



SOUTH PETHERTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Cllr A Dance – County Councillor update – asked anyone struggling with paying Council Tax to get in touch with him.

With the impending elections in May, Cllr Dance offered congratulations to all Parish Councillors who have done a splendid job during their term. He also reminded everyone that purdah starts at the end of March and lasts until the election results are announced in May.

The Minutes

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting of South Petherton Parish Council held at The Blake Hall on Monday 7th March 2022 when the following business was conducted.

PRESENT Councillors A Dance (Chair), C Bragg, D Hodson-Wright, B Chitty, J Hodge, T New, C Salway, K Brace, C Raikes along with the Assistant Clerk Mrs R Swift
7 members of the public were also in attendance.

3.1 To receive any apologies for non-attendance

Cllrs Swainson, Allen, Wakely, Elliott, Spiers & Storey sent apologies and these were accepted.

3.2 To receive any declarations of interest

None

3.3 To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council from 7th February 2022.

Minutes received and approved.

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

3.4 Clerk Resolution updates

Received and noted.

3.5 Chairman's announcements

1 Minute silence held for the victims of the Russian war against Ukraine

3.6 Reports

(a) Somerset Association of Local Clerks (SALC)

Sent out by email throughout the month.

(b) Councillors

Minibus update

(c) Chairman

None

(d) Village Agent

None

(e) Reach Youth – report given & 8 young people have shown interest in joining the Youth Parish Council.

(f) Avon & Somerset PCSO – report circulated prior to meeting

(g) Jubilee Working Group - Next Jubilee working group meeting 30th March 6.30pm in the church. All welcome.

3.7 Resolutions

(1) To resolve to allow TWiG to plant a hedgerow on the long side of the Whitfield Lane ridge.

Resolved to allow hedgerow planting to go ahead.

Proposed Cllr Hodge, seconded Cllr Raikes, all in favour

- (2) **Further to the resolution made on the 19th October 2019 and information provided by the Skatepark Working Group, to resolve to agree for a Skate Park to be built on the Recreation Ground at the site of the existing BMX track.**
Resolved to agree for a Skate Park to be built on the Recreation Ground at the site of the existing BMX track.
Proposed Cllr Hodson-Wright, Seconded Cllr New, all in favour
- (3) **To resolve that the Skatepark Working Group can approach three companies and ask them to tender for a skatepark to be constructed on the site of the old BMX track to the value up to £150,000.**
Resolved for Skatepark Working Group to go ahead with this.
Proposed Cllr New, seconded Cllr Hodson-Wright, all in favour
- (4) **To resolve how to proceed with the CCS Village agent role.**
Resolved to defer this decision until more information is obtained.
Proposed Cllr Brace, seconded Cllr Hodge, all in favour
- (5) **To resolve to adopt the General Power of Competence for South Petherton Parish Council as it meets the criteria for eligibility as defined in the Localism Act 2011 and SI965 The Parish Council's (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012.**
Resolved to adopt the General Power of Competence for South Petherton Parish Council.
Proposed Cllr Dance, seconded Cllr Raikes, all in favour
- (6) **To resolve to increase the Clerks salary by 1 SCP after obtaining the Certification in Local Council Administration from 1st March 2022.**
Resolved to agree the resolution.
Proposed Cllr Salway, seconded Cllr Brace, all in favour
- (7) **To resolve to allow SSDC to run a Fun Time service for 6 – 11 year-olds in South Petherton, for a trial summer programme, from Easter, on the Recreation Ground.**
Resolved to agree this resolution.
Proposed Cllr Dance, seconded Cllr Raikes, all in favour
- (8) **To note that the Community Hub Working Group recommends not to proceed further with the South Petherton Community Hub on the site behind Holm Restaurant.**
Noted.

3.8 Finance & General Purposes

- (a) To note the following items of expenditure and approve payments for February 2022 – appendix i
Payments noted and approved.
Proposed Cllr Salway, seconded Cllr New, all in favour.

3.9 Finance & General Purpose Committee

- (a) To receive the minutes of the Finance & General Purpose Committee Decisions made on 6th December 2021 and to note the decisions
Minutes received and noted.

3.10 Planning Committee

- (a) To receive the minutes of the Planning Committee decisions made on the 7th February 2022 and to note the decisions made.
Minutes received and noted.

3.11 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
- (d) TWIG – Cllr Brace
Cllr Brace offered thanks on behalf of TWiG for approving the new hedging.
- (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)
- (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
- (n) Mere Lynches – Cllr Brace

Committee meeting was held on Weds 9th February.

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

3.12 Other business referred to the Clerk

None

3.13 Date of next meeting – Annual Parish Meeting 4th April 2022

Annual Meeting of the Parish Council - 9th May 2022 – venue to be confirmed.