



SOUTH PETHERTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Public Session

Barbara Hort – spoke regarding the old chapel in Over Stratton.

Chris Hockey – wished the Parish a Happy New Year.

Angie Clifford – spoke to support the Petherton Arts Trust grant application.

Adam Dance - District Council report –update on effect of COVID on the District Council officers, and rollout of vaccines. Majority of District Council meeting have been cancelled.

County Council – update on schools.

Crispin Raikes – Confirmed District Council meetings of Scrutiny, Full and District Exec will be taking place.

The Minutes

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting of South Petherton Parish Council held online via Zoom on Monday 4th January 2021 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, T New, K Brace, S Spiers, together with the Parish Clerks Mrs K Alford & R Swift.

13 members of the public were also in attendance.

1.1 To receive any apologies for non-attendance

Cllrs Allen, Swainson & Hodge

1.2 To receive any declarations of interest

Cllr Salway – Resolution 5

1.3 To receive and approve the minutes of the meetings from 2nd November 2020

Received and agreed as a true record.

Proposed Cllr Raikes, seconded Cllr Chitty, all in favour

1.4 Clerks report

- NHP/PP Zoom call
- Budget setting discussion.

Reports given and received - No queries

1.5 Chairman's Announcements

None

1.6 Resolutions

1. To resolve to agree the draft budget for 2021/22

Resolved to agree the draft budget for 2021/22

Proposed Cllr Salway, seconded Cllr Wakely, all in favour

2. To resolve to agree a precept request for 2021/22

Resolved to agree a precept request of £205,000 for 2021/22

Proposed Cllr Spiers, seconded Cllr Wakely, all in favour

3. To resolve agree the changes to the placement of the toddler equipment in the Recreation

Ground due to health & safety concerns.

Resolved to agree to the changes in the placement of the toddler equipment in the Recreation Ground.

Proposed Cllr Raikes, seconded Cllr Salway, 10 in favour with 1 abstention.

4. To resolve to purchase a new dog poo bin to be sited in North Street, and for the resiting of an existing of bin from near the hospital to further down Hamsfield Lane at a cost of £294.00 + VAT.

Resolved to defer until full cost of collection can be confirmed, however if there is no cost to the Parish Council then agreed to proceed.

Proposed Cllr Wakely, seconded Cllr Raikes, all in favour.

5. To consider a grant for Petherton Arts Trust for £2000.

Resolved to grant Petherton Arts Trust £2000 in respect of their Grant Application.

Proposed Cllr Brace, seconded Cllr Wakely, all in favour.

1.7 Finance & General Purposes Committee

(a) To note the following items of expenditure and approve payment for December 2020

British Gas	Library Electric Nov-Dec	37.17	1.85
Loveridge Maintenance	Grass Maintenance – Dec 2020	1116.66	0
Clerks Salaries	Clerks salaries – Dec	2297.94	0
PATA Payroll	Payroll support	52.50	0
HMRC	PAYE	508.44	0
NEST	Pension contributions	116.32	0
Pear Technology	Mapping IT & support	200.00	40.00
Mike Roberts	Cemetery tree/hedge maintenance	650.00	0
Mrs R Swift	Clerks expenses	14.39	0
Mrs K Alford	Clerks expenses	16.00	0

Received after the Agenda

Mr K Harris	Parish Maintenance – Dec	665.50	0
Mr G Singleton	Christmas tree assistance	150.00	0
Somerset County C	COVID screen installation	103.11	20.62
Mr C Salway	Christmas expenses	131.59	0
British Gas	Library Gas – Nov-Dec	77.94	3.89
ICCM	Clerk training – Cemetery Maintenance	135.00	27.00
Microshade	IT Support	101.90	20.38
Merlin Telecomm	Office call charges – Dec	17.53	3.51
Heather McMillan	Parish Link Worker	216.00	0
Rialtas	Finance Software annual fee	124.00	24.80
Frogmary G Farm	Office Broadband	25.00	5.00
Total		4993.42	41.85

1.8 Planning Committee

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

1.9 To receive any additional information on the following:

- Allotments and Whitfield Lane – Cllr Wakely
Allotment holders constructing water catchers.
- Cemetery – Cllr Wakely
- Footpaths and Bridleways
New gate installed in Pickenbridge
- TWIG – Cllr Brace
Planting of the Pitway hedge will now be delayed due to lockdown.

- (e) Roads & Transport – Cllr Raikes
- (f) Recreation Ground/SPRUG – Cllr New & Cllr Raikes
- (g) TA13 – Cllr Spiers
- (h) Website – Cllr New
- (i) South Petherton in Bloom (SPIB) – Cllr Hodson-Wright
- (j) Blake Hall – Cllr Salway
- (k) South Petherton Relief in Need Charity (SPRINC) – Cllr Raikes
- (l) Community Land Trust (CLT) – Cllr Chitty
- (m) Library / LIC – Cllr Elliott
Closed by Somerset County Council until further notice.
- (n) Mere Lynches – Cllr Salway
- (o) Youth – Cllr New & Cllr Hodson-Wright

1.10 Reports

- (a) Somerset Association of Local Clerks (SALC)
All sent via email.
- (b) Councillors
- (c) Chairman
Comments welcomed with regards to the chapel in Over Stratton.
- (d) Parish Link Worker / Village Agent
Reach Youth Provision
Update to follow on COVID restrictions announced tonight.

1.11 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.

1.12 Date of next meeting – 1st February 2021
