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Minutes of an Open Spaces Committee that was held in the William Blake Memorial Hall on Monday 7th October 2019 commencing at 6.15 pm when the following business was transacted.

Present: Cllrs N Wakely, A Allen, C Raikes, T New, D Hodson-Wright, with the Parish Clerks Mrs K Alford & Mrs R Swift

2 members of the public present.

OS22.1 To receive any apologies for non-attendance

Cllr Salway

OS22.2 To receive any declarations of interest

None.

OS22.3 To receive and confirm Minutes of South Petherton Open Spaces Committee held Monday 3rd June 2019

Minutes were received, agreed and signed off by the Chairman.

OS22.4 Matters for report purposes only

1. **SPRUG** – One meeting held and next due to be set by the Group in the near future.
2. **Yarlington Car Park** – Clerk to chase Yarlington as no response.
3. **South Petherton Pavilion Lease** – Solicitor has advised it should be with the Parish Council in the next week.
4. **Pitch Maintenance** – The first visit has been completed, and a schedule of works given to the Clerks.
5. **Play Area & Equipment Maintenance** – Play Inspection carried out and schedule of works in process.
6. **Pitway Allotment rental** – Tender is written and Agent has been instructed to put up signage.
7. **Scouts Fencing** – all completed and painted.
8. **Whitfield Lane, soil removal and land options** – Cllr Wakely & Clerk to chase SCC/Les Braunton
9. **Dog Free recreation ground** – New signage installed.
10. **Road Marking approaching South Petherton roundabout** – Cllr Raikes to contact Highways England.

OS21.5 Resolutions

1. **To resolve agree to either:**
 - (a) **remove the Oak Tree stump from the recreation ground at a cost of approximately £600.00, or**
 - (b) **agree to commission a wood sculptor to craft a design in the stump to a maximum agreed cost.**

It was proposed to leave the tree as it currently is and to speak to the tree surgeon to see if it would be suitable to leave it to grow in its current state.
Resolved to follow this course of action, proposed Cllr New, seconded Cllr Hodson-Wright, all in favour
2. **To resolve to agree to allow volunteer residents to lock and unlock the Recreation Ground car park to the times agreed by the Parish Councils or alternatively to pay Mr K Harris to ensure the security of the car park at a cost to the parish.**

Resolved to pay Mr K Harris to lock and unlock the Recreation Ground car park each morning (by 8am) and evening (after 10pm) at a rate of £25.00 per week.
Proposed Cllr Hodson-Wright, seconded Cllr Dance. 4 in favour, 1 against.

3. To discuss the management of the garden areas of the Co-op Car park.

A discussion around the responsibility for the maintenance of the areas at the rear of the Co-Op. Cllr Raikes agreed to contact the Co-Op to ensure responsibility for this area is managed by them and not from the Parish resources.

4. To discuss current requirements for the Parish due to the Grass Cutting Contract with Somerset Landscapes ending December 2019.

A discussion was held regarding requirements and was proposed that the Clerks tender for a like for like contract with a couple of extra requirements concerning the cemetery/community woodland. Proposed by Cllr Dance, seconded by Cllr New, all in favour.

5. To resolve to approve the appointment of a new Parish Paths Liason Officer (PPLO) from the applications received.

Resolved to appoint Cllr Wakley & Mr N Kingsman to carry out the PPLO role in a joint capacity. Proposed Cllr New, seconded Cllr Hodson-Wright, all in favour

OS22.6 To receive reports – if any – from the following

- (a) Allotments
- (b) Cemetery
- (c) Footpaths & Bridleways – PPLOs appointed at this meeting.
- (d) Roads & Transport – request for lane markings on approach to South Petherton roundabout from Watergore. Cllr Raikes to raise issue with Highways England again.
- (e) Recreation Ground / SPRUG
- (f) SPIB – Baskets are now done, and down.
- (g) Blake Hall – Lease has been supplied by the solicitor to the Management Committee and will be checked by the Clerk.
- (h) SPRINC
- (i) Mere Lynches
- (j) Youth – new management committee in place, enquiries regarding

OS22.7 Others matters referred to the Parish Clerk

None

OS22.8 Date of next meeting – Monday 6th January 2020.