



SOUTH PETHERTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Public Session

Mrs A Clifford - spoke regarding the Kings Coronation & volunteering as a focus.

Tom from LVA – spoke regarding a proposed planning concept for the Lightgate Lane and answered any questions in relation to this.

Mr D Gatehouse – spoke regarding Watergore and the previously proposed village gates.

Mr V Shutler – spoke in respect of the Lampreys Lane planning.

Mr C Salway – spoke to remind the Council about the Community Review presentation on the 15th March & request their attendance.

Cllr C Raikes – attended to confirm he would finish acting as the parish’s District Councillor on the 31st March 2023 and to thank all for working with him during his time as a District Councillor. The Parish Council thanked him for all his work on behalf of the Parish and wished him well in the future.

Cllr A Dance & Cllr Roundell-Green – County Councillor report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

The Minutes

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

PRESENT Councillors A Dance (Chair), S Carp, C Bragg, B Chitty, L Baker, S Spiers, B Elliott, D Steel, & B Swainson along with the Clerk Mrs K Alford.

10 members of the public were also in attendance.

3.1 To receive and agree any apologies for non-attendance

Cllrs Wakely, New, Hodson-Wright, Dexter, Jones & Brown

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 6th February 2023.

Received and approved.

3.4 Community Plan update – Working Group

Update given by Cllr Elliott – request for all councillors to attend the presentation on the 15th March at 7pm to hear the results and views of the parish.

3.5 Clerk Resolution updates

No further updated in addition to those provided.

3.6 Chairman’s Announcements.

None.

3.7 Reports

- (a) Somerset Association of Local Councils (SALC) – Sent via email
- (b) Councillors - None
- (c) Village Agent – sent via email
- (d) Reach Youth - None
- (e) Avon & Somerset PCSO – New PC (Barry Gould) for the area has visited Clerks and will be in touch to attend a meeting soon.
- (f) Somerset Patient Participation Group (PPG) - None

3.8 Resolutions

- (1) To resolve to allow TWiG to (a) use a quarter allotment plot into a tree nursery, and (b) for the fee for this to be waived by the Parish Council. (£6.25)**

Resolved to defer for further information from TWiG, and confirmation that the Allotment

Management Committee would also be happy for this.
Proposed Cllr Dance, seconded Cllr Chitty, all in favour.

(2) To resolve a course of action to enable occasional vehicular access over the Recreation Ground pathways.

Resolved to allow the Scouts/Bowls Club to drive over the path for a period of 6 months and to reassess the situation at this point.

Proposed Cllr Swainson, seconded Cllr Steel, all in favour with 1 abstention.

(3) To resolve to make a decision on the proposals, deferred from January 2023, for further youth funding from ALS Youth for April 2023 – March 2024

Resolved not to progress with the funding for the financial year 2023/24

Proposed Cllr Carp, seconded Cllr Bragg, all in favour with 1 abstention

(4) To resolve to appoint a contractor for the pitch maintenance contract for the coming year from the tenders received below:

(All figures are reported on a net basis)

Company		Total net
Company 1		£2,915.00
Company 2	Quote not received back.	
Company 3	Quote not received back.	

Resolved to award the pitch maintenance contract to Company 1.

Proposed Cllr Dance, seconded Cllr Spiers, all in favour

(5) To resolve to appoint a contractor for the tree maintenance work, identified by the annual tree report carried out in November 2022 from the tenders received below:

(All figures are reported on a net basis)

Company	Cemetery	Churchyard	Recreation Ground	Total
Company 1	£3,960	£1,170	£1,700	£6,830
Company 2	£1,800	£700	£900	£3,400
Company 3	£1,390	£1,015	£1,090	£3,495

Resolved to award the tree maintenance work to Company 2.

Proposed Cllr Bragg, seconded Cllr Dance, all in favour

3.9 Finance & General Purposes Committee

(a) To receive and note the minutes of the F&GP Committee made on the 9th January 2023

Minutes received and noted.

(b) To agree and note the items of expenditure and approve payments for February 2023.

Payments noted and agreed.

3.10 Planning Committee

To receive & note the minutes of the Planning Committee made on 6th February 2023

Minutes received and noted.

3.11 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** – Stickers advising of nearest dog poo bins will be put up later this month.
- (d) TWIG – Cllr Jones & Cllr Hodson-Wright
- (e) **Roads & Transport – Cllr Chitty** – Carey’s Hollow now cleared.
- (f) Recreation Ground/SPRUG – Cllr New, Cllr Swainson & Cllr Carp
- (g) **TA13 – Cllr Spiers** – possible review of the magazine later in 2023
- (h) **South Petherton in Bloom (SPIB)** – planned to go ahead this summer
- (i) **Blake Hall – Cllr Carp** – New Bookings Manager being advertised.
- (j) South Petherton Relief in Need Charity (SPRINC) – Cllr Baker
- (k) Community Land Trust (CLT) – Cllr Chitty
- (l) **Library / LIC / Community Hub – Cllr Elliott** – Cllrs needed to participate in the parish

Councillor surgeries – next one 25th March 2023.

(m) Mere Lynches – Cllr Jones

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

3.12 Other business referred to the Clerk

Update to all councillors on the Youth Club building and the impact of this to the Parish Council following with the Committee officially folding and both they & the Trustees relinquishing responsibility.

Councillors made aware of the South Petherton Cemetery Chapel roof issues being reported to the council, and the limitations of budget allocated to the Chapels to do anything other than small repairs.

3.13 Date of next meeting – Annual Parish Meeting 3rd April 2023