



SOUTH PETHERTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Public Session

No members of the public wished to speak.

Cllr Adam Dance

District Council:

Planning on hold with Scrutiny, Executive & Full committees still continuing.

150DC staff have been deployed to the vaccination effort.

Business Grants, or anyone in financial need, should contact Cllr Dance for advice.

County Council:

COVID update.

Cllr Crispin Raikes

District Council:

Scrutiny Meeting tomorrow (2nd February 2021)

Update on Planning and the phosphates issue affecting the county.

Upgrading of the A303 has been approved by Grant Shapps

Possible reinstatement of local train stations – further information as it is available.

The Minutes

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting of South Petherton Parish Council held online via Zoom on Monday 1st February 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, T New, K Brace, S Spiers, together with the Parish Clerks Mrs K Alford & R Swift.

9 members of the public were also in attendance.

2.1 To receive any apologies for non-attendance

Cllr Allen.

2.2 To receive any declarations of interest

None

2.3 To receive and approve the minutes of the meetings from 4th January 2020

Received and agreed as a true record.

Proposed Cllr Raikes, seconded Cllr Chitty, all in favour

2.4 Clerks report

Reports given and received - No queries

- TA13 – Councillors happy with the edition and suggestions to keep content more relevant to the Parish.

2.5 Chairman's Announcements

None

2.6 Resolutions

1. **To resolve to agree to the cost of registration for the Recreation Ground & Pitway Allotments with the Land Registry at a cost of £750.00 + VAT for each registration.**
Resolved – all in favour
Proposed Cllr Salway, seconded Cllr New.
2. **To resolve to take over the funding of the South Petherton community Support Team telephone line for a further 3 months (until end of April 2021), at a cost of £25.00 per month.**
Resolved all in favour
Proposed Cllr Spiers, seconded Cllr Wakely.
3. **To discuss the options available with regards to Whitfield Lane and consider a planned way forward.**
Resolved to set up a Working Group to investigate all options, speak with current tenant and report back to the council for further decisions.
Working group proposed: Cllrs Salway, Chitty, Brace, New, Hodson-Wright & Hodge.
Proposed Cllr Raikes, seconded Cllr Salway, all in favour.
4. **To resolve to agree whether or not to proceed with stage 2 of the FWAG EnTrade Application for Whitfield Lane.**
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 Raikes, seconded Cllr Salway, 12 in favour, 1 against.
5. **To resolve to reply to Mrs B Hort in relation to the Methodist Chapel in Over Stratton and to agree whether SPPC would be interested in this as a community amenity.**
Resolved that SPPC would not be interested in the building as a community amenity & to thank Mrs Hort for her consideration.
Proposed Cllr New, seconded Cllr Wakely, all in favour.
6. **To consider a grant for South Petherton Cricket Club for £1,164.74**
Resolved to grant SP Cricket Club £593.82.
Proposed Cllr Bragg, seconded Cllr Salway, all in favour.
7. **To resolve to agree for the South Petherton Tennis Club request for a contribution to the electricity supplied to the MUGA lights from 2014 – to date.**
Resolved – all in favour
Proposed Cllr New, seconded Cllr Spiers.

2.7 Finance & General Purposes Committee

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

British Gas	Library Electric Dec-Jan	32.56	1.62
Loveridge Maintenance	Grass Maintenance – Jan 2021	1116.66	0
Clerks Salaries	Clerks salaries – Jan 2021	2297.94	0
HMRC	PAYE	508.44	0
NEST	Pension contributions	116.32	0
MACs Printing	SPCST leaflets	420.00	0
Plusnet	Library Broadband/Telephone	24.00	4.80
Mrs C Laidler	Community Partnership admin	102.75	0
CCS	Village Agent – Qtr 4 2020/21	2564.25	0
Reach Youth	Youth Provision – Dec 2020	1966.00	393.20
Reach Youth	Youth provision – Jan 2021	1966.00	393.20
Mrs R Swift	Clerk expenses – Zoom	14.39	0
Merlin Telecomm	Office telephone	17.53	3.51

Received after the Agenda

Mr K Harris	Parish Maintenance – Jan 2021	765.50	0
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Mr P Shoemark	Christmas Lights take down.	100.00	0
Mrs M Robathan	Market Square planting	61.47	0
Mr G Singleton	Christmas Tree removal	150.00	0
Somerset CC	Library staffing Oct-Dec2020	3124.44	624.89
SES Alarms	Fire Extinguisher replacement	72.10	14.42
Paula Yare	TA13 Editing – Winter issue 2020	1050.00	0
Total		16,470.35	1,435.64

2.8 Planning Committee

- (a) To receive the minutes of the Planning Committee decisions made on the 4th January 2021 and to note the decisions made.
Noted.

2.9 To receive any additional information on the following:

- (a) Allotments and Whitfield Lane – Cllr Wakely
Fencing quotes currently being obtained.
- (b) Cemetery – Cllr Wakely
- (c) Footpaths and Bridleways
Blocked footpaths reported and dealt with.
- (d) TWIG – Cllr Brace
- (e) Roads & Transport – Cllr Raikes
- (f) Recreation Ground/SPRUG – Cllr New & Cllr Raikes
Delay to Toddler Equipment installation due to SSDC staff being relocated for COVID duties.
- (g) TA13 – Cllr Spiers
Delivery this week.
- (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
Footprint of Community Hib should soon be established with Peter Kidner & Guy Anderson.
- (n) Mere Lynches – Cllr Salway
- (o) Youth – Cllr New & Cllr Hodson-Wright

2.10 Reports

- (a) Somerset Association of Local Clerks (SALC)
All sent via email – NALC update regarding remote meetings has been circulated.
- (b) Councillors
- (c) Chairman
Minibus parking on Parish carpark – to be discussed at next meeting.
- (d) Village Agent
Heather has now finished as Parish Link Worker.
- (e) Dan Wooding has taken over as Parish contact although the team available to contact at any point.

2.11 Other business referred to the Clerk

Reminder of MTIG meeting on Wednesday 3rd February
Update on 'NatWest' Planters – now retrieved and ready to be resited.

2.12 Date of next meeting – 1st March 2021
