



SOUTH PETHERTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Public Session

Mr G Maynard – spoke in support of the Tennis Club building proposals and to answer any concerns from the councillors.

Cllr Crispin Raikes

District Council:

Continued update on Planning and the phosphates issue affecting the county. An approved calculator to assess the effect of each development has now been agreed.

Council Tax increases agreed – an increase of £5.00 (2.91%) on a Band D property.

Cllr Adam Dance

District Council: As above.

County Council:

Elections update – these have been deferred by the County Council for Somerset

Update on Unitary plans/process.

The Minutes

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting of South Petherton Parish Council held online via Zoom on Monday 1st March 2021 when the following business was conducted.

PRESENT Councillors A Dance (Chair), C Raikes, B Elliot, J Hodge, 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.

3.1 To receive any apologies for non-attendance

Cllr New.

3.2 To receive any declarations of interest

Cllr Hodge – Resolution 3.6(2)

3.3 To receive and approve the minutes of the meetings from Monday 1st February 2021

Received and agreed as a true record.

Proposed Cllr Raikes, seconded Cllr Chitty, all in favour

3.4 Clerks report

Reports given and received - No queries

- NALC remote meeting update – Clerk to keep members informed of further updated due to legislation ending on May 17th 2021.
- 'Report it' link on SPPC website – Clerks encouraged Councillors & public to use it and report all concerns which will support any requests from the PC to help them get any issues sorted with the DC & CC.

3.5 Chairman's Announcements

- Careys Hollow – discussion of excess water flowing down this lane.
- Recreation Ground/MUGA lights damage – update and request for any information as to those

- reponsible
- Dog fouling – discussion on bins, and the permission of dogs in the Recreation Ground and the cemetery.

3.6 Resolutions

(1) To review and adopt the Council's Asset Register

Resolved to adopt the Asset Register

Proposed Cllr Dance, seconded Cllr Raikes, all in favour with 1 abstention.

(2) To resolve to allow the South Petherton Minibus to be parked regularly at the Lightgate Lane carpark once purchased, and to allow the management a key to the gate locks to access the carpark out of hours if needed.

Resolved.

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

(3) To resolve the following actions in respect of the South Petherton Land at Whitfield Lane

(a) For the Working Group to work in partnership with the tenant at Whitfield Lane for the next year to mitigate flooding into Whitfield Lane and report back quarterly to the Parish Council on the situation.

Resolved for the Working Group to work in partnership with the tenant at Whitfield Lane for the next year to mitigate silt deposits into Whitfield Lane and report back quarterly to the Parish Council on the situation.

Proposed Cllr Raikes, seconded Cllr Brace all in favour

(b) To take back an area of the land in agreement with the tenant along Careys Hollow for the Parish Council to manage.

Resolved to defer resolution until further costing can be provided and agreed by the council.

Proposed Cllr Raikes, seconded Cllr Brace, 12 in favour, 1 against.

(c) For the Whitfield Lane Working Group to develop plans and costs for alternative management & options for the land to be further discussed with the Parish Council and issue a Terms of Reference for this Group going forward.

Resolved.

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

(4) To resolve to support the 3 projects submitted to SSDC Market Towns Investment Group - (MTIG) and to agree 50% funding as SPPCs contribution to the grant:

(a) Memorial Garden and Recreation Ground pathway – project cost £25,475, SPPC contribution £12,737.50

(b) Lightgate Lane Car Park – project cost - £6,989.00, SPPC contribution - £3,494.50

(c) St James Street Area – project cost - £9,336.40, SPPC contribution - £4,668.20

Resolved to support all 3 projects.

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

(5) To resolve to allow South Petherton Tennis Club to:

(a) allocate an area for a Site Compound in the Recreation Ground Carpark - this will be approximately 7 metres squared and 2 metres high and will be fenced off using 2-metre-high Heras Security Fencing.

(b) install a soakaway into the ground in respect of the rainwater run-off from the roof (1.5m square x 1m deep) - to be located to the north of the clubhouse adjacent to Court 1, 5 metres away from the court.

(c) allow adjustment to the large ham stone boulders either end of the landscape mound between the back of the Clubhouse and the New Cricket Nets - once the ramp is installed there may be a possibility that the vehicle access may be tight to the rest of the recreation field.

(d) allow the Contractors to use the field gate off the carpark to access the site.

Resolved.

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

(6) To resolve to formalise a South Petherton Health Provision Working Group, confirm members and

issue Terms of Reference for this group.

Resolved. Cllrs Hodge & Dance agreed to be part of group.

Proposed Cllr Hodge, seconded Cllr Dance, all in favour.

3.7 Finance & General Purposes Committee

(a) To receive the minutes of the Finance & General Purposed Committee and the decisions made on the 7th December 2020.

Received and noted.

(b) To note the following items of expenditure and approve payment for February 2021.

Reach Youth Ltd	Youth Provision – Feb 2021	1966.00	393.20
Frogmary Green Farm	Office Broadband – Jan 2021	30.00	5.00
MACS Printing	SPCST COVID community leaflets	559.00	0
SSDC	Ranger - November 2020	577.20	115.44
Microshade	IT Support – Inv14154	101.90	20.38
Advanced Arboritum	Review of trees in Cemetery/Rec	590.00	118.00
Merlin Telecomm	Office call charges – Jan 2021	14.78	2.96
SSDC	Ranger – Dec 2020/Jan 2021	865.80	173.16
SSDC	Playground inspection 2020/21	79.50	15.90
HR Staffing & oncosts	Salary, Pension & PAYE	2922.70	0
Slade Parry	Toddler Equip Project Management	846.00	169.20
Plusnet	Library Broadband/Telephone	23.50	4.00
Loveridge Maintenance	Grass Maintenance – Jan 2021	1116.66	0
Mrs R Swift	Clerk expenses Feb – Zoom	14.39	0
Beale Heating Ltd	Youth Club toilets build	13370.00	2674.00
Total		23,077.43	3,691.24

Received after the Agenda

Mr K Harris	Parish Maintenance – Feb 2021	625.50	0
British Gas	Library Electricity 21 Jan-20 Feb 2021	31.72	1.58
British Gas	Library Electricity 21 Feb-23 Feb	2.40	0.12
Knight Electrical	MUGA Lights/PAT testing	312.95	62.59
Total		24,050.00	3,755.53

Noted and approved by all.

3.8 Planning Committee

To receive the minutes of the Planning Committee decisions made on the 4th January 2021 and to note the decisions made.

Received and noted.

3.9 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
Awaiting plants for Pitway hedging.
- (e) Roads & Transport – Cllr Raikes
Dropped kerbs are currently being installed.
- (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
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

3.10 Reports

- (a) Somerset Association of Local Clerks (SALC)
Updates sent by email / more training on offer.
- (b) Councillors
 - Cllr Chitty – query on insurances
 - Cllr Chitty – pigeon poo on pavements
- (c) Chairman
Village Agent
- (e) Dan Wooding gave update on liaison with the police, recent reports of anti-social behaviour and the effects of COVID on the outreach programme.

3.11 Other business referred to the Clerk

- Ranger has been asked to repaint Watergore telephone box

3.12 Date of next meeting –Thursday 8th April 2021
