



# SOUTH PETHERTON PARISH COUNCIL

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## Public Session

### Mr Peter Kidner

Mr Kidner gave a report on footpaths as the Parish Paths Liaison Officer which included information on reports of dangerous mountain biking & horse riders around Whitfield Lane footpaths

### Mr T Pearce

Mr Pearce spoke with regards to Business Association meetings and the benefit that this would give to the South Petherton business community, and the benefit of installing Brown Signs on the outskirts of the village once the Blake Hall toilets are open.

### Mr Paul

Mr Paul spoke with regards to the current Parish Council website, the updating of this and current Minutes / Agendas

### Mr A Dance

Mr Dance read out a letter from Cllr S Beaufoy regarding work carried out in the home.

### Mrs Naish

Mrs Naish spoke with regards to the local bus services, and the current situation of public transport within the villages.

The Chair 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 Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018 when the following business was conducted.

**PRESENT** Councillors D Williams (Chair) together with Councillors Mr T New, Mr N Wakely, Mr B Apps, Mr C Salway, Mr B Chitty, Mr C Raikes, Mr S Spiers, Mr A Dance, Mrs D Hodgson-Wright together with the Parish Clerk Mrs K Alford.

Some 15 members of the public were also in attendance.

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

Councillors C Bragg, C Hockey, S Beaufoy, A Allen

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

None

#### **46.3 To receive and approve the Minutes of the Meeting of South Petherton Parish Council held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018.**

Resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting of South Petherton Parish Council held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018, as previously circulated, were taken as read and approved as being correct and duly signed by the Chair

#### **46.4 Past Subject Matters for the Purpose of report only.**

- (1) Matters raised by members of the public

Cllr Dance reported on:

Library – County Council want the Parish Council to take on some of the expense of the building and running of the library, or the funding of it in its entirety.

20mph – Black boxes to calculate speeds, which can then be assessed before any reduction can be agreed.

Hospital footpath – Safety team are concerned that it is not safe enough to put a footpath in.

Bollards – Still ongoing trying to get bollards replaced by Persimmon at Lightgate Lane. Possible action for Parish Council to install if no response is forthcoming.

Cllr Raikes reported on:

Boundary Commision – gave an update and encouraged comments on the consultation.

Budget discussed this month at full Council – will result in a £5 per year increase for Band D properties.

Report on Council Tax Relief scheme.

(2) Preliminaries for South Petherton 20 mph Scheme

Discussed.

#### 46.5 Chair's Announcements

None

#### 46.6 Resolutions

**(1) To resolve to Grant £750 to South Petherton Folk Festival to support the event in June 2018**

**Resolved** that £750 be granted to South Petherton Folk Festival

**(2) To resolve to agree to a Precept for the Financial Year 2018/19**

Increase would mean a Band D increase of 3% - unanimously agreed.

**Resolved** to agree a Precept of £155,000 for the Financial Year 2018/19

**(3) To resolve to agree to purchase a new cooker for the Youth Club at a cost of £299.**

**Resolved** to purchase a new cooker for the Youth Club at a cost of £299

#### 46.7 Finance & General Purposes Report

**(1) To receive the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018 and to note the decisions thereto:-**

Received and noted.

<b>(1) To note the following items of expenditure for January</b>			<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
(207)	InTouch CRM	Website Hosting	131.50	26.30
(208)	Reach Youth UK	January invoice	1821.00	364.20
(209)	Sage	January invoice	19.25	
(210)	BT	Line rental	103.36	
(211)	SSDC	Summer baskets /troughs	387.50	77.50
(212)	Blake Hall Committee	Xmas Lights electricity	300.00	
(213)	Viridor	Rental charges	62.72	12.54
(214)	Viridor	Adhoc charges	10.83	2.17
(215)	Mrs K Alford	Clerk's salary – Jan	1437.26	
(216)	HMRC	PAYE	531.66	
(217)	Mrs K Alford	Clerk's expenses	53.60	

(218)	BT	Internet services	72.00	
(219)	Grant Thornton	Annual Return fee 2017	400.00	80.00
(220)	Atlas Security	Christmas Event attendance	294.00	58.80

**To note the following expenditure received after the circulation of the Agenda.**

(221)	Claire Laidler	SPCPG Admin Support - Jan	47.25	
(222)	JLS Heating	Chapel works	42.00	
(223)	M Property Services	Chapel Works	278.00	
(224)	Heather McMillan	Parish Link Worker - Jan	432.00	
(225)	Somerset Landscapes	Grass Maintenance – Dec	960.50	192.10
(226)	Knight Electrical	Christmas Light works	775.26	
(227)	Kevin Harris	Parish Maintenance	565.50	
(228)	Mr K Vincent	Christmas Light removal	150.00	
(229)	Microshade	Web hosting	63.54	

Resolved to note the expenditure

**46.8 Planning Committee Report**

- (1) **To receive the minutes of the Planning Committee held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018 and to note the decisions thereto:-**

Received and noted

**46.9 To receive the following reports if any information:-**

- (a) **Allotments**
- (b) **Cemetery**
- (c) **Footpaths and Bridleways**
- (d) **Roads & Transport**
- (e) **Recreation Ground/SPRUG** – Cllr Williams to organise a meeting for all SPRUG users.
- (f) **Play Area**
- (g) **TA13** – Editor needed as soon as possible /to be funded if no volunteer forthcoming
- (h) **Website**
- (i) **SPIB** – Update on meetings and coordination – thanks to Dee for organising this.
- (j) **Blake Hall** – refurbishments are ongoing
- (k) **SPRINC** – updated in Open Spaces
- (l) **CLT** – waiting for Stonewater to respond to queries
- (m) **Youth Council** – no report
- (n) **Youth Management**
- (o) **LIC** – a couple of new names have come forward for volunteering – more required!
- (p) **Mere Lynches**

**46.10 Reports**

- **SALC** – Councillor training available in March
- **Councillors**
  1. Closure of Provender – possible commercial takeover / Natwest – letter to be sent to encourage them to hurry their negotiations to terminate the lease.
  2. Update on Co-op refurbishments - CR
  3. School children’s parents wish to set up a community speed watch, speed presentation to be organised for April’s APM - AD
- **Chair**
- **Clerk**
- **Parish Link Worker & Village Agent** – Reports emailed out.

**46.11 Correspondence**

(1)	SCC	SP Library Consultation	E
(2)	SSDC	LIC Service Level Agreement	E
(3)	Graham Gatehouse	TA13 Editor Resignation	E

(4)	IMI	War Memorial Cleaning	E
(5)	Came & Co	Pre Insurance renewal	KA
(6)	St Margarets Hospice	Update/newsletter	E
(7)	SSDC	Langport Closure	E
(8)	SSDC	Local Govt Boundary Commission	E

**46.12 Other Business referred to the Clerk**

**46.13 Date of next Meetings:**

**Finance & General Purposes, Planning & Full Parish Council – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018, at The William Blake Memorial Hall**