



# SOUTH PETHERTON PARISH COUNCIL

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## Public Session

**Mr N Balf** – Spoke to update the Parish Council on Holm restaurants opening date (10<sup>th</sup> Nov).

**Miss S Beaufoy** – Spoke regarding SPRINC trustees & the St James St car park wall.

**Mr V Shutler** – spoke about the St James St car park wall.

**Mr F Astall** – Spoke twice to query the parish finance reporting.

**Mrs Naish** – asked about the parish fingerposts and timetable to repair them.

## The Minutes

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting of South Petherton Parish Council held at The David Hall on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021 when the following business was conducted.

**PRESENT** Councillors A Dance (Chair), C Bragg, N Wakely, K Brace, B Swainson, B Elliott, D Hodson-Wright, C Salway, B Chitty, S Spiers, K Storey, A Allen, and C Raikes together with the Parish Clerk Mrs K Alford and Assistant Clerk Mrs R Swift.

14 members of the public were also in attendance.

### **9.1 To receive any apologies for non-attendance**

Cllr New sent apologies and these were accepted.

Cllrs Hodge was absent.

### **9.2 To receive any declarations of interest**

Cllr Chitty – Resolution 9.7(1)

### **9.3 To receive and approve the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council from 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021.**

Minutes received and approved.

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

### **9.4 Clerk's report & resolution updates.**

Updated provided on the status of the bank mandates.

### **9.5 Chairman's announcements**

None.

### **9.6 Reports**

#### **(a) Somerset Association of Local Clerks (SALC)**

Clerks attending a Town & Parish Councils meeting on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October regarding the new Unitary.

#### **(b) Councillors**

Cllr Chitty remarked how helpful the Gigaclear contractors had been whilst working in the village.

Cllr Raikes updated all on the recent incident in the village with the shooting of pigeons.

Cllr Brace asked for sites of 7 trees to be sited in the parish for the Queens Jubilee, keen to engage youth in these projects.

#### **(c) Chairman**

Confirmation sought on the Christmas lights/event date & councillors asked to help organise this.

The Chair would like to bring a discussion to the council in the future regarding possible CCTV on the Rec

#### **(d) Village Agent** – meetings/coffee morning returning and increased referrals through these.

Requests are busy, vaccinations & PPG work. Areas settling down again into a more 'normal'/'

#### **(e) Reach Youth** – to be sent out when received.

### **9.7 Resolutions**

#### **(1) Further to the 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021 meeting, to review the costings report from the Allotment Committee to set up a proposed extension (Option C), and to resolve how to proceed.**

Resolved for the Clerk to make contact with the tenant, and then decide on how to proceed following

this.

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

**(2) To discuss the recent collisions with the St James Street car park planter and to resolve how to proceed.**

Discussions were had with how to solve the issue of the regular hitting of the St James Street car park wall.

### 9.8 Finance & General Purposes

(a) To note the budget reports YTD 2021/22

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

Mr M Long	Refund of Allotment deposit	12.50	0
HR & Staffing costs	Salary, Pension & PAYE – September	2921.32	0
Mrs R Swift	Clerks expenses (Zoom)	14.39	0
Mrs K Alford	Clerks expenses	25.00	0
SSDC	Ranger – August	777.00	155.40
Street Furniture Direct5	Hoop Rack (MTIG project)	585.00	117.00
Plusnet	Library Broadband	24.04	4.81
Water2Business	Library Water 3.3.21-26.8.21	65.73	5.29
Loveridge Grounds	Parish Grass Maintenance – Sept	1116.66	0
Frogmary Green Farm Office	Broadband	25.00	5.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>5566.64</b>	<b>287.50</b>

#### Received after the Agenda

WT & RJ Jones	Pitch Maintenance – Rec	719.00	143.80
Mr K Harris	Parish maintenance – Sept	795.50	0
Mr P Shoemark	Installing Rec benches/bike shelter	100.00	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>1614.50</b>	<b>143.80</b>

**Payments noted and approved.**

### 9.9 Planning Committee

(a) To receive the minutes of the Planning Committee decisions made on the 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021 and to note the decisions made.

Minutes received and noted.

### 9.10 Open Spaces Committee

(a) To receive the minutes of the Open Spaces Committee decisions made on the 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021 and to note the decisions made.

Minutes received and noted.

### 9.11 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

**SCC Liaison Officer is now Sarah Cresswell.**

(d) TWIG – Cllr Brace

**Site suggestions for Jubilee trees requested – one for each village in the parish suggested as an idea.**

(e) Roads & Transport – Cllr Raikes

(f) Recreation Ground/SPRUG – Cllr New & Cllr Raikes

(g) TA13 – Cllr Spiers

(h) Website – Cllr New

(i) South Petherton in Bloom (SPIB)

**Cllr Wakely suggested an automated drip system for the hanging baskets if volunteers were an issue next year. Cllr Spiers will consult businesses.**

(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 & Cllr Brace

**Community Hub Lease discussions in progress – lease agreed to be in excess of 100 years, and survey to be taken out on the community after the lease discussions finish.**

**Friends of South Petherton Libray (FOSPL) AGM to be held at David Hall – date 15.10.21 at 3pm but to be discussed and confirmed.**

- (n) Mere Lynches – Cllr Salway
- (o) Youth – Cllr New & Cllr Hodson-Wright
- (p) MTIG – Cllr Chitty, Cllr Spiers & Cllr Swainson

**9.12 Other business referred to the Clerk**

External Audit report received back from PKF Littlejohn LLP, and the certificate of completion has been displayed on the website in line with regulations.

**9.13 Date of next meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> November at The William Blake Memorial Hall**