



# SOUTH PETHERTON PARISH COUNCIL

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## Public Session

### Hugh Jenkinson & Kirstie Hearn from Wessex Water

Spoke at the meeting to give a background and update to the imminent works by Wessex Water at Compton Durville. They gave an approximate timescale to the works of 9 months, and assurances of how traffic in particular would be monitored and directed around the surrounding roads and villages. Mr Jenkinson will be the on-site contact and encouraged anybody who may have any issues in during the works to please see him as soon as possible so that these could be remedied immediately.

### Mr T Burch

Mr Burch spoke with regards to the delay on obtaining the lease for the Scout Hut, although had just received correspondence from the solicitor. The delay on this has caused problems with regards to the Scout Trust being paid for a looking after a lease which still is not in existence. Council members expressed their dismay and frustration at the delays and will discuss changing solicitors for any new business at the next meeting.

### Mr P Kidner

Mr Kidner gave a report on the Footpaths and clearance schedule for the Parish. Any footpaths that had been flagged to the clerk as needing clearing have now been cleared. Mr Kidner encouraged the Council to support a claim to allow to ride horses along specific parts of the edge of Whitfield Lane (from Sheria to the junction with Partway Lane), and the field edge above Partway to the top of the first field (tractor access point), however also that the Council condemns the use of footpaths and land laid to crop around Whitfield and the Parish in general.

### Mr C Willey

Spoke with regards to the Resolution (3) on the Agenda & asked the Council to refer to any previous agreement with the Combined Arts Society regarding the internal & external responsibilities to the buildings.

### Mr A Dance

Gave an update on the Hospital footpath, the Parish having previously been advised that this would be completed by September, to confirm that this was not the case as the County Council had confirmed that they are unaware of whom the path belongs to and until such time, no work could be carried out. Mr Dance also recommended in light of Mr Kidner's report and the rapid growing growth around the Parish's footpaths, that the Village Ranger could possibly be given additional work to help keep these clear.

### Mrs Naish

A resident of Picken Bridge, spoke about the placement of the 30mph signs near to their properties. Cllr Dance agreed to investigate this

The Chairman thanked 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 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017 when the following business was conducted.

### **PRESENT**

Councillors Miss S Beaufoy (Chair) together with Councillors Mr T New, Mr A Dance, Mr C Hockey, Mr C Raikes, Mr D Williams, Mr N Wakely, and Mrs C Bragg, Mrs A Allen, Mr C Salway together with the Parish Clerk Mrs K Alford.

Some 17 members of the public were also in attendance.

**39.1 To receive any apologies for non attendance**

Mr G Gatehouse.

**39.2 To receive any declarations of interest**

None

**39.3 To receive and approve the Minutes of the Meeting of South Petherton Parish Council held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

Resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting of South Petherton Parish Council held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2017, as previously circulated, were taken as read and approved as being correct and duly signed by the Chair

**39.4 Past Subject Matters for the Purpose of report only.**

(1) Matters raised by members of the public

Cllr Dance gave an update on the recent dog attack which was brought to the Councils attention at the last meeting and also read out an email by the cat owner. The Council agreed to encourage the Parish to ensure any dangerous dog incidents are reported to the Dog Warden immediately, and will also ensure an article will be written for the next TA13 edition to make the public aware of their responsibilities around dog ownership.

(2) Casual Vacancies

Vacancies looking to be filled, and necessary information has been sent to Mr R Quantock.

**39.5 Chair's Announcements**

None

**39.6 Resolutions**

**(1) To resolve purchase a new water system for watering the SPIB Blake Hall troughs/baskets.**

Resolved that 2 units be purchase.

**(2) To resolve to pay £200 towards the upkeep of the bench and surrounding ground at Mere Lynch.**

**Resolved** to defer as no Grant Application has yet been received.

**(3) To resolve to give formal notice to the Combine Arts Society to end their tenancy and vacate the Chapels.**

**Resolved** to ask the Combined Arts Society to discuss their needs with regards to storage of some of their equipment, their future requirements and any possible issues arising at their forthcoming meeting. Following their meeting, they should resolve to put in writing to the Clerk any decision made regarding the termination of their lease.

**Resolved** to review the Combined Arts Society lease on the Chapels to gain information on any notice period or other pertinent information.

**(4) To resolve to offer Parish Council assistance to the Combined Arts Society to help them empty the Chapels.**

**Resolved** that in the event that the Combined Arts Society no longer need one or both of the Chapels, the Parish Council would offer assistance in clearance of any equipment/possessions.

**(5) To resolve to take forward the Blake Hall toilet project by appointing a professional Project Manager.**

Following a discussion around the project, benefits, cost, timescales, needs and options, it was

**Resolved** to confirm with the Blake Hall Club that they were still happy to move forward under the previous agreement. Should this be the case:-

**Resolved** to go ahead and look to appoint a Project Manger to manage the Blake Hall Toilet Project. (All in favour apart from 2 abstentions in vote).

<b>(1) To note the following items of expenditure for the month</b>		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	
(26)	Whiteacre Planning Ltd	Planning Research chq shortfall	600.00	
(41)	Mrs K Alford	Expenses – April 2017	128.47	
(42/43)	Stableprint	TA13 x2 Editions	4996.00	
(44)	Microshade	Computer Support	59.10	
(46)	Polden Accountants	Year End Accounts	900.00	
(47)	Mr K Harris	Parish Work	1035.50	
(48)	Mrs K Alford	Clerk's Salary – May	1966.22	
(49)	Mrs K Alford	Clerk's Expenses – May	93.13	
(50)	Mr C Raikes	Binbags	60.15	
(51)	Mr B Poole	Locum Expenses	2116.67	
(52)	InTouch CRM	Website hosting	102.50	20.50
(53)	Heather at Home	Parish Link Worker	360.00	
(54)	Whiteacre Planning	Planning Research	360.00	
(55)	Mrs K Alford	Expenses – May 2017	102.13	

**Resolved to note the expenditure**

### 39.8 Planning Committee Report

- (1) To receive the minutes of the Planning Committee held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May and to note the decisions thereto:-**

**Received and noted**

### 36.9 Open Spaces Committee Report

- (1) To receive the following reports**

- (a) Allotments

Cllr N Wakely reported that Philip Vaux will be attending a meeting in the near future with NW, the Association and the Clerk. The grass strip works carried out by Mike Wakely now had grass beginning to grow again on it. The bund is felt to be too large, and needs to be reduced. It was also noted that Whitfield Lane will be closed as of 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017 due to the works as Sheria.

- (b) Cemetery  
Footpaths & Bridleways  
Covered in Mr Kidner's report

- © Roads & Transport  
Regarding the corner of Prigg Lane/Silver Street purchase, Yarlington Housing will be discussing this at their meeting this week, so an answer should be forthcoming.  
A meeting was held with the Co-op regarding the forthcoming works, and the Council were updated on this as it stands at the present time.

- (d) Recreation Ground

- (e) SPRUG  
A resolution is to be held regarding the Cricket Nets at the Open Spaces meeting next week.

- (f) Play Area

- (g) TA13

- (h) Website

- (i) SPIB

Hanging baskets up in South Petherton, monies from local businesses received by the Clerk, and to note that SPIB is now self funding. Concerns around the need for new members, and a request for new member to be put in the next TA13 edition.

- (j) Blake Hall

Recent AGM held, committee members have stayed the same, however new members are needed. Cllr Hockey thanked the Council for the new watering system.

- (k) SPRINC  
Meeting held earlier on the 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2 donations made.
- (l) CLT  
Bernard Way looks to now go ahead as the remaining option.
- (m) Youth Council
- (n) Youth Management
- (o) LIC
- (p) Mere Lynches Charity  
Will produce an application form for the Grant for the bench and surrounding area for the next meeting.

### 39.10 Business Committee Report

- (1) **To receive the minutes of the Business Committee held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017 and to note the decisions thereto:-**

Received and noted.

### 39.11 Reports

- (1) SALC
- (2) Councillors
- (3) Chair - Will be meeting with the previous Chair, and requested that if there are any areas of Council work that the Cllrs would like more information, please would they let her have those details as soon as possible.
- (4) The Clerk - Referred to the report by the Parish Link worker sent out to Cllrs, and will look to ask both the Parish Link Worker and the Village Agent to future meetings to give updates to the Council.

### 39.12 Correspondence

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| (1) | Heather McDonald | Request for 'No Vehicular Access' Sign on Hospital Lane | KA |
| (2) | Irish & Denman   | Burial Paperwork  | KA |
| (3) | SSDC             | Playing Pitch Strategy                                  | E  |

### 39.13 Additional correspondence received after the circulation of the agenda

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| (1) | Letter from Pensions Regulator re Staging dates | KA |
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### 39.14 Other Business referred to the Clerk

None

### 39.15 Date of next Meeting – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017, 7.30pm at The William Blake Memorial Hall