



SOUTH PETHERTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Public Session

PCSO Wesley Ashbrook – gave an update on current issues within the Parish.

Rachael Whaites – spoke in support of the TWiG project work and resolution 4.6(5)

Peter Kidner / Cllr Elliott – gave an update of the progress of the proposed Community Hub, showed plans which have been drawn up and answered questions from both the public and members of the council including:

- Disabled access / lift installation
- Request for the elevation plans to show access levels
- Difference in size of the current library space to the proposed space in the Hub

Cllr Crispin Raikes District Council: Present to answer any questions, but no updates.

Cllr Adam Dance District Council /County Council: as above.

Dan Palmer – Reach Youth Ltd – gave a comprehensive update of the current outreach work including:

- Reopening of the Youth Centre following Covid relaxation from 1st April for existing members, and for new members at a later date.
- Hot (home made) food provision continues for parish families, along with hampers which will continue to Easter.
- A deal has been secured with 'Cook' to give ongoing good quality frozen food meals to residents.
- Support line is ongoing.
- Outreach work on the Recreation Ground is ongoing, balancing working with the police to stop criminal activities v support for individuals at risk.
- Youth centre looks great inside, new toilets are working well, hoping to bring the outside up to standard soon.
- Funding available to Year 11s who have been members of the youth club of up to £500 to support with next steps.

Chair Adam Dance spoke

The Minutes

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting of South Petherton Parish Council held online via Zoom on Monday 29th March 2021 when the following business was conducted.

PRESENT Councillors A Dance (Chair), C Raikes, T New B Elliot, B Swainson, C Bragg, N Wakely, D Hodson-Wright, C Salway, B Chitty, A Allen, K Brace, S Spiers, together with the Parish Clerks Mrs K Alford & R Swift.
14 members of the public were also in attendance.

4.1 To receive any apologies for non-attendance

Absent – Cllr Hodge

4.2 To receive any declarations of interest

None

4.3 To receive and approve the minutes of the meetings from Monday 1st March 2021

Received and agreed as a true record.

4.4 Clerks report

Reports given and received - No queries

- Annual Leave for Clerks in April
- OpenReach in Compton Durville update – delays have been advised
- Tennis Club/MUGA/Recreation Ground electrics - Clerk to investigate and advice council in due course.
- PKF Littlejohn have made initial contact with regards to the External Audit for 2020/21
- NALC remote meeting update – Clerk updated members on the new legislation and what that means for the council meetings going forward.

4.5 Chairman’s Announcements

None

4.6 Resolutions

- (1) To resolve to postpone the Annual Parish Meeting to a more suitable date, but to be held before the 1st June 2021.**

Resolved to postpone the APM with a view to set a date at the May AMPC meeting
Proposed Cllr Dance, seconded Cllr Wakely, all in favour

- (2) To review the Council’s Insurance Policy and resolve to take up one of the insurance policies as provided by Came & Company Insurance Brokers.**

Resolved to accept the policy from Ecclesiastical as recommended by Came & Company Insurance Brokers.
Proposed Cllr Salway, seconded Cllr Dance, all in favour.

- (3) To resolve review and agree the draft lease between South Petherton Bowling Club & South Petherton Parish Council and continue through to completion.**

Resolved to agree the draft lease with amendments noted by members and the Bowling Club
Proposed Cllr Chitty, seconded Cllr Raikes, all in favour.

- (4) To resolve to appoint a contractor to replace the Church as previously agreed in October 2019 (brief attached) from the following 3 quotes:**

(a) Quote 1 - £4,609.65 + £921.93 (VAT)	£5,531.58
(b) Quote 2 - £5,777.00 + £1,155.40 (VAT)	£6,932.40
(c) Quote 3 - £4,150.00 No VAT	£4,150.00

Resolved to accept Quote 1, providing work can be completed in a timely manner. If this is not possible, resolved to then contact Quote 3 to complete the work.
Proposed Cllr Raikes, seconded Cllr Hodson-Wright, all in favour.

- (5) To review the proposal submitted and to resolve to agree if the council wishes to take back the portion on land at Whitfield Lane, and if so, whether to action any of the 4 options provided.**

Resolved to take the portion of land at Whitfield Lane, but to investigate the options for the land in more detail and bring back to a later meeting.

Proposed Cllr Brace, seconded Cllr Hodson-Wright, all in favour with 1 abstention.

9.20pm - Cllr Raikes left the meeting.

4.7 Finance & General Purposes Committee

- (a) To note the following items of expenditure and approve payment for March 2021.

Reach Youth Ltd	Youth Provision – Jan 2021	1966.00	393.20
Wee Tree Nurseries	TWiG Expenditure – Pitwat	282.90	52.48
Microshade	IT Support - Inv 14266	101.90	20.38
Plusnet	Parish mobile	18.87	3.77
Mrs R Swift	Clerks Expenses – Zoom	14.39	0
Reach Youth Ltd	Youth Provision – March 2021	1966.00	393.20
British Gas	Library Electric – 24.2 – 16.3	26.53	1.32
Plusnet	Library Broadband	24.50	4.90

SSDC	Ranger – Feb 2021	721.50	144.30
HR Staffing & oncosts	Salary, pension & PAYE- March 2021	2922.70	0
J Hodge	SPCST Expenses	43.18	0
Microshade	IT Support – Inv 14039	101.90	20.38
Water2Business	Library Water – 14.8.20-2.3.21	46.78	2.94
Mr K Harris	Parish Maintenance – March 2021	841.49	0
Mr K Harris	Cemetery Chapel roof repair	210.00	0
Mr P Shoemark	Cemetery Chapel roof assistance	180.00	0
SLCC	South Petherton subscription	208.00	0
Loveridge Maintenance	Grass Maintenance – March 2021	1116.66	0
Total		10,793.30	1,036.87

Received after the Agenda

PATA Payroll	Payroll support – Quarter 4/End of Year	52.95	0
SSDC	Blake Hall Trough flowers	312.45	62.49
Total		365.40	62.49

Noted and approved by all.

4.8 Planning Committee

To receive & note the minutes of the Planning Committee decisions made on the 1st March 2021.
Received and noted.

4.9 Open Spaces Committee

To receive & note the minutes of the Open Spaces Committee decisions made on the 1st March 2021.
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
- (d) TWIG – Cllr Brace
Pitway hedge has been completed – TWiG to arrange the rubbish to be removed asap from the corner of the field.
- (e) Roads & Transport – Cllr Raikes
- (f) Recreation Ground/SPRUG – Cllr New & Cllr Raikes
- (g) TA13 – Cllr Spiers
- (h) Website – Cllr New

9.30pm – Council agreed to continue with meeting past the 2 hour limit – all in favour.

- (i) South Petherton in Bloom (SPIB) – Cllr Hodson-Wright
Plans in place for summer 2021 baskets.
- (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
- (n) Mere Lynches – Cllr Salway
- (o) Youth – Cllr New & Cllr Hodson-Wright

4.11 Reports

- (a) Somerset Association of Local Clerks (SALC)
Information being sent out on changes to Covid legislation
- (b) Councillors
 - Cllr Chitty – pigeon poo on pavements by Blake Hall – Clerk advised to report to Highways.
 - Cllr Spiers – more pigeon issues – Clerk to investigate options / DC environmental

issues.

- (c) Chairman
- (d) Village Agent
- (e) Reach Youth - Dan Palmer gave update in public session.

4.12 Other business referred to the Clerk

Clerk updated the members on the legalities and the details of the AMPC meeting requirements and procedures.

4.13 Date of next meeting –ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL (AMPC) – MONDAY 3RD MAY 2021
