



SOUTH PETHERTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Public Session

Adam Dance – Spoke on behalf of all of the Parish Council to congratulate and thank all those involved in the Platinum Jubilee celebrations – especially Cllr Courtney Salway, Angie Allen, WI & South Petherton Youth Parish Council. The villages looked amazing and there was a great turn out and community spirit.

Trish Harper – spoke with regards to the villages grass verges and environmental issues

Anthony Dexter – spoke with a view to being co-opted onto the Parish Council.

John Ashton – spoke with regards to road safety along Lightgate Road/Lightgate Lane

Chris Hockey – spoke to congratulate all involved with the Platinum Jubilee celebrations

Cllr Jo Roundell-Greene – District Councillor update – Confirmed vesting day for the Unitary was 1/4/23 and that the newly formed council was working hard.

Cllr Dance has a post as an executive member for Public Health and Diversities, while Cllr Roundell-Greene is working with Scrutiny on the waste board.

Her contact details are with the Clerk / on the Parish Website and she will be holding an Advice Surgery in the library on 28th June, between 10 & 12pm.

Cllr A Dance – District Councillor update – confirmed the phosphate issues are still not resolved & that there is still money within the District Council to apply for in grants.

Cllr A Dance – County Councillor update – gave an update on the newly formed council.

Free school meals were continued throughout half term, meetings have been held with the League of Cruel Sports & there has been a Climate Change/Environmental Scrutiny committee set up.

The Minutes

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting of South Petherton Parish Council held at The Blake Hall on Monday 6th June 2022 when the following business was conducted.

PRESENT Councillors A Dance (Chair), D Hodson-Wright, B Swainson, N Wakely, S Spiers, L Baker, S Carp, T New, C Salway, K Jones along with the Assistant Clerk Mrs R Swift
13 members of the public were also in attendance.

A one-minute silence was held in respect of former Councillor Graham Gatehouse and the contribution he made whilst part of South Petherton Parish Council. Condolences are sent out to his family and friends.

6.1 To receive any apologies for non-attendance

Cllrs B Chitty, B Elliott & C Bragg sent apologies and these were accepted.

6.2 To receive any declarations of interest

None

6.3 To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on 9th May 2022.

Minutes received and approved.

Proposed Cllr Hodson-Wright, seconded Cllr New, all in favour with one abstention.

6.4 To co-opt new councillor onto South Petherton Parish Council

Anthony Dexter was proposed as a new councillor for South Petherton Parish Council by Cllr New, seconded by Cllr Dance, all in favour.

Cllr Dexter signed his acceptance of office form and took his place on the council.

6.5 To confirm councillors onto the Committees of South Petherton Parish Council

Cllr Dexter was appointed to the Planning & Open Spaces Committees.

6.6 Clerk Resolution updates

Received and noted.

6.7 Chairman's announcements

Chairman confirmed that Jenn Hodge had resigned from the council, and thanked her for her contribution to the council and the village whilst a councillor.

Reports

(a) Somerset Association of Local Clerks (SALC)

Training dates continue to be circulated, and the Clerk has up to date copies of the Good Councillor Guide for distribution.

(b) Councillors

None

(c) Chairman

None

(d) Village Agent

None

(e) Reach Youth – Dan Palmer attended and gave a full report on all Youth activities, with many positive points. The council passed on their thanks & appreciation to Dan and staff for their continued work within the village.

(f) Avon & Somerset PCSO – PCSO was due to attend, however was unable to, due to an ongoing incident in the village.

(g) Jubilee Working Group – The Jubilee events across the parish were a huge success and very well attended. Huge thanks have been given to anyone who had a hand in the organising of the events, in particular:

- Angie Allen – Overall concept, set up music, make and position flags
- Courtney Salway – co-ordination of all helpers and the event.
- Sarah & Michael Armstrong – Window displays competition + judges Adam Dance, Liz Baker
- Parish Council – funding, road closures, admin - contact Crispin Raikes
- Women's Institute (Jan Kemp, Heather Kelloway, Sue Snell + others) – bunting and cakes
- St Peter & St Paul Church - Friday celebrations, loan of tables etc, publicity in Parish mag
- Street decorations – Chris Hockey, Mike Turner, Peter Clayton, Mathew Shooter, Paula Yare,
- Julie X, Nick Doble
- Hog Roast – Andy & Jean Winters plus family
- Window displays – occupiers along St James Street & The Market Square
- Layout tables & chairs – James Buckle, Mike Turner, Nancy Williams, Margaret Grinter
- Transport of furniture & Road Signs – Kay & Simon Bull
- Youth Parish Council- litter pick, layout of tables & chairs
- Brewers Arms – decorations, ladders
- Blake Hall – loan of tables & chairs
- Methodist Church – loan of tables & chairs
- TA 13 – Paula Yare - Publish articles, loan of parasols

6.8 Resolutions

(1) To discuss and agree a plan of action with regards to the Allotment Committee's proposal for the new allotment extension at Whitfield Lane.

Council were unable to discuss this due to the proposals not being accessible ahead of the meeting. Deferred to the next meeting to confirm the plans for the setup of the new allotments.

(2) To resolve to agree the proposals set out by Reach Youth Ltd in respect of their extra staffing proposals.

Resolved to agree the proposals and funding for Reach Youth Ltd.

Proposed Cllr New, seconded Cllr Salway, all in favour

(3) To resolve to agree to host the fair on the Recreation Ground in September 2022.

Resolved to agree to host the fair around the edges of the Recreation Ground, with the removal of the condition that the Council can cancel if weather conditions look unsuitable for heavy vehicles on the ground.

Proposed Cllr New, seconded Cllr Jones, 6 in favour, 2 against, 3 abstentions.

(4) To resolve to agree to the proposal put forward by TWiG (email of 22nd April 2022) with regards to mowing of certain verges within the parish.

Resolved to agree to a pilot scheme for the 4 areas in the village – to be cut twice a year (feb/march & late summer) ensuring that junctions are kept unobstructed and a 2ft boundary is mown along pavement strips.

Ranger to carry out cutting & blue plaques to advise the public are to be installed.

Proposed Cllr Jones, seconded Cllr Hodson-Wright, 6 in favour, 2 against, 3 abstentions

9.30pm – Councillors agreed to continue meeting

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

(5) To discuss and agree a plan of action with regards to the Village Agent role.

Cllr Baker to investigate Community Link Workers in the area and report back to Parish Council.

6.9 Finance & General Purposes

(a) To receive & note the minutes of the F&GP Committee decisions made on 7th March 2022.

Received and noted

(b) To note the items of expenditure and approve payments for May 2022

Noted

6.10 Planning Committee

(a) To receive & note the minutes of the Planning Committee decisions made on 9th May 2022

Received and noted

6.11 To receive any additional information on the following:

(a) Allotments and Whitfield Lane – Cllr Jones & Cllr Chitty

(b) Cemetery – Cllr Wakely

(c) Footpaths and Bridleways – PPLOs Nigel Kinsman & Cllr Wakely

(d) TWIG – Cllr Jones & Cllr Hodson-Wright

(e) Roads & Transport – Cllr Chitty – Cllr Carp has a meeting with SCC to discuss Church Path, the steps and railings by the Infant School.

(f) Recreation Ground/SPRUG – Cllr New, Cllr Swainson & Cllr Carp

(g) TA13 – Cllr Spiers

(h) South Petherton in Bloom (SPIB)

(i) Blake Hall – Cllr Salway

(j) South Petherton Relief in Need Charity (SPRINC) – Cllr Baker

(k) Community Land Trust (CLT) – Cllr Chitty

(l) Library / LIC / Community Hub – Cllr Elliott – meeting to be held Weds 8th with regards to Community Hub.

(m) Mere Lynches – Cllr Jones

(n) Youth – Cllr New, Cllr Baker & Cllr Hodson-Wright

(o) MTIG – Cllr Chitty, Cllr Spiers & Cllr Swainson

6.12 Other business referred to the Clerk

None

6.13 Date of next meeting – 4th July 2022

6.14 Exempt session – Exclusion of the Press and 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.

- **Parish contracts**

Resolved to move into exempt session

Proposed Cllr Dance, seconded Cllr Jones, all in favour

**Council resolved to give notice on a contract with a view to re-tender in due course.
Proposed Cllr Wakely, seconded Cllr Salway, all in favour**