



SOUTH PETHERTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Public Session

Justin Martin – Spoke in support of removal of the Nordic Fir tree in the Churchyard.

Daphne Woodhouse – Spoke in support of removal of the Nordic Fir tree in the Churchyard.

Rev Mark Jackson – Spoke in support of removal of the Nordic Fir tree in the Churchyard, and presented the council with a young Oak tree to plant in the village.

Chris Hockey – Spoke in support of removal of the Nordic Fir tree in the Churchyard.

Kevin Entwistle – Spoke in support in extending the allotments.

Cllr Crispin Raikes – District Council - Interviews for the new CEO were taking place today (Monday 5th July), which should hopefully be announced later this week.

Full Council will meet on the 8th July.

Cllr Adam Dance District Council /County Council: Decision on the Somerset Unitary should be given by the of July.

District Council have written to the Secretary of State asking him to support the Stronger Somerset option.

The Minutes

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting of South Petherton Parish Council held at The David Hall on Monday 5th July 2021 when the following business was conducted.

PRESENT Councillors A Dance (Chair), C Raikes, B Elliott, T New, B Swainson, D Hodson-Wright, C Salway, B Chitty, K Brace, S Spiers, A Allen, K Storey together with the Parish Clerk Mrs K Alford and Assistant Clerk Mrs R Swift
11 members of the public were also in attendance.

7.1 To receive any apologies for non-attendance

Cllrs Hodge, Bragg & Wakely

7.2 To receive any declarations of interest

Cllr Elliott – Community Hub – Resolution 3

Cllr Chitty – Allotments – Resolution 1

7.3 To receive and approve the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council from 7th June 2021.

Minutes received and approved.

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

7.4 Clerk's report & resolution updates.

No questions received.

7.5 Chairman's announcements

None.

7.6 Resolutions

(1) To resolve to consider the report put forward by the Allotment Committee with regards to extending the allotments, and agree on how to proceed.

Resolved to defer gain further clarification on costs/procedure/the queries raised, but with a consensus that option C was the more preferred option of those provided if it were to go ahead.

Proposed Cllr Brace, seconded Cllr New, 9 for, 3 against.

(2) To resolve to agree to fence Pitway Allotments, from the options provided.

Resolved not to fund/provide fencing for Pitway Allotments.

Proposed Cllr Raikes, seconded Cllr Salway.

(3) To resolve to consider the report from the Community Hub Project Group, and to agree on how to proceed.

Resolved to confirm a Lease with owners of the site, and once this is in place (in writing), then to proceed with gaining planning permission.

Proposed Cllr Dance, seconded Cllr New.

(4) To discuss the offer of wooden benches from a member of the community for the Recreation Ground.

Agreed to accept offer from member of the community for 2 benches to be sited in the Recreation Ground. No wooden benches, and small plaque to be allowed with specific engraving.

Proposed Cllr New, seconded Cllr Brace.

(5) To resolve whether to proceed with the request for village signs for Over Stratton.

Resolved to investigate further, but no objections in principle.

Proposed Cllr Storey, seconded Cllr Hodson-Wright, all in favour

(6) To resolve whether to take action on the Fir tree in the Churchyard following further correspondence from a member of the public, & advice received by the Clerk.

Resolved to further investigate removing the tree, including cost of removal and advice from SSDC's tree office for the procedure due to the tree being within a conservation area.

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

(7) To discuss the introduction of parking restrictions (double yellow lines) at Carey's Hollow/Palmer Street.

Resolved to send a letter to the residents requesting that they park more considerately, and to ask for the PCSO to police the area, before actioning a request for road markings.

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

(8) To discuss plans for the Queens Platinum Jubilee in June 2022.

Discussion was held, and to be brought back to another meeting for further discussions.

Suggestion of planting 7 trees within the Parish to mark the 7 decades was suggested and received well.

7.7 Finance & General Purposes

(a) To receive the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee decisions made on the 1st March 2021 and to note the decisions made.

Minutes received and noted.

(b) To agree the following items of expenditure and approve payment for June 2021

SSDC	Re-charge for Election (May 2021)	703.80	0
SSDC	Ranger – May 2021	621.60	124.32
Wellington Slabs	Church Path repair/replace	4609.65	921.93
Microshade	IT support – Inv 14659	101.90	20.38
Reach Youth Ltd	Youth Provision – June – Inv 3034	1966.00	393.20
British Gas	Library Elec May-June	57.67	2.88
British Gas	Final Library Gas bill – May-June	19.24	0.96
Knight Electrical	MUGA – metering issues	17.75	3.55
HR & Staffing costs	Salary, pension & PAYE – June 2021	2921.32	0
Mrs R Swift	Clerks expenses	21.39	0
Kingsmere Ltd	Memorial Area surfacing – deposit	4360.00	872.00
Plusnet (o2)	Office mobile	18.87	3.77
Street Furniture Direct	Rec Ground cycle shelter (MTIG)	1995.00	399.00
Barriers Direct	St James St Cycle stands (MTIG)	723.36	144.67
Plusnet	Library broadband	25.24	5.05
Truvelo UK Ltd	Replacement SID cables	39.00	7.80
Sutcliffe Play SW	Rec Ground – Discuss (\$106)	3042.00	0
Play UK	Installation of Toddler Equipment (\$106)	7992.50	1598.50
Timberplay	Rec Ground – Toddler Equipment (\$106)	21871.00	4374.20
Loveridge Maintenance	Grass Maintenance – June & 3 extra cuts	1206.66	0
Total		52,313.95	8,872.21

Payments agreed by all council members.

7.8 Planning Committee

- (a) To receive the minutes of the Planning Committee decisions made on the 1st March to 7th June 2021 and to note the decisions made.

Minutes received and noted.

7.9 To receive any additional information on the following:

- (a) Allotments and Whitfield Lane – Cllr Wakely & Cllr Brace
- (b) Cemetery – Cllr Wakely
- (c) Footpaths and Bridleways – PPLOs Nigel Kinsman & Cllr Wakely
- (d) TWIG – Cllr Brace
- (e) Roads & Transport – Cllr Raikes
- (f) Recreation Ground/SPRUG – Cllr New & Cllr Raikes

Letter to be sent to the Pavilion asking them to remind patrons not to walk their dogs on the Rec at any time.

- (g) TA13 – Cllr Spiers
- (h) Website – Cllr New
- (i) South Petherton in Bloom (SPIB)

To consider the possibility of businesses to take responsibility for watering baskets next year.

- (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 / Community Hub – Cllr Elliott

Sarah has left as librarian, Clare Hext has taken over.

- (n) Mere Lynches – Cllr Salway
- (o) Youth – Cllr New & Cllr Hodson-Wright
Zoom meeting to take place & site visit to progress talks on skatepark.
- (p) MTIG – Cllr Chitty, Cllr Spiers & Cllr Swains

7.10 Reports

- (a) Somerset Association of Local Clerks (SALC)
- (b) Councillors
- (c) Chairman
- (d) Village Agent
- (e) Reach Youth

No reports received.

7.11 Other business referred to the Clerk

Clerk passed on thanks to Cllr Storey for sourcing plants for the village troughs and to Cllr Chitty for taking on the majority of the watering of the village hanging baskets.

7.12 Date of next meeting – 6th September 2021