



SOUTH PETHERTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Public Session

Mrs Antell spoken with regards to the signage and crossing markings in Watergore.

Mr Small spoke with regards to the signage and current new entrance in Watergore.

Mr Shutler spoke with regards to the car park planter in St James Street

Mrs Barley spoke against planning application 22/02118/OUT

Mrs Bartlett spoke against planning application 22/02118/OUT

Mrs Fox-Spencer raised concerns relating to planning application 22/02118/OUT

Mrs Carter requested clarification relating to planning decisions & planning application 22/02118/OUT

Mr R Langston spoke about against planning application 22/02118/OUT

Mr S Spiers spoke to update the council on the recent announcement of closure of the Post Office.

Mr A Dance – County Councillor report given – hard copy to be circulated.

The Minutes

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting of South Petherton Parish Council held at The Blake Hall on Monday 5th September 2022 when the following business was conducted.

PRESENT Councillors A Dance (Chair), B Swainson, N Wakely, T New, D Hodson-Wright, B Chitty, A Dexter, C Bragg, S Spiers, S Carp, B Elliott along with the Clerk Mrs K Alford.
27 members of the public were also in attendance.

10.1 To receive and agree any apologies for non-attendance

Cllr Jones & Cllr Baker

10.2 To receive any declarations of interest

Cllr Dance in his capacity of County & District Councillor

10.3 To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council from 1st August 2022.

Minutes received and approved.

Proposed Cllr New, seconded Cllr Hodson-Wright, all in favour

10.4 Clerk Resolution updates

Council advised – no queries raised.

10.5 Chairman's Announcements.

Reports

- (a) Somerset Association of Local Councils (SALC) - None
- (b) Councillors - None
- (c) Village Agent – SPPC awaiting the contract from Community Council of Somerset to sign.
- (d) Reach Youth – Report received from Reach and circulated.
- (e) Avon & Somerset PCSO – Not in attendance but hopes to be at the Oct meeting.
- (f) Somerset Patient Participation Group (PPG) – Cllr Wake;ly gave an update and members agreed to invite Paul Harding to a meeting to discuss current & representation by the Parish Council.

10.6 Resolutions

- (1) **To resolve to make a recommendation to South Somerset District Council regarding the application for:**
Outline application for the demolition of single garage, and the erection of 40no dwellings (26 market & 14 affordable); considering access only, with all other matters reserved at

Land West of Silver Street, South Petherton. TA13 5AN Ref. No: 22/02118/OUT

Resolved to object this application for the following reasons

Application is not in line with South Petherton's adopted Neighbourhood Plan on policy points:

TT3 – ii) to provide the opportunity to maintain good and safe accessibility on local roads; - the new entrance is deemed in to contradict this approach.

BEH3 – Proposals on or affecting existing, or for new, rights of way and other public non-vehicular routes (for example, which could enhance accessibility to local amenities including the school, village centre, community facilities and services)

Points: The access, including rights of way, safe access of walking to school, lack of pavements on these routes will have increased pedestrian & vehicular traffic and are already not fit for purpose or safety.

NEH2 – Development proposals adjacent to the South Petherton development area will only be supported where they:

point ii) are preferably delivered at a rate commensurate with completion rates of around 12 dwellings per year (taking account of, as far as possible, other known commitments at the time of application) and at a scale in line with design requirements set out in the Parish Design Guide;

BEH1 – 'All new development should be of high quality design, complementing the local vernacular' - it is felt that the design materials suggested not in keeping with local area.

In addition to these points the council would like to point out the following concerns:

Land - Loss of prime agricultural land

Inability of the local infrastructure to support increased demand on schools and gp surgeries.

Ecological impact - hares have been reported as being seen in this field, and badger setts are reported as being on the edge of the boundary.

Highways – the new access to the development will create a dangerous crossroad with Hospital Lane

The above planning application is also felt to be in direct contradiction to the appeal:

APP/R33/25/W/19/3231105.

Proposed Cllr Hodson-Wright, seconded Cllr New, 12 in favour, 1 abstention.

(2) To appoint a member as the Parish representative for the Blake Hall.

Cllr Carp was appointed to the role of representative for the Blake Hall

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

(3) To resolve to repair and fix railings on Church Path steps (adjacent to Infant School entrance on Hele Lane) and to proceed to obtain quotations for this.

Resolved to go ahead and with the work and to obtain 3 quotes.

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

(4) To consider next year's South Petherton in Bloom & plans for the maintenance of baskets. Discussion was had considering options for the maintenance of the baskets, and the costs supplied by SSDC to water them throughout the next season.

Further investigation into a drip feed pipe will be made, but consensus of 10 for and 1 against that the baskets should be bought and hung again next year. Item will be brought back to council for final decision before budget setting for 2023/24.

(5) To resolve to agree the new Christmas Lights hire contract for South Petherton.

To resolve to go ahead with the new Christmas lights on grounds of safety, storage and maintenance & enjoyment brought to the village.

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

(6) To resolve to agree to pay for a Village Gateway to either end of Watergore (locations to

be agreed), at an capital cost of £700 each (£,1400.00 total) , and additional installation costs – yet to be advised.

Resolved to go ahead with the purchase of the gates on the proviso that the gates can be sited in correct positions agreeable to all parties (SCC Highways & SPPC), and if the cost of installation is above £500 then the decision will be brought back to council.

10.7 Finance & General Purposes Committee

To note the items of expenditure and approve payments for August 2022.

Noted and approved.

10.8 Planning Committee

To receive & note the minutes of the Planning Committee decisions made on 1st August 2022

Received and noted.

The Council wished to minute sincere thanks to Courtney Salway for his work on the council following his resignation from the council last month, and, in particular, as Chair of the Finance & General Purpose Committee.

The time and commitment given to this role has been greatly appreciated, and the council send their thanks on behalf of both the Council and the Parish.

South Petherton Parish Council also wished to send condolences to the family of Malcolm Lake, a long term resident of South Petherton and well known and respected gentleman, and who many had fond memories of in relation to the Sweet Shop in the village.

His work in particular for many years with SPRINC (South Petherton Relief in Need) had also been invaluable to the community and he will be much missed.

10.9 To receive any additional information (if any) 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
- (f) Recreation Ground/SPRUG – Cllr New, Cllr Swainson & Cllr Carp
- (g) TA13 – Cllr Spiers
- (h) South Petherton in Bloom (SPIB)
- (i) Blake Hall – Cllr Carp now appointed as Blake Hall representative.
- (j) South Petherton Relief in Need Charity (SPRINC) – Cllr Baker
- (k) Community Land Trust (CLT) – Cllr Chitty
- (l) Library / LIC / Community Hub – Cllr Elliott

South Petherton has been chosen as one of 14 parishes for the Community Review Project - to be led by Paul Smith & Mark Freeman in liaison with the Clerk

- (m) Mere Lynches – Cllr Jones
- (n) Youth – Cllr New, Cllr Baker & Cllr Hodson-Wright
- (o) MTIG – Cllr Chitty, Cllr Spiers & Cllr Swainson – new funding of £9000 available – Expression of interests to be submitted this week.

10.10 Other business referred to the Clerk

The fair has now arrived on the Recreation Ground and will be setting up for this week, with the culmination of South Petherton Carnival on Saturday 10th September.

10.11 Date of next meeting – 3rd October 2022