



# SOUTH PETHERTON PARISH COUNCIL

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## Public Session

Barry Apps – spoke against Resolution 1

Rob Cotterill – commented on resolution 7 and issues surrounding Whitfield Lane.

Chris Hockey – commented on the removal of Agricultural ties

Adam Dance – spoke with regards to the forthcoming election for the Parish Council vacancy.

Crispin Raikes – District Council report on SSDC purchasing Yeovil Football Club's assets & the 6 year land supply now held by the DC

Adam Dance - District Council report –update on Unitary – all 4 District Councils have now agreed to support the Stronger Somerset proposal.

Update given on the phosphates issues affecting Planning applications.

Chris Hockey – spoke with regards to the planning issues connected with the phosphates issues, and also with regards to the PC vacancy/election.

## The Minutes

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting of South Petherton Parish Council held online via Zoom on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020 when the following business was conducted.

**PRESENT** Councillors A Dance (Chair), C Raikes, B Elliot, C Bragg, N Wakely, D Hodson-Wright, C Salway, B Chitty, B Swainson & K Brace, S Spiers, together with the Parish Clerks Mrs K Alford & R Swift.

13 members of the public were also in attendance.

### **11.1 To receive any apologies for non-attendance**

Cllrs Allen, New & Hodge

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

Cllr Bragg – Resolution 6

Cllr Raikes – Resolution 1 (District Councillor)

Cllr Dance – Resolution 1 (District Councillor)

### **11.3 To receive and approve the minutes of the meetings from 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020**

Received and agreed as a true record.

Proposed Cllr Salway, seconded Cllr Elliott, all in favour

### **11.4 Clerks report**

- Councillor Vacancy
- NHP/PP Zoom call - 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020
- Stray animals
- Badger culling
- Census
- Resolutions update

Reports given and received - No queries

### **11.5 Chairman's Announcements**

None

### **11.6 Resolutions**

- 1. To consider and respond to Planning Application Ref. No: 20/03071/FUL - The erection of 30 No. dwellings and associated works, including access, parking, public open space and landscaping.**

**Land at Flax Court West End Close South Petherton Somerset.**

Resolved to object to the application on the following basis:

- A 6 year land supply is now in place and agreed
- Issues with schooling and doctor capacities to support this.
- Contra to policies NE1 & NE2 under the adopted SPPC Neighbourhood Plan.
- Increased traffic through the middle of the village
- Residents feelings which have been presented to the Council.

Proposed Cllr Bragg, seconded Cllr Swainson, 7 in favour, 3 abstentions, 1 against

- 2. To consider and respond to a request to purchase Parish Council land at Pitway.**

Resolved to decline the request.

Proposed Cllr Salway, seconded Cllr Raikes, all in favour

- 3. To resolve to agree to allow for wooden benches to be installed in the following places:**

**a) Churchyard – in front of the new hawthorn tree to be planted by the WI (Daphne Blake & Heather James)**

**b) Cemetery – as close as possible to the plot. (Mary Jane Robertston)**

Resolved to agree for both benches to be installed

Proposed Cllr Raikes, seconded Cllr Spiers, all in favour

- 4. To resolve to agree the final draft of the lease with the Tennis Club and to sign and register this copy.**

Resolved to agree the final draft.

Proposed Cllr Dance, seconded Cllr Raikes, 10 in favour 1 against

- 5. To resolve to consider the draft budget for 2020/21 and to suggest any changes to this in preparation to finalise this in January 2021.**

Resolve for full council to meet later in December to fully discuss the budget for 2021/22 in order to thoroughly prepare a budget to take to, and agree at, the January 2021 meeting.

Proposed Cllr Salway, seconded Cllr Raikes, all in favour

- 6. To resolve to fund the TWIG hedging projects subject to the current tenants raising no objections to the plans.**

**a) Pitway hedge - £494.57**

**b) Whitfield hedge - £296.95**

Resolved to fund both projects subject to both current tenants and neighbouring tenants having no objections.

Proposed Cllr Brace, seconded Cllr Raikes, 10 in favour 1 abstention.

- 7. To discuss the report from FWAG regarding land management & flooding around Whitfield Lane and consider a way forward.**

Report discussed and following points made, with a meeting with FWAG to be arrange in early 2021.

- To involve SPPCs tenant
- Solar panels / grassed area
- Grass area less valuable than arable.
- Involvement of FWAG

#### **11.7 Finance & General Purposes Committee**

- (a) To note the following items of expenditure and approve payment for November 2020**

Prism

Printer cartridges

18.63

3.73

DD British Gas	Library Gas Oct-Nov	37.17	1.85
DD British Gas	Library Electric Oct-Nov	44.29	7.63
SW Ambulance Service	Defibrillator Service package	2800.00	560.00
Loveridge Maintenance	Grass Maintenance – Nov 2020	1116.66	0
Prism	Office Stationary	107.93	21.59
Clerks Salaries	Clerks salaries – Nov	2297.94	0
HMRC	PAYE	508.44	0
NEST	Pension contributions	116.32	0
SALC	Councillor training x 3	75.00	0
Reach Youth Ltd	Youth Provision – November	1966.00	393.20
MACS Printing	TA13 Winter Editing printing	625.00	0
MACS Printing	Footpath maps for Library	89.00	0
MACS Printing	Warning boards	64.00	12.80
Merlin Telecomm	Office call charges Oct	13.49	2.70
Mrs K Alford	Clerks expenses	45.48	0
Mrs R Swift	Clerks expenses	14.39	0
Water2Business	Library water	84.16	16.83
P Reyland	Christmas trees	363.00	0
Crispins	Parish supplies	74.90	0
SSDC	Ranger – October 2020	721.50	144.30
ICCM	Clerk Cemetery training	135.00	27.00
Symonds & Sampson	Farm Tenancy Lease costs	350.00	70.00
PKF Littlejohn LLP	External Audit fees 2019/20	600.00	120.00
Heather McMillan	Parish Link Worker – Nov	288.00	0
Plusnet	Library – line rental & calls	24.97	4.99

**Total** **12,586.27** **1,386.62**

Received after the Agenda

Mr K Harris	Parish Maintenance – Nov	1230.50	0
Mr P Shoemark	Christmas tree assistance	300.00	0
Somerset County C	Library Staffing Jul – Sept 2020	3131.24	626.25
Merlin Telecomm	Office call charges Nov	15.68	3.14
David Hall	TA13 delivery	150.00	0
Frogmary G Farm	Office Broadband	25.00	5.00

**Total** **4852.40** **634.39**

Proposed Cllr Salway, seconded Cllr Spiers, all in favour.

## 11.8 Planning Committee

- (a) To receive the minutes of the Planning Committee decisions made on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020 and to note the decisions made.

## 11.9 To receive any additional information on the following:

- (a) Allotments and Whitfield Lane – Cllr Wakely  
Wessex Water quoted approx. £10k for a borehole at the allotments.
- (b) Cemetery – Cllr Wakely
- (c) Footpaths and Bridleways – New SCC Contact has changed to George Montague.
- (d) TWIG – Cllr Brace
- (e) Roads & Transport – Cllr Raikes  
Update on Roadworks and Gigaclear road closures.
- (f) Recreation Ground/SPRUG – Cllr New & Cllr Raikes  
Damage to Recreation ground by Bowls Club contractors – Bowls Club carrying out remedial action.
- (g) TA13 – Cllr Spiers  
TA13 distribution requires list of councillors and contact in every issue.
- (h) Website – Cllr New

- (i) South Petherton in Bloom (SPIB) – Cllr Hodson-Wright
- (j) Blake Hall – Cllr Salway  
New management settling in well and getting on with outstanding jobs during COVID closures.
- (k) South Petherton Relief in Need Charity (SPRINC) – Cllr Raikes

Meeting at 2 hour point.

Resolved to continue, proposed Cllr Dance, seconded Cllr Hodson-Wright, all in favour.

- (l) Community Land Trust (CLT) – Cllr Chitty – CEO visited.
- (m) Library / LIC – Cllr Elliott  
Currently open for browsing
- (n) Mere Lynches – Cllr Salway – Peter Kidner has been prepping stone paths.
- (o) Youth – Cllr New & Cllr Hodson-Wright
- (p) MTIG – Cllr Spiers, Chitty & Swainson  
Working on projects for submission at end of Jan latest.

#### **11.10 Reports**

- (a) Somerset Association of Local Clerks (SALC)  
All sent via email.
- (b) Councillors
- (c) Chairman
- (d) Parish Link Worker / Village Agent  
Heather McMillan's last meeting as Parish Link Worker – Chair reiterated the thanks minuted at November's meeting for all Heather has done for the Parish whilst in post.
- (e) Reach Youth Provision

#### **11.11 Other business referred to the Clerk**

Clerk thanks all involved putting up the Christmas Lights and trees in the village centre this year in especially under the difficult circumstances. In particular, Assistant Clerk Rose Swift, Cllr Salway and band of helpers, Kevin Harris, Pete Shoemark and Knights Electrical.

#### **11.12 Date of next meeting – 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

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