



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:-

Mr C Le Hyde County Councillor commenced his report by commenting on the devolution proposals that the County Council wished to implement and to offset the extra cost to the Parish Council it could if it wished raise the precept by 2%.

He also confirmed that the path to the Medical Centre would be in place soon.

Miss Goldie she then asked Councillor Le Hyde regarding the planned reduction of many local Bus Services and pleaded that everything be done to maintain at least a minimum service for those who did not possess transport of their own

Mr P Kidner He indicated that some irresponsible local dog owners continued to hang bags of "Dog Poo" in the hedges adjacent to the local pathways. He also advised the meeting of an incident of fly tipping which included animal carcasses.

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 4th January 2016 when the following business was conducted.

PRESENT Councillors Mr P Robathan (Chairman) together with Councillors M/s N Grenville and A Martin Messrs A Dance (Vice Chairman) C Hockey C Raikes C Salway N Wakely D Williams together with the Parish Clerk Mr B Poole

Some 12 members of the public were also present

22.1 To receive any apologies for non-attendance

Mesdames A Allen & A Soulsby Miss S Beaufoy Messrs B Herrick and 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 7th December 2015

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

23.1 Past Subject Matters for the purpose of report only

(1) Matters raised by the members of the public

22

(a) Mrs Maynard – Allotments

Matter for report only

- (b) Mr Chris Willey – Correspondence
Requested action taken
 - (c) Mrs McLoughlin - Gullies and Culverts
Vice Chairman Adam Dance to provide a verbal report
 - (d) Mr P Kidner – Dog Poo
Matter for report only
 - (2) Meeting with Martock Parish Council 21.4.2
Chairman to provide a verbal update on any progress to date
 - (3) Defibrillator 21.4.3
 - (4) Parking Working Party Recommendations 21.4.4
 - (5) William Blake Memorial Hall – Quotations 21.4.6
 - (6) Unity Trust Forms 21.4.10
 - (7) Commemorative Plaque – Church Bells 21.6.2
Work in progress
 - (8) Community Business and Commercial Development Working Group 21.6.3
See 23.6.3
 - (9) The Co-operative Store 22.5.2
 - (10) CLT Questionnaire 22.5.3
 - (11) Youth Council AGM 22.9.1m
- Verbal updates if any will be received during the meeting

23.2 Chairman's Announcements

- (1) Mrs T Sienkiewicz
The Chairman explained to the meeting as to why Mrs Sienkiewicz had left the meeting abruptly earlier on in the evening. She had written complaining that on previous visits to parish council meetings she found it difficult to hear through the Blake Hall Loop System. The Parish Clerk had countered this problem in his response when he indicated the Blake Hall Management had carried out technical tests and it was deemed that there was nothing wrong with the system. Indeed the Chairman had tested that very evening himself the system by asking a number of hearing aid wearers if they were satisfied all of whom confirmed that they were.
- (2) Heritage Lottery Fund
He urged the local Youth Club to see if they were eligible to seek financial assistance from this source.
- (3) Housing Needs Survey
From the recent survey when some 1800 questionnaire had been delivered locally it was noted that from the responses received to date (30%) that 23 people were in need of affordable housing
- (4) Section 106 Payments
The Chairman indicated that some confusion had crept in during the past couple of days as to whether or not Persimmon had paid their last Section 106 Commitment. The Clerk was asked to investigate the situation

Resolutions

- (1) To consider Somerset County Council's Library Service proposals on Library Hubs and to agree an appropriate response.

It was noted that SCC were planning a review of the opening hours of Libraries and well as looking into using more of them as hubs for our local services.

Resolved that the Parish Clerk should respond accordingly on behalf of the Parish Council

- (2) To agree the meetings schedule for 2016

Resolved that the submitted schedule as shown below be accepted

Month	Parish	Planning	Finance	Open Spaces
January	4th	4th	4th	
February	1st	1st		1st
March	7th	7th	7th	
April	4th (APM)	4th		4th
May	9th (AMPC)	9th		
June	6th	6th	6th	
July	4th	4th		
August	No Meeting	1st		1st
September	5th	5th	5th	
October	3rd	3rd		3rd
November	7th	7th	7th	
December	5th	5th		5th

- (3) To agree to set up an additional Committee of the Council entitled South Petherton Business Committee and to note the following meeting dates and time – 01/02/16 – 09/05/16 – 01/08/16 – 07/11/16 at 6.30 pm.
- (4) Resolved that such an additional Committee of the Council entitled South Petherton Business Committee which would be held on the 01/02/16 – 09/05/16 – 01/08/16 – 07/11/16 at 6.30 pm should be set up
- (5) To give further consideration to a proposed Budget and Precept for 2016-17

Further consideration was given to the proposed Budget and Precept for 2016-17 whereby the Finance and General Purposes Committee Chairman Councillor Courtney Salway reminded members of the proposed Ad Hoc Finance Meeting that was due to take place on Monday 18th January 2016

Finance & General Purposes Report

- (1) Budget 2016-17

See 23.3.1 above

(2) To approve the following items of expenditure for the month	£	£
(178) Reach Youth Services Youth Work December 2015	1821.00	364.20
(179) Mr S Doble Hosting Services	30.00	
(180) Viridor Hire of Euro Bin	3.30	.66
(181) Mr J S Wratten Preparation of Specification – Blake Hall	480.00	96.00
(182) Mr B Apps Planting Supplies	55.28	
(183) Intouchcrm Website Hosting – December	102.50	20.50
(184) Pear Technology Mapping Software	700.00	140.00
(185) Nat West Bank Charges	25.50	
(186) Mr B Poole Salary & Expenses – December	2672.45	
(187) Whiteacre Planning Ltd Planning Research – December	690.00	
(188) Somerset Landscapes Grass Maintenance – December	959.50	191.90
(189) Blake Hall Hall Hire	25.00	

(190) Mr A Dance	Raked and provided further scalplings	222.00
(191) Mr G Gatehouse	Stationery	12.04
	Stationery	2.07
(192) Mr K Harris	Litter Picking & Routine Inspections	325.00
	Notice Boards	60.00
	Cemetery Bin	40.00
	No Dog Signs	10.00
	Fly Tipping	100.00

A question was raised relating to the purchase of the Mapping System (184) whereby the parish clerk explained that it had been secured at half price and that it would be put to a wide variety of uses by the parish council such as the Neighbourhood plan and village asset list.

Resolved that the accounts as presented be paid.

23.8 Planning Committee Report

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

Resolved to note the decisions contained therein

23.9 Open Spaces Committee Report

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

Resolved to note the decisions contained therein

- (2) To receive the following reports

- (a) Allotments NW

The meeting was advised that there appeared to be more gates in the allotment boundary fence than there should legally be. Parish Clerk to investigate.

It was noted that the County Council had cleared the drains in Whitfield Lane

- (b) Cemetery SB

Noted that the required scalplings had been duly spread in the dipped areas of the roadway. It was reported that thefts of recently laid flowers had occurred in the cemetery

- (c) Footpaths & Bridle Ways AW

See the public session of the meeting when Mr Peter Kidner reported

- (d) Roads & Transport CR

There was some issues in regards to notices on roadside and in particular those that related to Frogmary Green Farm via Moor Lane.

- (e) Recreation Ground - SPRUG DW

- (f) Play Area CS

It was reported that the half yearly inspection had recently taken place and that the recommended remedial work was in hand.

- (g) TA13 GG

The next issue of TA13 was due out in February

- (h) Website AS
 (i) SPIB ML/CS

(j) Blake Hall AS/CH

It was noted that the reported installation of the organisations' cupboards at the December Meeting had been completed. A very successful dance had been held just before Christmas when £1500 had been raised for Cancer Research.

(k) SPRINC SB
(l) CLT - Minutes PR
(m) Youth Council AS

(n) Youth Management AD

As a result of the AGM a further five people had joined the committee

(o) LIC GG

(p) Mere Lynches Charity CH

It was reported that the area was very wet and muddy and that the field gate required replacing. Councillor Nick Wakely the occupant agreed to carry any required remedial repairs to the boundary fence if the parish council replaced the broken gate. Agreed.

23.10

Reports

(1) SALC

(2) Councillors

(a) Crispin Raikes

Made mention of the road sign that had been damaged and that he understood that arrangements were in hand to have it repaired

(b) Nick Wakely

Asked what was happening regarding the installation of the bollard – a matter which had been agreed upon several months ago. The Chairman confirmed that he was in communication with SSDC and SCC Highways to ascertain who in fact owned the land so that it could be established once and for all who exactly was responsible for its replacement

(3) Chairman

Raised the matter of ownership of a strip of land near to the Youth Club and he confirmed that he was currently ascertaining the precise legal ownership

(4) The Clerk

Nothing other than had been reported upon elsewhere in the meeting.

23.11

Correspondence

(1)	Richard Green	Memorial Request	BP
(2)	Somerset Library Service	Listening Learning Changing – The future of hubs	E
(3)	Computershare	UK Government Stocks	BP
(4)	Appleby & Childs	Memorial Request	BP
(5)	Mr H Sayers	Defective Street Lighting- Watergore	E
(6)	Mrs T Sienkiewicz	The Hearing Loop – William Blake Memorial Hall	BP
(7)	Irish & Denman	Burial Applications x 4	BP
(8)	SP Bowling Club	Development Grant Application	BP
(9)	NALC	DISExtra Issue 874 – 11/12/2015	E
(10)	SP Pavilion	CCTV Grant Application	BP
(11)	Mr I M Grant	St James Street Car Park	E
(12)	Nat West Bank	Change of Contact Details	BP
(13)	Stones	Memorial Request x 3	BP
(14)	Mrs A Huskisson	Increasing the parking time from 1 hour to 2 hour	E
(15)	Mr G Gatehouse	Budget Application for TA13 in 2016-17	BP

(16)	SALC	Allotments Training Workshop	E
(17)	SSDC	Spreadsheet for 2016-17 Precept	E
		Tax Base £1,437.98 – Grant Allocation £7,260	E
(18)	NatWest	Change of Contact Details	BP

Additional correspondence received after the circulation of the agenda

(19)	SSDC	Play Area – Inspection Report	BP
(20)	Computershare	British Government Stocks	BP
(21)	Various	Unsuitable Rights of Way	E
(22)	Mr P Kidner	Footpaths Report January 2016	E
(23)	Mr R Blausten	Whitfield Lane – Water Run Off	E
(24)	SAGE UK	Sage Cover Membership	BP
(25)	Computershare	Seeking Letter of Authority	BP
(26)	Stratton Village Hall	Grant Application	BP
(27)	SSDC	Planning Weekly Report	E

23.12

Date of next Meeting – Parish Council Meeting and Planning Committee Meeting Monday 1st February 2016