but felt it ought to fit in with the programme currently being worked up by South Somerset District Council.

Mrs McLoughlin

She once again expressed her concern that despite making all the right representations to County Highways nothing (her words) appeared to have been carried out to alleviate her problems regarding potential flooding. The District Councillors present as well as the County Councillor agreed that they would follow it up on her behalf.

Councillor Miss Sarah Beaufoy

She indicated that as she had just recently undergone an operation it was not her intention to remain for the rest of the meeting. She wanted however to bring to the attention of the members a number of matters relating to both the cemetery and other open spaces within the village

- A gate was to be installed on the footpath together with “keep dogs on lead” sign” at the top end of the cemetery.
- The majority of the hedges and trees had been cut and shaped.
- Cemetery Wall had been hit by a lorry but remedial repairs were in hand
- Churchyard path had been partially re-laid
- Fly tipping at the Brook had been cleared
- She in the company of the Parish Clerk and Mr K Harris had checked the requirements outlined in the recently received Play Equipment Safety Report and as a result certain remedial actions were in place
- It was noted that someone had volunteered to undertake work in the Memorial Garden.

She was thanked for her report and she then departed from the meeting

Rachael

A local neighbour to The David Hall brought to the member’s attention the sporadic unsocial behaviour of young people that took place around the bench immediately outside the entrance to The David Hall. It was often rowdy with footballs being kicked around and the young people could appear to be quite intimidating to other members of the community. Several cars with their engines running were often parked in the same vicinity which in itself could potentially become a traffic hazard

It was generally agreed that this problem should be brought to the attention of the local beat officers.

County Councillor Mr Christopher Le-Hardy

He reported on the following:

- The current progress with high-speed broadband in the county
- County Council recruiting 50 more social workers
- The sum of £5000 was available again this year to fund Health & Well Being schemes
- New Telephone Number for the County Council – 03001232224
- Two new small road schemes for South Petherton had been approved

The Chairman thanked everyone for their presentations and then proceeded to open the formal session of the meeting.

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 7th September 2015 when the following business was conducted.

PRESENT Councillors Mr P Robathan (Chairman) together with Councillors Mesdames A Allen and A Soulsby Messrs A Dance B Herrick M Lovett C Raiques C Salway N Wakely D Williams together with the Parish Clerk Mr B Poole

In addition County Councillor Christopher Le-Hyde and some 15 members of the public present.

19.1 To receive any apologies for non-attendance

Councillors Miss Sarah Beaufoy Mesdames N Grenville and A Martin Messrs C Hockey and A Winters

19.2 To receive any declarations of interest

None

19.3 To receive and approve the Minutes of the Meeting of South Petherton Parish Council held on Monday 6th July 2015

Resolved to receive the **Minutes** of the **Meeting** of **South Petherton Parish Council** held on Monday 6th July as previously circulated were taken as read approved as being a correct record and signed as such by the Chairman.

19.4 Past Subject Matters for the purpose of report only

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| (1) | Matters raised by the members of the public | 18 |
| | (a) Footpath to the Hospital | |
| | Confirmed by the County Councillor that this project had been recently confirmed | |
| | (b) Springs at Hele Lane | |
| | (c) Lane adjacent to Hele Lane (Doctors Row) | |
| | (d) Gully Cleansing | |
| | Various Councillors provided verbal reports for the foregoing subject matters | |
| (2) | Nat West ATM & Mobile Banking | 18.5.1.d |
| | It is providing a new mobile bank and new ATM. It will visit South Petherton 9.30 am to 10.30 am Thursdays and 10.00 am to 11 am on Saturday | |
| (3) | Meeting with Martock Parish Council | 18.5.1.g |
| | Yet to take place | |
| (4) | Notice Board – Lower Stratton | 18.6.2 |
| | The Board is now in situ | |
| (5) | Setting up of Working Parties – updates | 18.6abc |
| | The working parties will report in various part of this meeting | |
| (6) | Agreement with South Petherton Scout Group | 18.3 |
| | This matter was discussed in some detail at the recent meeting of SPRUG and the Parish Clerk was currently waiting to receive the last lease held by the Group. | |

(7)	Service Level Agreement – South Somerset District Council Duly signed	18.4
(8)	South Petherton Carnival Ltd See 19.6.2	18.5
(9)	Subscribing to ASHTAV See 19.7.2.82	18.6
(10)	Grant – Sensory Garden – South Petherton Junior School Cheque sent	18.6.3
(11)	“No Ball Games” Signs	18.9.2
(12)	Negotiations with Dr Buckle – defibrillator Being undertaken by the Open Spaces Committee	18.9.2
(13)	Financial Assistance to the Scout group See 19.6.1	18.9.2

19.5 Chairman’s Announcements

He advised the meeting that good and steady progress was being achieved with the Village Plan/Neighbourhood Plan.

19.6 Resolutions

- (1) **To resolve to give a financial grant of £700.00 to South Petherton Scout Group to mitigate some of the monetary challenges they are currently facing due to several act of vandalism and damage to the headquarters**

Resolved that such a financial grant be awarded

- (2) **To resolve to accept one of the under mentioned quotations relating to Road Signs:**

Archer Safety Signs	£1,162.09 plus vat
PJ Signs	£1,550.00 plus vat
Griffiths Signs	£ 909.00 plus vat * not comparable

Resolved to accept the quotation from Griffiths Signs

- (3) **To receive and to note the recommendations within the Parking Working Party Minutes of the 10th August 2015 and as a consequence to resolve to submit them to Somerset County Council Highways for action**

Resolved to note the recommendations and agreed subsequently that they should be submitted to County Highways

- (4) **To consider the DEFRA Report entitled “Towards a one nation economy” and to take the appropriate action – if any - with respect the 10 Point Plan for boosting productivity in rural areas**

Resolved to accept the submitted report and that furthermore the Village Plan\Neighbourhood Plan Working Group be asked to consider its contents as to whist if any would be pertinent to South Petherton

- (5) To resolve note and endorse the Whitfield Lane Allotment Holders Rules dated August 2015

Resolved to note and endorse the submitted amended rules

- (6) To resolve to take the following action in respect to the William Blake Memorial Hall

- (a) To seek three quotes for the proposed works to convert the existing toilets for public use at the Blake Hall and to provide a new entrance and fire exit to the SPSSC with a screened seated area to combat any noise pollution – and

Resolved that the Blake Hall Management Committee be informed that they may take such action

- (b) To appoint Mr John Wratten as the project manager

Resolved that the Blake Hall Management Committee be informed that they may take such action

19.7 Finance & General Purposes Report

- (1) To receive a verbal update of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held prior to this meeting and to note the outcomes

Committee Chairman Courtney Salway gave a brief synopsis of what had taken place at the earlier meeting of his committee including some background to a proposal that the Cricket Club planned to subsequently submit relating to the installation of practice nets.

(2)	To approve the following items of expenditure for the month	£	£
(78)*	Staples Stationery	33.14	6.63
(79)*	John S Wratten Professional Fees – Blake Hall	604.05	120.81
(80)*	CCS Annual Subscription 2015/16	40.00	
(81)*	Intouchcrm Website Hosting – July	102.50	20.50
(82)*	Ashtav Annual Subscription 2015	25.00	
(83)*	Nat West Bank Charges	16.69	
(84)*	Microshade Monthly Hosting Fee	43.00	8.60
(85)*	Allen Computer Desktop Computer etc – LIC	755.62	151.12
(86)*	SSDC Planting	1122.10	224.42
(87)*	BT Broadband Services	51.00	10.20
(88)*	Landscapes Ltd Grass Maintenance	960.50	192.10
(89)*	Mr B Poole Salary & Expenses – July	2663.97	
(90)*	Whiteacre Planning – Research & Admin – NP	713.00	
(91)*	Reach Youth Work Services - July	1821.00	364.20
(92)*	BT Broadband Services	67.32	13.47
(93)*	Mike Roberts Tree Services	450.00	
(94)*	Mike Roberts Tree Services	300.00	
(95)*	Stable Print TA13 – Autumn	2420.00	
(96)*	Mr K Harris Caretaking & other works	413.50	
(97)	Intouchcrm Web Site Hosting – August	102.50	20.50
(98)	South Somerset Annual Playground Inspection	48.00	
	Playground Risk Assessment	30.50	15.70
(99)	Reach Youth work – August	1821.00	364.20
(100)	CLT Reg. Fee – Financial Conduct Authority	40.00	
(101)	Mr B Poole Salary & Expenses – August	2737.22	
(102)	Grant Thornton Audit Fee – 2105 Annual Return	400.00	50.00
(103)	Huck Nets Replacement Guy Ropes	88.49	17.70
(104)	Nat West Bank Bank Charges – July 15	27.85	
(105)	MicroshadeVSM Monthly Hosting Fee	43.00	8.60
(106)	Viridor Monthly Hire of Eurobin	37.75	7.54
	Ad Hoc Charges	10.00	2.00
(107)	Staples HP Printer	141.66	
	Stationery	127.91	53.91
(108)	Arien Signs Replacement Notice Board	1268.00	253.60
(109)	Griffiths Signs Road Closure & other signs	909.00	181.80

(110) Landscapes	Grass Maintenance – August	960.50	192.10
(111) Viridor	Hire of Eurobin	54.92	10.98
	Ad Hoc Charges	10.00	
(112) The David Hall	Distribution of TA13	107.00	
(113) Mr K Harris	Litter Picking and Inspections	355.50	
	Cemetery Bins	50.00	
	Removal of Bench	50.00	
	Dredging part of The Brook	300.00	
	Church Path	250.00	
	Notice Boards	48.00	
(114) Mr D Walker	Planter Removal and relocating	900.00	

Resolved to retrospectively approve those accounts marked with an asterisk dealt with by way of delegated powers and to approve the remain accounts for payment

19.8 Planning Committee Report

- (1) To receive the minutes of the Planning Committee held on the 6th July 2015 and to note the decisions thereto :

Received and decisions noted

It was also re-affirmed that following a previous planning committee decision all major planning applications would be discussed in the first instance by the whole council and not just the planning committee

19.9 Open Spaces Committee Report

- (1) To note the verbal report given in the public session prior to this meeting by the Chairman of the Open Spaces Committee.

- (2) To receive the following reports

(a) Allotments	NW
(b) Cemetery	SB
(c) Footpaths & Bridle Ways	AW
(d) Roads & Transport	CR
(e) Recreation Ground - SPRUG	DW
(f) Play Area	CS
(g) TA13	GG
(h) Website	AS
(i) SPIB	ML/CS
(j) Blake Hall	AS/CH
(k) SPRINC	SB
(l) CLT - Minutes – 19/08/15	PR
(m) Youth Council	AS
(n) Youth Management	AD
(o) LIC	GG
(p) Mere Lynches Charity	CH

Brief verbal reports were given to the members. The Clerk indicated that it would be most helpful if wherever possible reports could be presented in written form. If received at the appropriate time they could be circulated prior to the meeting and thereafter posted on to the village Web Site

19.10 Reports

- (1) SALC
- (2) Councillors
- (3) Chairman
- (4) The Clerk

Where necessary subject matters had been reported elsewhere in the meeting

Correspondence

Resolved that received correspondence in the first instance should be scanned and circulated to all members and that correspondence that was deemed to be of interest to the wider community should be posted on to the website.c dvfhy bhyhy yhbqgbgtvbvt

(1)	SP Youth Club	Report 2015	C
(2)	Folk Festival	Letter of Thanks	C
(3)	Groundworks UK	Grant - £2,000	BP
(4)	A J Wakely	Burial Fees	BP
(5)	Stone's	Memorial	BP
(6)	Irish & Denman	Burial Fees & Purchase of Grave	BP
(7)	Stone's	Memorial	BP
(8)	Mrs Sylvia Griffen	St Michaels Gardens – various matters	C
(9)	Community catalysts	Somerset Micro-Enterprise Project	C
(10)	SP Cricket Club	Installation of Practice Nets	BP
(11)	SP Scout Group	Payment of Rent	BP
(12)	SSDC	Flood Risk Management Meeting 28/09/15	C
(13)	Whitfield Lane	Allotments – 2015/16 Committee	E
(14)	CCS	Certificate of Membership & Letter	BP
(15)	SP Cricket Club	Payment of Rent	BP
(16)	Stone's	Memorial	BP
(17)	Mr Bell	Cemetery Fees – Memorial Garden	BP
(18)	Nat West Bank	Bank Statements – 06/08/15	BP
(19)	SSDC	Annual Playground Inspection Report Playground Risk Assessment Report	BP BP
(20)	Cllr C Le-Hyde	Report – July 2015	C
(21)	Grant Thornton	Completion of the Annual Return	BP
(22)	Nat West Bank	Bank Statements – 14/08/15	BP
(23)	NALC	DISExtra Issue 866 21/08/15	E
(24)	SSVCA	Voluntary & Community Fair 27/10/15	E
(25)	CLT	Meeting Minutes – 15/08/15	E
(26)	HMRC	VAT Repaid – 4 th & 1 st Qtrs - £5143.41	BP
(27)	Mrs P McLoughlin	Gully Clearing – Compton Durville	C
(28)	Mrs J Masters-Maggs	Grave Purchase	BP
(29)	Clerks & Councils Direct	September 2015 – Issue 101	C
(30)	Nat West Bank	Bank Statements – 28/08/15	BP
(31)	Mr P Kidner	Footpaths Report	E

Additional correspondence received after the circulation of the agenda

Date of next Meeting – Parish Meeting and Planning Committee Meeting Monday 5th October 2015