



# SOUTH PETHERTON PARISH COUNCIL

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## Public Session

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited the following people to address the meeting:-

- Mrs Maynard She spoke on behalf of the village Allotment Association whereupon she outlined the bad state and condition of the access lane which was so bad that cars driving to the allotments were being damaged. She asked that the Parish Council takes some remedial action. It was pointed out that the repair of the access track was not the responsibility of the Parish Council and that the formal entrance to the allotments is from the opposite direction up some steps.
- Mr C Willey Reminded everyone of the past practice when non-confidential correspondence addressed to the Parish Council was made available in the Library. The Parish Clerk indicated that in the main he circulated all that is received either by e-mail or through the monthly circulation pack.
- Mrs McLoughlin Advised the meeting that despite the great efforts of the County Councillor the gullies and culverts at Picken Bridge were still not resolved. The Parish Council's Vice Chairman agreed to undertake some remedial work himself in the hope it would improve matters.
- Mr P Kidner Indicated that the recent hedge cutting undertaken near to the allotments had revealed the unbelievable practice of people hanging "Poo Bags" in the hedges rather than taking the bags home with them. The SSDC Dog Warden had made a visit to the village and had commented that he would pursue offenders with fines up to £1000.
- Miss M Soulsby proceeded to present a bouquet of flowers to her mother Mrs A Soulsby on behalf of the Youth Council to thank her for all her hard work in organising the Christmas Lights switch on.

Chairman Paull Robathan thanked everyone for their attendance and presentations and then proceeded to open the meeting formally.

## The Minutes

**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 7<sup>th</sup> December 2015 when the following business was conducted.**

**PRESENT** Councillors Mr P Robathan (Chairman) together with Councillors Mrs a Allen Miss S Beaufoy Mrs a Soulsby Messrs a Dance (Vice Chairman) B Herrick C Hockey M Lovett C Raikes C Salway N Wakely D Williams together with the Parish Clerk Mr B Poole

Some 18 members of the public were also present

### **22.1 To receive any apologies for non-attendance**

Councillors Ms N Grenville A Martin and Mr A Winter

### **22.2 To receive any declarations of interest**

None

**22.3 To receive and approve the Minutes of the Meeting of South Petherton Parish Council held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2015**

**Resolved** to receive the **Minutes** of the **Meeting of South Petherton Parish Council** held on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2015** as previously circulated were taken as read approved as being a correct record and signed as such by the Vice Chairman.

**22.4 Past Subject Matters for the purpose of report only**

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| (1)  | Matters raised by the members of the public   | 21      |
|      | (a) Mrs Goldie – Poppy Selling in 2016  |         |
|      | (b) PC Mark Boneci – Police Matters   |         |
|      | (c) Mr Mark Tattersall – Wessex Water – Water Quality   |         |
|      | Brief reference was made to the subject matters raised by those named during the last meeting |         |
| (2)  | Meeting with Martock Parish Council   | 21.4.2  |
| (3)  | Defibrillator   | 21.4.3  |
| (4)  | Parking Working Party Recommendations   | 21.4.4  |
|      | Work in progress  |         |
| (5)  | William Blake Memorial Hall – Quotations  | 21.4.6  |
|      | It is understood that these will be ready for discussion in the near future                   |         |
| (6)  | Village Planters  | 21.4.7  |
|      | These were removed as indicated at the last meeting the very next day                         |         |
| (7)  | Christmas Lighting  | 21.4.8  |
|      | Very successful event   |         |
| (8)  | Pitt Bros – Wayleave  | 21.4.9  |
|      | Work in progress  |         |
| (9)  | Unity Trust Forms   | 21.4.10 |
|      | A couple are still outstanding  |         |
| (10) | Corporate Policy 2015   | 21.6.1  |
|      | Now placed on the village web site for information  |         |
| (11) | Commemorative Plaque – Church Bells   | 21.6.2  |
| (12) | Community Business and Commercial Development Working Group                                   | 21.6.3  |
| (13) | Parish Plan Report  | 21.6.4  |
|      | Work in progress  |         |
| (14) | SPIB – Flowering Baskets 2016   | 21.6.5  |

**22.5 Chairman's Announcements**

(1) Planning

He warned the meeting that inevitably there would some short term chaos in the planning system when developers would undoubtedly 'chance their arm'. Amongst those mentioned was Persimmon who had indicated that they were still interested in developing land near to the medical centre and that they wished to be considered a "significant partner" something that wasn't quite how the parish council saw the reasoning. The Chairman thought that the Vaux Family were looking soon to commence discussions on a further development in the village.

(2) The Co-operative

Reference was made to recent discussions with regional representatives of the Co-op who were planning to increase the size of their existing village store. Thanks were expressed to Cllr B Herrick for brokering the meeting. The representatives were asked to consider having the main access to the store off the car park rather than St James Street

(3) CLT Questionnaire

Finally mention was made of the fact that the Housing Needs Questionnaire had been distributed to every house by the Parish CLT Group. He asked that everyone endeavour to complete it and respond by Christmas.

## 22.6 Resolutions

(1) **To resolve to install temporary bollards at Lightgate Lane and St Michaels Gardens as recommended by the Parish Council Open Spaces**

Resolved to install temporary bollards at Lightgate Lane and St Michaels Gardens as recommended by the Parish Council Open Spaces subject to ascertain the ownership of the land as to where they are to be erected

(2) **To resolve to seek the immediate implementation by Somerset County Council Highways of a 20 mph speed limit in the following locations:**

(a) **100 yards either side of South Petherton Infants School**

(b) **100 yards either side of South Petherton Junior School**

(c) **Lightgate Villas and the Youth Club Building at the Lightgate Recreation Ground**

Resolved to seek the immediate implementation by Somerset County Council Highways of a 20 mph speed limit 100 yards either side of both entrances (front and back) to the Infants School and Junior School as well as between Lightgate Villas and the Youth Club Building.

It was noted that the WigWag Lights had recently been installed

## 22.7 Finance & General Purposes Report

(1) **Budget 2016-17**

The Finance & General Purposes Committee Chairman Cllr C Salway asked that if any members had budget proposals to make to ensure that they were with him or the parish clerk at the end of December

(2)	To approve the following items of expenditure for the month	£	£
(145)	Reach Youth Services November 2015	1821.00	364.20
(146)	Stable Print TA13 Winter 2015	1966.00	
(147)	Mike Roberts Trimming and felling trees	450.00	
(148)	Mike Roberts Various Tree Works	450.00	
(149)	Whiteacre Planning Ltd Planning Research October	644.00	
(150)	Miss S Beaufoy Lanterns	139.96	
(151)	Mrs A Soulsby Portable PA System	149.99	
(152)	William Blake Hall Hall Hirings	90.00	
(153)	Viridor Waste Hire of Eurobin	3.41	.68
	Viridor Waste Ad Hoc Charges	10.00	2.00
(154)	Microshade Monthly Hosting Fee	45.25	9.05
(155)	John Wratten Professional Fees – October 2015	393.38	78.48
(156)	Viridor Hire of Eurobin	34.34	6.86
(157)	SLCC Regional Road Show – Cheltenham	69.00	13.80
(158)	Festivelights Power Packs and String Lights	1490.79	298.16
(159)	Intouchcrm Website Hosting – November	102.50	20.50
(160)	Nat West Charges 03/10/15 – 30/10/15	26.03	
(161)	Mr B Poole Salary & Expenses	2650.13	
(162)	Whiteacre Planning Planning Research – November	690.00	
(163)	SLCC Annual Subscription – 2015-16	262.00	

(164)	SSDC	Winter Troughs	312.50	62.50
(165)	Somerset Landscapes	Grass Maintenance – November	961.50	192.30
(166)	David Hall	Distribution of CLT	200.00	
(167)	David Hall	Distribution of TA13	107.00	
(168)	Reindeer Hire	Christmas Shopping Evening (£770.00)	370.00	
(169)	B Reyland	Christmas Trees	330.00	
(170)	Stoke Sub Hamdon	Band	100.00	
(171)	Viridor	Hire of Euro Bin	34.34	6.86
		Ad Hoc Charges	10.00	2.00
(172)	Microshade	Monthly Hosting Fee	45.25	9.05
(173)	PSG Carpentry	Christmas Lights	300.00	
(174)	Mr K Harris	Village Ranger & Other Works	1030.50	
(175)	Mrs A Allen	Christmas Lights	300.00	
(176)	Blake Hall	Hall Hirings	47.50	
(177)	Mrs A Soulsby	Mascots & Timers	95.97	

**Resolved** that the invoices presented be passed for payment

It was noted that the sum of £73.00 had been raised from the sale of lights and that £113.00 had been received in donations.

## 22.8 Planning Committee Report

- (1) To receive the minutes of the Planning Committee held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2015 and to note the decisions thereto :

**Received and noted**

## 22.9 Open Spaces Committee Report

- (1) To receive the following reports

- (a) Allotments NW

Noted that a consultation was currently being undertaken with the allotment holders as to whether or not to install a communal polytunnels

- (b) Cemetery SB

Consideration was being given to the possibility of installing a bell

- (c) Footpaths & Bridle Ways AW

- (d) Roads & Transport CR

- (e) Recreation Ground - SPRUG DW

The pavilion group were proposing to update the CCTV currently installed and were also likely to seek financial support from the parish council.

Future funding for the Cricket Club was delegated to the F&GP Committee for a decision

- (f) Play Area CS

- (g) TA13 GG

The recently published Winter Edition of TA13 was well received

- (h) Website AS

- (i) SPIB ML/CS

- (j) Blake Hall AS/CH

New cupboards had been constructed to the right hand of the stage in the Blake Hall

- (k) SPRINC SB

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| (l) | CLT - Minutes – 19/08/15  | PR |
|     | The Housing Needs Survey was now in circulation to all households |    |
| (m) | Youth Council   | AS |
|     | AGM is scheduled for 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2015                |    |
| (n) | Youth Management  | AD |
| (o) | LIC   | GG |
| (p) | Mere Lynches Charity  | CH |

**22.10 Reports**

- (1) SALC
- Additional planning courses were being envisaged
- (2) Councillors
- (i) A request was made that every encouragement should be given to lorry Drivers to use the designated delivery routes when using the village.
- (ii) Thanks were expressed by Cllr A Soulsby to everyone who made the “Lights on Ceremony” such a huge success
- (3) Chairman
- The Chairman wished everyone present a very Happy Christmas
- (4) The Clerk
- The Parish Clerk advised those present of his method of coding in respect to listed correspondence namely C = Circulation Pack E = E-Mailed and BP = Clerk

**22.11 Correspondence**

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|------|---------------------------|--|----|
| (1)  | Allotment Association     | General letter to occupants                            | E  |
| (2)  | SSDC                      | Parish Environmental Wardens                           | E  |
| (3)  | NALC                      | DIS <i>Extra</i> Issue 872 – 13/11/15                  | E  |
| (4)  | Mr R Crossman             | Speeding concerns ( <i>see Resolution 2 – 22.6.2</i> ) | E  |
| (5)  | CLT                       | Minutes22/10/15  | E  |
| (6)  | Persimmon                 | Letter regarding “alleged lack of consultation”        | BP |
| (7)  | Tennis Club               | Background to proposed Grant Application               | E  |
| (8)  | A J Wakely & Sons         | Burial of Ashes  | BP |
| (9)  | War Memorial Trust        | Bulletin – No. 67 November 2015                        | C  |
| (10) | Wessex Water              | Reference The Lam Brook                                | C  |
| (11) | Somerset Rivers Authority | Dredging Briefing – Winter 2015-16                     | C  |
| (12) | SSDC                      | Council Tax Setting Workshop                           | E  |
| (13) | Mr I M Grant              | Parking in St James Street & Car Park                  | C  |
| (14) | Cricket Club              | Seeking a minor sum grant                              | E  |

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

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| (15) | Mr M Armstrong    | Copy Correspondence – CLT Questionnaire | C  |
| (16) | Irish & Denman    | Burials                                 | BP |
| (17) | Stones            | Memorials                               | BP |
| (18) | C.Cllr C Le Hardy | Monthly Report                          | E  |
| (19) | REACH             | Youth Work Report                       | E  |

**22.12 Date of next Meeting – Parish Meeting and Planning Committee Meeting Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016**