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**Minutes of an Open Spaces Committee that was held at The David Hall on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022 commencing at 6.30 pm when the following business was transacted.**

**Present:** Cllrs C Raikes, B Swainson, K Brace, B Chitty, T New, D Hodson-Wright, with the Parish Clerks Mrs K Alford & Mrs R Swift  
2 members of public were present.

**OS1.1 To receive any apologies for non-attendance**

Cllr Wakely, Storey, Hodge - apologies received and accepted.

**OS1.2 To receive any declarations of interest**

None

**OS1.3 To receive and confirm Minutes of South Petherton Open Spaces Committee held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

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

**OS3.4 Matters for report purposes only**

**1. Cemetery tree removal.**

Tree has now been removed and area cleared.

**2. Neighbourhood Engagement Group**

Group has not met since the last meeting.

**3. Cemetery driveway**

Budget considerations have been made for 2022/23 to maintain the driveway on a more regular basis, with a view to investigate a more permanent repair next year.

**4. Mare Lane Update**

Cllr Raikes will chase SSDC again.

**OS3.5 Resolutions**

**(1) To discuss possible sites for 7 trees to be planted this year in connection with the Platinum Jubilee & any associated events.**

Cllr Hodson-Wright confirmed that the Tree group would be interested in working on this and suggesting sites/ types of native trees.

Cllr Brace informed the committee that Rachael Whaites was putting together a plan & suggestion of places of planting in the Recreation Ground to be put to the next meeting.

It was also suggested that the wider community be involved in the tree planting, and also possible for different groups to 'sponsor' each tree, ie Scouts, the WI etc.

**OS3.6 To receive reports – if any – from the following:**

- (a) Allotments** – a meeting is planned soon to talk about the progress of the new allotments and how to divide the new allotments in the autumn.
- (b) Cemetery**
- (c) Footpaths & Bridleways**

- (d ) Roads & Transport**
- (e ) Recreation Ground/SPRUG**
- (g) Blake Hall**
- (h) SPRINC**
- (i) Mere Lynches**
- (j) Youth**

**OS3.7 Others matters referred to the Parish Clerk**

None

**OS3.8 Date of next meeting – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022**