



SOUTH PETHERTON PARISH COUNCIL

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The Minutes

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting of South Petherton Parish Council held online via Zoom on Monday 18th May 2020 when the following business was conducted.

PRESENT Councillors A Dance (Chair), C Raikes, N Wakely, C Bragg, D Hodson-Wright, C Salway, B Chitty, J Hodge, B Swainson & B Elliott together with the Parish Clerks Mrs K Alford & R Swift.
4 members of the public were also in attendance.

4.1 To receive any apologies for non-attendance

Cllr New, Cllr Brace, Cllr Allen & Cllr Spiers
Cllr Chambers was absent

4.2 To receive any declarations of interest

Cllr Salway – Volunteer with The David Hall, Chairman of Executive Committee of the Scouts.
Cllr Hodge – Leader with South Petherton Scout Group

4.3 To receive and approve the minutes of the meetings from 6th January 2020, 2nd March 2020 and 23rd March 2020

Received and approved
Proposed Cllr Salway, seconded Cllr Hodge, all in favour.

4.4 Clerks report

a) **Delegated decisions**
Received and noted.

4.5 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman spoke about the recent deaths of Mr Chris Willy & Mrs Daphne Blake, and their contributions to the Parish.

4.6 Parish response to Coronavirus situation

Cllr Hodge gave an update on South Petherton Community Support Group's work since the outbreak of the Covid-19 virus, along with other groups – Parish Link Worker, Village Agent & Reach. Cllrs asked to thank Cllr Hodge and all of the team for their hard work on this.

4.7 Resolutions

1. To resolve to

a) **discuss the Tennis Club Planning submission to SSDC and**

b) **resolve to formally agree the plans that have been drawn up for the proposed new Tennis Club building.**

Cllrs discussed the submission of the Tennis Club Planning on SPPC land without SPPC having formally agreed them.

Resolved to contact the Tennis Club to ask them to withdraw/put on hold the application until these plans have been put on a resolution for SPPC to agree them before they move any further forward with this.

Proposed Cllr Hodge, seconded Cllr Elliot, 8 in favour 2 against.

2. **To resolve to discuss the Pavilion Planning submission to SSDC and agree actions in relation to this.**
To resolve to withdraw the Planning Application which was submitted in SPCC's name, and to communicate this to the Pavilion Committee. Application to be resubmitted upon correct procedure being followed and after members have formally agreed the changes to the Plans following the Access for All recommendations.
Proposed Cllr Hodge, seconded Cllr Dance, all in favour.
3. **To resolve to make a decision on the management of the Sycamore tree at the bottom corner of the cemetery wall.**
Resolved to leave the sycamore tree as it is, but continue to monitor the situation each year.
Proposed Cllr Raikes, seconded Cllr Salway, all in favour.
4. **To consider the Grant Application received by the Scouts.**
Cllr Dance opened the meeting to allow Jenn Hodge to speak (all members in agreement).
Resolved not to award a Grant at this time, and to ask the Scouts to resubmit an application in due course if their immediate need became greater.
Proposed Cllr Raikes, seconded Cllr Salway, all in favour
5. **To resolve to purchase Metal benches for the Memorial Garden in the Recreation Ground, number and supplier to be agreed.**
Resolved to purchase 4 benches with S106 monies allocated for the Recreation Ground.
Proposed Cllr Salway, seconded Cllr Raikes, all in favour.
6. **To consider the Grant Application received by the David Hall.**
Cllr Dance opened the meeting to all Cliff Keating to speak (all members in agreement)
Following discussion, the Grant application was withdrawn by the David Hall, to investigate funding processes/information with the District Council.
7. **To resolve to allow a wooden bench to be sited (not fixed) at the cemetery adjacent to plot ST220.**
Resolved to agree to allow a wooden bench to be sited adjacent to plot ST220.
Proposed Cllr Dance, seconded Cllr Raikes, all in favour.

4.8 Finance & General Purposes Committee

To note the following items of expenditure and approve payment for March & April 2020

Heather McMillan	Parish Link Work – Jan	360.00	0
Heather McMillan	Parish Link Work – Feb	243.00	0
Knight Electrical	MUGA Lighting	65.13	13.03
Knight Electrical	St James Carpark Lights	113.11	26.62
Kev Harris	Parish Maintenance – Feb	585.20	0
David Hall	Defib training hall hire	25.00	0
Prism	Stationary	5.33	1.07
Microshade	Computer support	96.90	19.38
DCE Systems	Blake Hall Clock	285.68	57.14
Wellers Hedley	Pavilion Lease Solicitors fees	875.00	175.00
Reach Youth	Youth Provision – March	1966.00	393.20
Clerks Salaries	Clerks Salaries	2179.32	0
HMRC	PAYE	493.33	0
Nest Pension	Pension	152.47	0
PATA Payroll	Payroll support- Q4	52.50	0
Loveridge Grounds	Grass Maintenance –Feb	1116.66	0
Matta Products	Safety Matta – Zip Wire & Mobilus	7825.95	1565.19
Matta Products	Safety Matta – 3x Swing sets	4218.60	843.72
Total		20659.18	3094.35

April

Heather McMillan	Parish Link Work – April	450.00	0
Mike Roberts	Cemetery Tree work (inv 7)	250.00	0
SSDC	Ranger Labour Feb / March 2020	932.40	186.48
Ed Grabham	Test & Refit of Blake Hall Defib	133.00	26.60
MACS Printing	COVID posters	122.00	6.40
Mike Roberts	Addition cemetery work (inv 104)	120.00	0
InTouch (DD)	Web/email support	133.99	26.80
Reach Youth	Youth Provision April 2020	1966.00	393.20
Clerks Salaries	Clerks Salaries	2179.32	0
HMRC	PAYE	493.33	0
Nest Pension	Pension	152.47	0
Loveridge Grounds	Grass Maintenance – April 2020	1116.66	0
Mrs K Alford	Clerks expenses	89.99	0
CCS	Village Agent Q1 2020/21	2564.25	0
Paula Yare	TA13 Spring incl digital copy	1080.50	0
Petherton Arts Trust	TA13 Delivery	120.00	0
Microshade	IT support	96.90	19.38
BT	Blake Hall Qtrly charge	66.70	13.34
Kevin Harris	Parish Maintenance – April 2020	595.50	0
Total		12663.01	672.20

Payments noted and agreed.

Proposed Cllr Hodson-Wright, seconded Cllr Salway, all in favour

4.9 Planning Committee

- (a) To receive the minutes of the Planning Committee held via the resolution PC3.4 from the meeting 23rd March 2020 during March & April 2020 and to note the decisions made.
Received and noted.

4.10 To receive any additional information on the following:

- (a) Allotments and Whitfield Lane – Cllr Wakely
- (b) Cemetery – Cllr Wakely
- (c) Footpaths and Bridleways – PPLOs Nigel Kinsman & Cllr Wakely
- (d) Roads & Transport – Cllr Raikes
Discussed possibility of investigating naming the Over Stratton road after Chris Willy. Cllr Raikes to investigate – all councillors in favour of looking into this.
- (e) Recreation Ground/SPRUG – Cllr New & Cllr Raikes
- (f) TA13 – Cllr Spiers
- (g) Website – Cllr New
- (h) South Petherton in Bloom (SPIB) – Cllr Hodson-Wright
Not taking place this year.
- (i) Blake Hall – Cllr Salway
£10k grant received from SSDC, but currently closed.
- (j) South Petherton Relief in Need Charity (SPRINC) – Cllr Raikes
In line with other groups in the parish, SPRINC will now administer their own charity and financial affairs.
- (k) Community Land Trust (CLT) – Cllr Chitty
Work currently at a standstill.
- (l) Library / LIC – Cllr Elliott
Currently closed in line with COVID-19 guidelines, Cllr surgery held before lockdown was a success
- (m) Mere Lynches – Cllr Salway
- (n) Youth – Cllr New & Cllr Hodson-Wright

4.11 Reports

- (a) Somerset Association of Local Clerks (SALC)
- (b) Councillors
 - CLlr Hodge – update on RAMA
 - CLlr Chitty – raised concerns about the roads in South Petherton
 - CLlr Hodson-Wright – advised the oak tree in the Rec is now sprouting, and Chris Harper has oak saplings if needed.
- (c) Chairman
- (d) Parish Link Worker / Village Agent
 - Verbal report given.
- (e) Reach Youth

4.12 Other business referred to the Clerk

TA13 delivery cost to be increased.

Tennis Courts / Cricket Nets to be reopened to members only in line with Governing Body/Government COVID-19 guidelines. Play Equipment to remain closed.

4.13 Date of next meeting – to be confirmed.
