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Minutes of an Open Spaces Committee that was held via Zoom on **Monday 4th October 2021** commencing at **6.30 pm** when the following business was transacted.

Present: Cllrs N Wakely, C Raikes, B Swainson, K Storey, D Hodson-Wright, with the Parish Clerks Mrs K Alford & Mrs R Swift
3 members of public were present.

OS3.1 To appoint a Chair

Cllr Raikes was proposed by Cllr Wakely, seconded by Cllr Storey, all in favour.

OS3.2 To appoint a Vice-Chair

Cllr New was proposed by Cllr Raikes, seconded by Cllr Storey, all in favour.

OS3.3 To receive any apologies for non-attendance

Cllr New – apologies received and accepted

Absent - Cllr Hodge,

OS3.4 To receive any declarations of interest

None

OS3.5 To receive and confirm Minutes of South Petherton Open Spaces Committee held on Monday 29th March 2021

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

OS3.6 Matters for report purposes only

1. Telephone Box -Watergore

A member of public has offered to maintain and look after the telephone box as a library/book & game exchange with help from other local residents.

2. Mare Lane update from July meeting

Cllr Raikes will chase the contacts he has for this and report back.

3. Cemetery driveway

Clerks have had many complaints about the potholes in the driveway and will be obtaining some costings for the council to discuss and see how they wish to rectify the situation going forward. Signs have been erected to warn parishioners of the uneven driveway.

OS3.7 Resolutions

(1) To resolve to agree for the Tennis Club to move the public access gate to courts 1&2 along the fence, closer to the far corner near the bowls club path.

Resolution agreed

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

(2) To discuss the email sent by the Clerks to the Neighbourhood Engagement Group & resolve to agree a way forward.

Committee discussed the benefit of this to any anti-social behaviour, and as a community

engagement activity. Cllr Storey offered to act as lead to speak to SPRUG users to move this forward.

(3) To resolve to remove the tree in the Cemetery which has grown down over a number of grave plots.

Resolution agreed.

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

OS3.8 To receive reports – if any – from the following:

(a) Allotments

(b) Cemetery

(c) Footpaths & Bridleways

Cllr Raikes reported a recent incident with a person shooting pigeons with an air rifle on one of the footpaths. Police attended and the matter was dealt with no issues arising.

(d) Roads & Transport

(e) Recreation Ground/SPRUG

(g) Blake Hall

(h) SPRINC

(i) Mere Lynchs

(j) Youth

OS3.9 Others matters referred to the Parish Clerk

Clerks reported that a member of the public had been verbally abused by a member of the public when reminded that the Recreation Ground prohibits dogs to be walked on it. The Committee condemned this behaviour and will check signs are clearly displayed.

OS3.10 Date of next meeting – Monday 10th January 2022