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Minutes of an Open Spaces Committee that was held via Zoom on **Monday 29th March 2021** commencing at **6.30 pm** when the following business was transacted.

Present: Cllrs N Wakely, C Raikes, B Chitty, T New, C Salway, D Hodson-Wright, with the Parish Clerks Mrs K Alford & Mrs R Swift
1 member of public was present.

OS2.1 To receive any apologies for non-attendance

Absent - Cllr Hodge, Cllr Allen.

OS2.2 To receive any declarations of interest

Cllr Chitty – Allotment holder, resolution OS2.5(1)

OS2.3 To receive and confirm Minutes of South Petherton Open Spaces Committee held Monday 1st March 2021

Minutes were received, agreed by all and signed off by the Chairman.

OS2.4 Matters for report purposes only

1. Telephone Box -Watergore

The Ranger is currently painting and refreshing the telephone box.

2. Cemetery Management Training update

The Clerks have completed their second Cemetery Management training session, and updated the committee and advised that some changes of procedure would be shortly brought back to council for agreement. Cllr Wakely raised a concern over the silver birch area and management of this

3. S106 Monies for Toddler Equipment / Sport Pitches

Clerks have been chasing SSDC for confirmation of when this money will be paid so the toddler equipment can go ahead, but this has been delayed by SSDC Staff being deployed to the vaccination effort. Cllr Raikes advised some staff are now returning to their posts so Clerks will continue to chase this.

4. Finger Posts

Posts at Over Stratton and other areas in the parish need updating – SCC will not pay for these, committee suggested contacting the Heritage Fund or the SP Enhancement Fund for help with funding towards these.

5. Logs at Recreation Ground

Some of the logs used as seating around the play equipment have been pulled up and need to be taken away due to the spikes being exposed that have been used to hold them into the ground. Clerks to arrange this with Kev Harris & Peter Kidner.

OS2.5 Resolutions

(1) To resolve to engage one of the following contractors to re-fence the Whitfield Allotments to the brief given:

(a) Quote 1- £10,409.00 (No VAT)

(b) Quote 2 - £602.70 (No VAT)

(c) Quote 3 - £11,000 + £2,200 VAT

Resolved to accept Quote 2.

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

(2) To resolve to agree to fence the roadside edge of the Pitway Allotment land, with the tenant financing the rest of the land boundary, at a cost of no more than £750.00.

Resolved to defer in order to obtain more information from both the tenant and TWiG.

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

(3) To resolve to decide if the Road Signs are now needed and should be installed by Somerset County Council towards the Sheep Wash on Hele Lane (Conservation Area).

Proposed not to install 4 signs in Hele Lane – vote split 3 for and 3 against.

Resolved to defer resolution to full council meeting in May

Proposed Cllr Raikes, seconded Cllr Hodson-Wright, all in favour.

OS2.6 To receive reports – if any – from the following:

- (a) Allotments**
- (b) Cemetery**
- (c) Footpaths & Bridleways** – diversion in Compton Durville is pending.
- (d) Roads & Transport**
- (e) Recreation Ground/SPRUG**
- (g) Blake Hall**
- (h) SPRINC**
- (i) Mere Lynches** – Footpath gate has been damaged and reported by the Cllr Wakely.
- (j) Youth**

OS2.7 Others matters referred to the Parish Clerk

Cllr Hodson-Wright read out a letter from Mr Kidner regarding the land at Mare Lane, Cllr Raikes confirmed he would make investigations with SSDC regarding the current situation.

OS2.8 Date of next meeting – Monday 5th July 2021