

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of South Petherton Parish Council which was held in the **William Blake Memorial Hall South Petherton on Monday 3rd April 2017** commencing at **7.30 pm** when **Mr Paull Robathan Chairman** presided.

There were some 62 persons present that also included a number of Parish Councillors, Mr Bruce Poole and the Parish Clerk, Mrs K Alford.

1. Welcome by the Chairman Mr Paull Robathan

The Chairman formally welcomed everyone to the meeting where he hoped everyone would enjoy the meeting and take part in the refreshments laid on by the Parish Council.

2. Chairman's Report

The Chairman

3. The Neighbourhood Plan

The Chairman gave an update on the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan, with the main points being;

- South Petherton Parish has, at this point in time, already built the number of houses needed by 2028.
- Building needs and possible trajectories of future building
- Neighbourhood Plan (NHP) timescales as from 3rd April 2017
- Details on the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) structure – what this is and what it means in regard to the NHP.

The Chairman then introduced Stuart Todd, who spoke about how the NHP guides future development and helps to protect and conserve the area. He also spoke about land use planning and the communities plan, and how this runs alongside the District Council's plans, and also the vision for South Petherton Parish.

Finally, Stuart spoke about the next steps to gain statutory weight.

Lydia Jones was then introduced and spoke about what, and how information was collected, and the Conservation Area Appraisal and the Design Statement.

Graham Gatehouse then spoke to thank all involved with progressing and producing the NHP thus far, including the Steering Group, and in particular noted The Chairman, Mr Paull Robathan, for his help and work. He then detailed the plans to take the NHP on to its next step, to have the Parish Council formally accept the NHP if agreed, on the 24th April 2017, publish a summary in TA13 and then start a 6 week consultation period in May 2017. Mr Gatehouse encouraged all present to read the NHP, and to encourage others to read it, and comment on it during the 6 week period.

4. Community Partnership for Health & Wellbeing in South Petherton

The Chairman introduced this part of the meeting by talking about supporting residents with their Health & Wellbeing, and how this can be achieved in light of the current Healthcare situation. He spoke about how South Petherton can be part of the agreement as to how to provide the right care for Parish residents.

The Chairman introduced the following people who spoke briefly on their area of Healthcare and Wellbeing;

Helen Chaloner – League of Friends

Helen spoke on the activities and funding that they are currently providing and gave examples of people being without transport, mattresses and funding a bladder scanner among many others. She advised that there was a need to save money by improving care, and that treatment at home was better and cheaper, although at the present time there were no plans to reduce beds at South Petherton Hospital.

Ann Lee – Chief Executive of St Margarets Hospice

Ann informed the meeting of St Margaret's plan to manage the increase in numbers of people who are suffering end of life conditions, and how they are working with other providers to make money go further to support this. She congratulated South Petherton for having a fantastic network and making a huge effort and enthusiasm for the new processes.

Ann also spoke about indispensable services and enablers, moving forward to connect complex care, and the key challenges ahead.

Laura Wilson – St Margarets Hospice

Spoke about the services St Margarets were providing at the moment, and gave details on the community team groups currently working across Somerset – the Palliative Care Specialists, RN's and MDTA's (Multi Disciplinary Team Assistants).

Rhys – Community Catalysts

Rhys spoke about shaping the design and delivery of care services in the Parish, challenges that 'care' faces and that the solutions lie in small communities and local people. He also explained about microproviders and what solutions that can provide, and how this linked with the South Petherton Care Cooperative being formed and the progressing of the Parish Link Worker role.

Jinny – Village Agent

Spoke about the very recent appointment of Wendy Rudd, the new Village Agent, who will be providing support to South Petherton, primarily looking to provide this support where it is not always obviously needed.

Tom Barber – Community Partnership Coordinator

Tom spoke about the aim of the Coordinator being and not just 'health', and is working to set up and Community Partnership Group which would be committed to working together with its 3 key functions being:

- Information sharing
- Finding local solutions to local problems
- Developing long term roadmap for improving wellbeing and resilience.

He also explained how the role links with the Village Agent, Health Worker and MP's, but stressed there was a need for residents participation, and encouraged any interested parties to attend the forthcoming meetings.

5. Closing Address

Councillor Le Hardy addressed the meeting, and reiterated thanks to Paull Robathan for his involvement and for driving the processes forward.

He also confirmed that the footpath to South Petherton Hospital from the GPs Surgery would be put in place, and thanked the Parish for working with him over the last year.

6. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting that was held on Monday 4th April 2016.

Following a show hands the Minutes were deemed to be a fair and accurate record of what took place and they were duly signed as such by the Chairman.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm.