

Public Session

The Vice Chairman Adam Dance announced that no one had advised the Parish Clerk that they wished to speak however he called upon Youth Leader Dan who advised the meeting the details regarding the proposed campaign week to encourage more members.

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 5th October 2015 when the following business was conducted.

PRESENT Councillors Mr A Dance (Vice Chairman) together with Councillors Miss S Beaufoy M/s N Grenville M/s A Martin Mrs A Soulsby Messrs C Hockey M Lovett C Raikes C Salway N Wakely D Williams together with the Parish Clerk Mr B Poole

Some 15 members of the public were also present

20.1 To receive any apologies for non-attendance

Councillors Mrs A Allen Messrs B Herrick P Robathan and Mr A Winters

20.2 To receive any declarations of interest

None

20.3 To receive and approve the Minutes of the Meeting of South Petherton Parish Council held on Monday 7th September 2015

Resolved to receive the Minutes of the Meeting of South Petherton Parish Council held on Monday 7th September 2015 as previously circulated were taken as read approved as being a correct record and signed as such by the Vice Chairman.

20.4 Past Subject Matters for the purpose of report only

(1) Matters raised by the members of the public

(a) Invitation to two Migrant families from the Middle East

South Petherton Parish Council's decision have been conveyed to SSDC

(b) Gulleys & Culverts – Mr McLoughlin

This matter has been further investigated by County Councillor C Le-Hyde and as a consequence of those investigations a response was received from Highways

(c) Cemetery Gate and Sign “keep dogs on lead”

Work in progress

(d) Volunteer – Memorial Garden

Currently arranging a meeting to ascertain what can be undertaken

(e) Bench Seat and Young People – The David Hall

Subject matter reported to the Police Beat Officers

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| (2) | Meeting with Martock Parish Council
Chairman to report on this meeting | 19.4.3 |
| (3) | Defibrillator
The meeting was reminded by Councillor C Raikes that negotiations were in process | 19.4.12 |
| (4) | Financial Assistance to the Scout Group
Cheque sent and a letter of thanks received | 19.4.13 |
| (5) | Road Signs – Carnival et al
Matter now concluded and the said signs are being stored for future use | 19.6.2 |
| (6) | Parking Working Party Recommendations
These were duly sent to SCC and as yet a response has not been received | 19.6.3 |
| (7) | DEFRA Report – “Towards a one nation economy”
The Council has yet to decide what action if any they wish to take on this subject matter | 19.6.4 |
| (8) | William Blake Memorial Hall – Quotations
Instructions have been given to Mr John Wratten | 19.6.6a/b |

20.5 Chairman’s Announcements

In the absence of the Chairman no such announcements were made.

20.6 Resolutions

There were no such resolutions listed.

20.7 Finance & General Purposes Report

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

Chairman Courtney Salway gave a verbal report of the working group who had met earlier to commence discussions regarding a proposed budget for 2016-17. He indicated that the working group had gone into some detail as to the Budget versus Spend for the current year as well as looking at the Council's fixed costs. Finally he advised the meeting that some serious steps will be needed to be taken in respect of the current reserves and what sums would be added in the current financial year.

(2) To approve the following items of expenditure for the month	£	£
(114) MicroshadeVSM Monthly Hosting Fee	43.00	8.60
(115) Mrs M Robathan Catering Cost – Neighbourhood Plan	14.50	
(116) Came & Company Additional Premium – Annual Insurance	609.49	
(117) Whiteacre Planning Ltd Planning Research – Neighbourhood Plan	736.00	
(118) Mr B Poole Salary & Expenses – September 2015	2633.07	
(119) Landscapes Grass Maintenance	960.50	192.10
(120) Stable Print Leaflet Printing – NP	30.00	
(121) Whiteacre Planning Ltd Planning Research – Neighbourhood Plan	667.00	
(122) Intouchcrm Website Hosting & E-Mails	102.50	20.50
(123) Reach Youth(SW) Ltd Youth Services – October	1821.00	364.20
(124) Blake Hall Hall Hire	80.00	
(125) Mike Roberts Tree Work – Cemetery	450.00	
(126) Wessex Water Water Services – Cemetery	17.75	
(127) Mr K Harris Caretaking	325.50	
	Play Equipment Repairs	
	Maintenance	
	40.00	

	Cemetery Work	425.00
	Crown Lane Car Park	200.00
(128) Mr Tony Charman	LIC Website Support	200.00

20.8 Planning Committee Report

- (1) To receive the minutes of the Planning Committee held on the 7th September 2015 and to note the decisions thereto :

Noted

Committee Chairman Mr C Hockey provided a short synopsis of the outcome of the planning committee meeting held prior to this evening's parish council's meeting. He also referred to a training session on planning matters which had been organised by South Somerset which he found to be both interesting and illuminating

20.9 Open Spaces Committee Report

- (1) To receive the following reports

- (a) Allotments NW

- (i) Return of Allotment Deposit – Plot 6 @ £25.00
- (ii) Return of Allotment Deposit – Plot 24a @ £12.50

It was noted that these payments were signed off

- (b) Cemetery SB

Miss S Beaufoy reported on the work that recently had taken place at the cemetery with respect to the installation of a new gate.

- (c) Footpaths & Bridle Ways AW

In the absence of Councillor Andy Williams it was noted that Mr Peter Kidner had called in earlier in the evening to explain what actions he was proposing to take with regards to some of the village footpaths which were becoming overgrown

- (d) Roads & Transport CR

It was noted that the notes from the working party had been dispatched to Somerset Highways with a copy going to County Councillor Christopher Le-Hardy.

Standing Orders were adjourned at this juncture

The Vice Chairman gave way to allow Mrs McLoughlin to address the meeting on the on going problem of blocked gullies a problem that had been going on for years. She recognised what had been done by the Parish Council and thanked individual councillors (Nick Wakely being one) who had taken remedial action in the immediate location in an attempt to eradicate the problem

Standing Orders were re-instated

- (e) Recreation Ground - SPRUG DW

It was reported that all SPRUG Users had been encouraged to ensure that any proposals that they wish to submit to the parish council were complete by obtaining at least three quotations that the project was both viable and sustainable.

- (f) Play Area CS

All is currently well

Standing Orders were adjourned

- (g) TA13 GG

Mr Graham Gatehouse was invited to give an update of the work of TA13 which was re-affirmed by the members as being an excellent and interesting form of communicating with the residents of the village. He was warmly thanked for his work on this magazine

Standing Orders were re-instated

- (h) Website AS
It was reported that the website was progressing well
- (i) SPIB ML/CS
Noted that the planters would be removed the following day. It was also noted that all those traders who wish to participate in having a flower basket next year would be asked to pay £10,00 towards the cost of providing them.
- (j) Blake Hall AS/CH
The meeting was reminded that the Parish Council should be taking a lead in this project.
It was also agreed that the Council's solicitor should be consulted on the preparation of a lease with the Social Club.
- (k) SPRINC SB
Agreed that more publicity should be given to this village Trust
- (l) CLT - Minutes – 19/08/15 PR
- (m) Youth Council AS
(n) Youth Management AD
Vice Chairman Adam Dance gave a brief verbal report to the meeting
- (o) LIC GG
The Parish Clerk read out a short report that had been submitted
- (p) Mere Lynches Charity CH
Councillor C Hockey gave a colourful account of the recent meeting of which he is a member that he had recently attended.

20.10

Reports

- (1) SALC
- (2) Councillors
- (a) Councillor Mrs Amy Soulsby
The subject of Christmas Lighting was then raised and Councillor Mrs Amy Soulsby gave a very comprehensive verbal report what had been organised to date. It would be held on Sunday 29th November 2015.
- (b) Councillor Nick Wakely
Asked what was happening with the granting of the requested wayleave to the Pitt Bros to which the clerk responded by saying that a probate problem affecting the parties involved had to be resolved before any further progress could be made.
- (3) Chairman
Nothing tangible to report

(4) The Clerk

- (a) He reminded members of the need to return to him completed the recently circulated Unity Trust bank Ltd forms
- (b) He gave details of the SLCC Road Show that would be taking place in Cheltenham on the 25th November
- (c) He advised the members of the telephone call he had received that morning that Councillor Andy Winters was intending to resign
- (d) Finally the Clerk indicated he would be taking leave from the 4th to the 11th November although members shouldn't see a great deal of difference as he would still keep in touch in respect to e-mails

20.11

Correspondence

(1)	SP Scout Group	Letter of Thanks	BP
(2)	Came & Company	Re-adjustment of Council's Assets	BP
(3)	CC C Le-Hardy	Pickenbridge – Flooding problems	E
(4)	SP Tennis Club	106 Monies	E
(5)	Stones	Cemetery Memorial Application	BP
(6)	SSDC	BACS Payment – Precept 15/16 2 nd Half	BP
(7)	SP Junior School	Letter of Thanks	BP
(8)	Stones	Cemetery Memorial Application	BP
(9)	SSDC	Copy Letter to Persimmon Homes South West	C

Additional correspondence received after the circulation of the agenda

(10)	BT	Bank querying Direct Debit Instructions	BP
(11)	CWGC – CEM 12218	Cancellation of upkeep arrangements	BP
(12)	D Vaux & Sons	Payment of Annual Rent	BP
(13)	SSDC	Planning Update – September 2015	E
(14)	PC Toni Lines	Area North Beat Officer – Monthly Report	E

20.12

Date of next Meeting – Parish Meeting and Planning Committee Meeting Monday 2nd November 2015