



SOUTH PETHERTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Public Session

Mrs D Woodhouse - spoke regarding issues at Duchies Orchard

Jenn Hodge – gave an update on Rama Life and the Community Minibus

Mr F Blake – spoke regarding Planning Application - 22/03497/HYBRID

Mr J Brooks – spoke regarding Planning Application - 22/03497/HYBRID

Mr C MacDonald – spoke regarding Planning Application - 22/03497/HYBRID

Tim Birch – spoke regarding the pathway in the Recreation Ground

Andrea Male & Suzy Coombes from Community Council of Somerset introduced themselves – Suzy is the new Village Agent – and gave a report on current work.

Dan Palmer – Reach – gave update and report including information on the proposed foodbank & queries progress on the Skatepark.

Sarah Patten – spoke to support the grant application for the Folk Festival.

Cllr A Dance & Cllr Roundell-Green – County Councillor report given.

The Minutes

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting of South Petherton Parish Council held at The David Hall on Monday 6th January 2023 when the following business was conducted.

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

2.1 To receive and agree any apologies for non attendance

Cllr Bryan Chitty

2.2 To receive any declarations of interest

None

2.3 To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council from 9th January 2023.

Received & noted

2.4 Community Plan update – Working Group

Update received from Cllr Elliott

2.5 Clerk Resolution updates

Updates received – no queries

2.6 Chairman's Announcements.

None

2.7 Reports

- (a) **Somerset Association of Local Councils (SALC)** – new training dates released and circulated
- (b) **Councillors** – Cllr Wakely – does council wish to support and Coronation celebrations, May 6th 2023. Cllr Spiers to ask business owners.
- (c) **Village Agent** – spoke in public session.
- (d) **Reach Youth** – Spoke in public session
- (e) **Avon & Somerset PCSO**
- (f) **Somerset Patient Participation Group (PPG)** – Meeting next week

2.8 To elect members to the Parish Council's Committees.

Cllr Steel was elected to Open Spaces Committee.

No other changes were made.

2.9 Resolutions

(1) To consider and respond to Planning Application - 22/03497/HYBRID at Bridge Farm, Drayton Farm Lane, South Petherton.

No objections to the application

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

(2) To consider a Grant Application from Reach Youth Ltd for £2000

Agreed to grant Reach £2000.00

Proposed Cllr Hodson-Wright, seconded Cllr Jones, majority in favour

(3) To consider a Grant Application from South Petherton Folk Festival for £1000.

Agreed to defer a decision to obtain further budget information from SP Folk Festival

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

(4) To resolve to appoint a contractor for the grass maintenance contract for the Parish, in line with the written tender, for the next 3 years from the tenders received below:

(All figures are reported on a net basis)

Resolved to award contract to company 1

Proposed Cllr New, seconded Cllr Hodson Wright, majority agree.

Company	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	3 Year Total
Company 1	£20,675	£20,930	£20,930	£62,535
Company 2	£24,404	£26,778	£29,456	£80,638
Company 3	£23,764	£23,764	£23,764	£71,292
Company 4	£23,424	£24,244	£25,093	£72,761

2.10 Finance & General Purposes Committee

To agree and note the items of expenditure and approve payments for January 2023.

Payments noted and agreed.

2.11 Planning Committee

To receive & note the minutes of the Planning Committee made on 9th January 2023

Minutes received and noted.

2.12 Open Spaces Committee

To receive and note the minutes of the Open Spaces Committee made on the 3rd October 2022

Minutes received and noted.

2.13 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
- (j) South Petherton Relief in Need Charity (SPRINC) – Cllr Baker
- (k) Community Land Trust (CLT) – Cllr Chitty
- (l) Library / LIC / Community Hub – Cllr Elliott – Request for Cllrs to attend surgeries at the Library.
- (m) Mere Lynches – Cllr Jones
- (n) Youth – Cllr New, Cllr Baker & Cllr Hodson-Wright

2.14 Other business referred to the Clerk

None

2.15 Date of next meeting – 6th March 2023

2.16 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 to exempt session.

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