



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.

Mr F Astall – Spoke twice to query the budget for the library, and also with regards to the budget and precept.

Mr B Apps – Raised concerns about the church wall along Hele Lane.

Mr M Small – Spoke about the speeding issue along the A30 through Watergore

Chris Hockey – Welcomed the Parish Council back to the Blake Hall for meetings.

PCSO update – read by Cllr Dance – update on cover, letters to residents causing parking issues & visibility for antisocial behaviour issues.

Dan Palmer – REACH report – Gave update on the Youth Outreach including:

- Youth PC relaunches in October
- Update on summer youth provision and areas that the team are working on/with
- Skatepark update
- More volunteers recruited to the Youth Team
- Funding panel/jobseekers help available
- Thanks to the Parish Council members for coming to see the team and being more involved.

Cllr Adam Dance District Council /County Council: Decision on the Somerset Unitary was given to go with One Somerset.

Boundary changes look to be imminent.

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 Bragg, N Wakely, T New, B Swainson, D Hodson-Wright, C Salway, B Chitty, S Spiers, 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.

8.1 To receive any apologies for non-attendance

Cllrs Hodge, Brace, Elliott & Raikes. Cllr Allen was absent.

8.2 To receive any declarations of interest

None

8.3 To receive and approve the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council from 5th July 2021.

Minutes received and approved.

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

8.4 Clerk's report & resolution updates.

No queries

8.5 Update from Chair of Finance & General Purpose

Update given on current finance decisions

Update given on Clerks working time/availability/work patterns/job content.

8.6 Chairman's announcements

None.

8.7 Reports

(a) Somerset Association of Local Clerks (SALC)

(b) Councillors

- (c) Chairman
- (d) Village Agent – meetings/coffee morning returning and increased referrals through these.
Lack of representation for South Petherton at the PPG – volunteers required for this.
- (e) Reach Youth – given in public session

8.8 To elect members to the following Committees:

- (a) **Open Spaces** – Cllr Swainson & Cllr Storey
- (b) **Finance & General Purpose** - None
- (c) **Planning** – Cllr Allen
All proposed by Cllr New, seconded Cllr Dance, all in favour.

8.9 Resolutions

(1) To resolve to review the revised Terms of Reference for the Community Hub Project Group and to decide whether to agree these.

Resolved to agree the Terms of Reference, with a note to ensure consultation is still regular & the Council is updated at all relevant times even now this is in place.

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

(2) To resolve to review the decision made on the Norway Spruce in the Churchyard following further information from the Tree Officer at South Somerset District Council.

Resolved to not to cut down the tree, but to carry out the recommended work on the tree by lifting the canopy.

Proposed Cllr Salway, seconded Cllr Storey, 9 in favour, 1 abstention.

(3) To resolve to decide the next date for the ordinary Town & Parish Council Elections following correspondence from Somerset Association of Local Councils.

Resolved to fall in line with the moved date on 2022.

Proposed Cllr New, seconded Cllr Salway, 8 in favour, 1 against, 1 abstention.

(4) To resolve to agree the South Petherton Bowling Club’s extension plans as per the submission to the council in May 2021, and to allow building to start, and in line with the requests made to the Clerk for access.

Resolved to agree, except for the siting of the work toilets.

Proposed Cllr Dance, seconded Cllr New, all in favour

(5) To resolve to agree the siting of a new soakaway on the Recreation Ground in connection with the Bowling Club build as per the map provided.

Resolved to agree, once construction and materials of the soakaway has been provided to and agreed by the council.

Proposed Cllr Swainson, seconded Cllr Hodson-Wright, 9 in favour, 1 abstention.

8.10 Finance & General Purposes

- (a) To note the budget reports YTD 2021/22
Not available due to technical issues – to be circulated as soon as possible.
- (b) To receive the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee decisions made on the 5th July 2021 and to note the decisions made.
Minutes received and noted.
- (a) To note the following items of expenditure and approve payment for July 2021.

Slade Parry	Project Manager fee	1364.00	272.80
MACS Printing	Path signs for Rec	43.20	0
SALC	Affiliation fee 2021/22	901.17	0
Kev Harris	Parish Maintenance – July	657.50	0
Mrs M Robathan	SPIB flowers	86.57	0
Mrs R Swift	Clerks expenses (Zoom)	14.39	0
Kingsmere Surfacing	Balance of Memorial Garden floor	10,900.00	2,180
HR & Staffing costs	Salary, Pension & PAYE	2921.32	0
Reach Youth	Youth Provision – July	1966.00	393.20

Rialtas	Back up installation	25.00	5.00
Firestone Surfacing	Dropped Kerbs	4060.00	812.00
David Hall	Hall hire – 5.7.21	50.00	0
Wellers Hedley	Bowling Club Lease	950.00	190.00
Wellers Hedley	Registration of Recreation Ground	750.00	150.00
SSDC	Ranger – June 2021	777.00	155.40
Paula Yare	TA13 Editing – Autumn 2021	1050.00	0
MACS Printing	TA13 Printing – Autumn 2021	625.00	0
Microshade	IT support – Inv 14880	97.90	19.58
SSDC	SPIB Troughs & Baskets	1427.15	285.43
SALC	B Chitty – Planning Training 1.7.21	25.00	0
BG Priddle	SPIB flowers/compost	136.68	27.34
Kompan	Toddler Equipment Balance	16264.60	3252.92
Loveridge Grounds	Parish Grass Maintenance – July	1116.66	0
Plusnet (o2)	Office mobile	18.87	3.77
Plusnet	Library broadband	24.67	4.93
Frogmary Green Farm	Broadband	25.00	5.00
Merlin Telecomm	Office telephone calls	16.78	3.36
Total		46,294.46	7,760.73

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

Knights Electrical	Christmas Lights 2020	797.26	159.45
John S Wratten	Community Hub drawings	900.75	0
Opus Energy	MUGA electric	10.97	0.55
Mr B Chitty	SPIB expenses	33.99	0
SCC	Library Staffing – April/June 2021	3015.64	603.13
HR & Staffing costs	Salary, Pension & PAYE - August	2921.32	0
Mrs R Swift	Clerks Expenses (Zoom)	14.39	0
Mrs K Alford	Clerks Expenses	16.99	0
SSDC	Ranger – July	621.60	124.32
Prism	Office stationary	9.16	1.83
Matta Products	Matting to Oyster spinner (S106)	2244.00	448.80
Loveridge Maintenance	Grass Maintenance – August	1116.66	0
Plusnet	Library Broadband	25.36	5.07
Total		11,728.09	1,343.15

Received after the Agenda

Microshade	IT Support – Invoice 15047	97.90	19.58
Merlin Telecomm	Office Telephone calls	17.36	3.47
Blake Hall hire	August – December 2021	162.00	0
David Ogilvie	2 x metal benches for Rec	1626.20	325.20
Frogmary Green Farm	Office Broadband	25.00	5.00
Mr K Harris	Parish maintenance – August	730.50	0

Resolved to note and agree payments

Proposed Cllr Salway, seconded Cllr Bragg, all in favour

8.11 Planning Committee

- (a) To receive the minutes of the Planning Committee decisions made on the 5th July & 2nd August 2021 and to note the decisions made.
Minutes received and noted.

8.12 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

Cllr Wakely requested investigations for traffic lights on Hayes End roundabout in light of increased traffic, and update line markings on approach to roundabout.

- (f) Recreation Ground/SPRUG – Cllr New & Cllr Raikes
- (g) TA13 – Cllr Spiers
- (h) Website – Cllr New
- (i) South Petherton in Bloom (SPIB)

Discussion around SPIB for 2022 & any concerns raised. Cllr Hodson-Wright resigned as SPIB representative.

Cllr Spiers to speak to businesses, Cllr Storey happy to help with organisation.

- (j) Blake Hall – Cllr Salway

AGM on the 14th September.

- (k) South Petherton Relief in Need Charity (SPRINC) – Cllr Raikes
- (l) Community Land Trust (CLT) – Cllr Chitty
- (m) Library / LIC / Community Hub – Cllr Elliott
- (n) Mere Lynches – Cllr Salway
- (o) Youth – Cllr New & Cllr Hodson-Wright
- (p) MTIG – Cllr Chitty, Cllr Spiers & Cllr Swainson

8.13 Other business referred to the Clerk

Cllr Chitty requested the power line running to the Cricket Nets is checked by the council electricians. Cllr Chitty commented on the state of the path into the recreation ground – this will be put right once the bowling club works have finished & the path is relaid.

8.14 Date of next meeting – 4th October 2021 at The William Blake Memorial Hall

8.15 Exempt Session – Exclusion of the Press & Public

To resolve that under Section 1, paragraph 2 of The Public Bodies (admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business because publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

– Contractual details

Contract matters were discussed and agreed.