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**Minutes of an Open Spaces Committee** that was held at **The William Blake Memorial Hall** on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023** commencing at **6.30 pm** when the following business was transacted.

**Present:** Cllrs B Swainson, N Wakely, D Hodson-Wright, K Jones, A Dexter, S Carp, T New, with the Parish Clerks Mrs K Alford & Mrs R Swift  
3 members of public present.

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

Cllrs Chitty & Spiers

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

None

**OS1.3 To receive and confirm the minutes of South Petherton's Open Spaces Committee held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022.**

Received and confirmed.

**OS1.4 Matters for report purposes only**

- a) Recreation Ground pathway – Cllr Wakely met with Scouts and the Open Spaces committee discussed bringing a decision to next council meeting.
- b) SPRUG feedback from last resolution to spend S106 funds – Cllr Carp has attempted to contact groups - no response as yet.  
Cllr Dexter has quotes relating to the Pavilion showers/extension and will submit these asap to the Clerk.

**OS1.5 Resolutions**

1. **To resolve to amalgamate the TWiG projects of:**
  - a) **Long Whitfield Ridge planting, and the**
  - b) **reclaiming of Whitfield Meadow****under one project called South Petherton Nature Recovery Project.**

Resolved to amalgamate both projects under the joint South Petherton Nature Recovery Project  
Proposed Cllr Hodson-Wright, seconded Cllr Jones, all in favour.
2. **To resolve to apply the TWiG funding of £296.95 to the South Petherton Nature Recovery Project as the identified project in the resolution of 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022:**  
**'To resolve to re-allocate £296.95 agreed to fund TWiG (Whitfield Ridge) project (Dec 2020) to another Twig Project. Additional funding was also obtained from the Tree Council.**  
**Resolved to reallocate funding for alternative TWiG project subject to agreement when next project is identified.**  
**Proposed Cllr Brace, seconded Cllr Salway, all in favour.'**

Resolved to reallocate funding.  
Proposed Cllr Hodson-Wright, seconded Cllr Carp, all in favour.
3. **To resolve to move the funding allocated from the 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021 (£530) to the South Petherton Nature Recovery Project, giving it an overall budget of £826.95.**

**Resolution of 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021, states;**

**'To resolve to take back the portion of Whitfield Lane into council management in late summer 2021, following the current tenant's harvest, following the updated costings provided.**

**Resolved to agree the resolution.**

**Proposed Cllr Brace, seconded Cllr Hodson-Wright, all in favour, 2 abstentions'**

Resolved to reallocate funding.

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

**4. To resolve to renew the contract for pitch maintenance with WT & RJ Jones as per their quotation – QT12097.**

Resolved to defer decision to investigate other quotes for this work.

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

**OS1.6 To receive reports (if any) from the following:**

- a) **Allotments** - new allotments are open and have been well received. Council to send letter of thanks to Kevin Entwistle for his work on the funding and setting up of this project.
- b) **Cemetery** – Tree repairs and maintenance to the driveway being planned for near future.
- c) **Footpaths and Bridleways**
- d) **Roads and Transport**
- e) **Recreation Ground / SPRUG**
- f) **SPIB**
- g) **The William Blake Memorial Hall** – WBMH committee are looking at repairing drainpipes, maintaining pigeon spikes/alternative.
- h) **SPRINC**
- i) **Mere Lynches**
- j) **Youth**
- k) **TWiG**

**OS1.7 Other matters referred to the Clerk**

Gritting requests by parishioners received.

**OS1.8 Next meeting – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023**