



# 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:-

### Duncan from Yeovil District Men's Shed

Duncan gave an informative talk on the concept and practice of the Men's Shed which they have now been able to set up running from the David's Hall from the 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017 for the short term. He displayed some of the work that the members carry out and the benefits for both members and their families and Carers. The Men's Shed are looking for more permanent space to hold their meetings in, and the 2 chapel buildings in the cemetery were suggested as possible venues, which would be dependent on further investigation. The District Council has already given a grant to the organisation to cover 5 weeks hire of the David's Hall, and it was felt a proposal would be welcomed to the Parish Council in the future to match this.

### Mrs Naish

A resident of Picken Bridge, expressed concern about the gully clearance which has recently been carried out, in respect of possible damage to the cottage buildings, and whether the work would be checked to ascertain if it had been carried out to a satisfactory standard.

### Mike Wakely

Spoke about the continued concern about the state of Doctors' Row, and presented a possible solution to which may correct the drainage away from the path, in a more cost effective and less invasive manner than lifting and raising the footpath slabs.

### Letter from Duncan Webb

Regarding the proposed Public Toilets & Seating Area within the Blake Hall.

The Chairman then proceeded to thank all contributors.

## The Minutes

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting of South Petherton Parish Council held at The William Blake Memorial Hall, Market Square, South Petherton on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017 when the following business was conducted.

**PRESENT** Councillors Mr P Robathan (Chair) together with Councillors Mr A Dance, Mr C Hockey, Mr C Raikes, Mr D Williams, Mr G Gatehouse, Mr N Wakely, and Miss S Beaufoy together with the Parish Clerk Mrs K Alford and Mr B Poole.

Some 21 members of the public were also in attendance.

### **36.1 To receive any apologies for non attendance**

Mrs A Allen and Mr C Salway

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

None

### **36.3 To receive and approve the Minutes of the Meeting of South Petherton Parish Council held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

Resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting of South Petherton Parish Council held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2017, as previously circulated, were taken as read and approved as being correct and duly signed by the Chair

#### 36.4 Past Subject Matters for the Purpose of report only.

- (1) Matters raised by members of the public

Mr Peter Kidner – State of Doctors’ Row. Cllr Hockey discussed his email of 6<sup>th</sup> March and agreed to bring a resolution to the Parish Council meeting in May.

- (2) Casual Vacancies

There are currently 4 vacancies in addition to the previously announced casual vacancy with applications to be submitted by the 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017, and the elections to be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

- (3) Budget & Precept 2017-18

It was proposed to accept the F&GP Committee recommendation and this was agreed.

#### 36.5 Chairman’s Announcements

Update received on the Neighbourhood Plan (NHP). Cllr Robathan updated the Council on the changes that were occurring to the District Council, which had in turn contributed to the Neighbourhood Plan falling behind schedule another 3 months. It had been planned to present the NHP at the April Parish Meeting, but it was now unclear whether this would be possible. TA13 will publish details of the NHP when it is published.

Cllr Robathan will continue to work on the NHP through to completion after he resigns as Chair in May.

#### 36.6 Resolutions

- (1) **To resolve to transfer any sums to EMR and/or transfer of 2016/17 Budget Headings**

Resolved that no action to be taken.

- (2) **To resolve that South Petherton Parish Council proceeds to approve a preferred contractor from the following names in order to progress the installation of ground floor toilets and Sports and Social Club access at The William Blake Memorial Hall.**

- Contractor A £67,612.00
- Contractor B £67,042.00
- Contractor C £87,308.00

Resolved to defer with a agreement to meet with the District Council to plan a way forward, with the assumption that the project will proceed.

Cllr Williams was thanked for his hard work on this project.

#### 36.7 Finance & General Purposes Report

- (1) **To note the following items of expenditure for the month**

		£	£	
(248)	Water Business	Water services	14.25	
(249)	SSDC	Village Ranger – Jan	532.80	106.56
(250)	SSDC	Flower Troughs	318.75	63.75
(251)	Nat West	Charges – 28/02	16.10	
(252)	Viridor	Hire of Euro Bin	40.02	8.00
(253)	Viridor	Ad Hoc Charges	10.00	2.00
(254)	Reach Youth (SW) Ltd	February	1821.00	364.20
(255)	Microshade	Web Site Hosting	49.25	9.85
(256)	Mr B Poole	Acting Clerk Payment & Expenses	2416.67	
(257)	Knight Electrical	Testing & Repairing MUGA Lights	268.09	53.62
(258)	Knight Electrical	Replace Christmas Lights	709.24	141.85
(259)	Heather at Home	Services – February	472.78	
(260)	Historic Towns Forum	2017 Annual Subscription	35.00	

(261)	Somerset Landscapes Ltd	Grounds Maintenance – February	960.50	192.10
(262)	Whiteacre Planning Ltd	Planning Research – February	506.00	
(263)	Timberplay	Repir – Zip Wire Seat	43.28	8.66
(264)	Sage UK Ltd	Subscription – Mar	17.50	3.50
(265)	Sage UK Ltd	Instant Payroll 2017/18	180.00	36.00
(266)	CCS	Village Agent Provision	10,257.00	
(267)	Allotment Association	Reimbursement of Petty Cash	28.51	
(268)	Staples	Stationery	110.26	22.05
(269)	The David Hall	TA13 Distribution	120.00	
(270)	The Blake Hall	Hall Hire	85.00	
(271)	Play UK Playgrounds Ltd	Mobilus Repairs	395.00	79.00
(272)	Microshade	Monthly Hosting Fee – Feb	49.25	9.85
(273)	Mr K Harris	Litter Picking & Inspections	325.50	
		Notice Boards	85.00	
		Cemetery	80.00	
		Bus Shelter	80.00	

**Resolved to note the expenditure**

**36.8 Planning Committee Report**

- (1) **To receive the minutes of the Planning Committee held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2017 and to note the decisions thereto:-**

**Received and noted**

**36.9 Open Spaces Committee Report**

- (1) **To receive the minutes of the Open Spaces Committee held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2017 and to note the decisions thereto:-**

**Received and noted**

**36.10 To receive the following reports**

- (a) Allotments

Cllr Nick reported on a recent discussion whereby permission was sought for an alternative access for vehicles along the fallow strip. After some discussion it was:

**Resolved that permission would not be sanctioned**

- (b) Cemetery  
(c) Footpaths & Bridleways  
(d) Roads & Transport  
(e) Recreation Ground  
(f) SPRUG  
As updated earlier in the session.  
(g) Play Area  
(h) Garden of Remembrance  
(i) TA13  
(j) Website  
Management of the site going forward  
(k) SPIB  
Flowers arriving 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017  
(l) Blake Hall  
(m) SPRINC  
Recent meeting held with an interim meeting to be held in June  
(n) CLT  
Cllr Robathan will be standing down so a new PC representative will be sought. Proposals are currently being worked on,  
(o) Youth Council – Nothing to report  
(p) Youth Management  
AGM to be held 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 7pm

- (q) LIC  
A request for seating along St James' St.  
No Agenda had been placed on the Website  
Concern that the warning lights at the Junior School were not working/were not being switched on.
- (r) Mere Lynches Charity – Nothing to report.

### 36.11 Business Committee Report

**(1) To receive the minutes of the Business Committee held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February and to note the decisions thereto:-**

- No dropped kerbs have been received
- The application form for the proposed 20mph Zone has been received.

**Received and noted.**

### 36.12 Reports

- (1) SALC
- (2) Councillors

Cllr Gatehouse informed of the 'Great Get Together' to be held on the 17/18 June 2017. More details to follow

- (3) Chair
- (4) The Clerk

### 36.13 Correspondence

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| (1) | CCS           | Village Ranger  | BP |
| (2) | Nat West Bank | Bank Statements | BP |

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

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| (3) | Historic Towns Forum | Annual Subscription 2017 Reminder | BP |
| (4) | HMRC                 | BACS Payment – VAT - £3,842.93    | BP |
| (5) | Shaw & Sons          | Cemetery Receipt Book             | BP |

### 36.14 Other Business referred to the Clerk

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| (1) | To make final arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting | BP |
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Agreed to have the usual refreshments

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| (2) | Parish Councillors – Resignations Misses N Grenville & A Martin | BP |
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SSDC have been duly advised

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| (3) | Carnival Committee – Fun Day and Carnival Permissions | BP |
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Request to use Recreation Ground on 2 days for the Carnival Fun Days

**Permission granted**

### 36.15 Date of next Meeting – Annual Parish Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017