



SOUTH PETHERTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Public Session

No speakers

Reach Youth Ltd were welcomed to the meeting and attended along with 9 members of the Youth Parish Council (YPC) ranging from Years 7 to 11.

An ice-breaker game was played with balloons and stamping, followed by a sit down round robin question session between the YPC & members.

It was agreed by the councillors that they had enjoyed the meeting, and were impressed by the YPC members. They, and Reach, were thanked for attending and it is hoped some of the work produced between the 2 groups will lead on to other pieces of work within the community.

The Minutes

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting of South Petherton Parish Council held at The William Blake Memorial Hall on Monday 5th June 2023 when the following business was conducted.

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

5.1 To receive and agree any apologies for non-attendance

Cllrs Wakely, Jones & Baker

5.2 To receive any declarations of interest

None.

5.3 To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council from 11th May 2023.

Received and approved.

5.4 Clerk Resolution updates

No further updated in addition to those provided.

5.5 Chairman's Announcements.

None.

5.6 Reports

- a) Somerset Association of Local Councils (SALC) – Sent via email / new Councillor training dates released.
- b) Councillors:
 - Cllr Chitty – information given on damage to lower troughs / watering of baskets.
 - Cllr Steel – attended the recent Scouts AGM and has joined the committee and will act as a conduit between them and the Scouts.
- c) Village Agent – sent via email
- d) Reach Youth - None
- e) Avon & Somerset PCSO – None

5.7 Resolutions

(1) To review and adopt the Council's Asset Register

Reviewed and adopted

Proposed Cllr Dance, seconded Cllr Dexter, all in favour

(2) To receive the Parish Council's Financial Statement for the year ending 31st March 2023

- a) **To approve the Annual Governance Statement 2022/23**

Approved.

Proposed Cllr Dexter, seconded Cllr Bragg, all in favour

b) To approve the Annual Accounting Statements for 2022/23

Approved

Proposed Cllr Bragg, seconded Cllr Steel, all in favour

c) To review and agree the effectiveness of the Internal Audit report

Reviewed and agreed

Proposed Cllr Spiers, seconded Cllr Brown, all in favour

d) To set the date for the exercise of public rights

Resolved to agree the dates Monday 12th June 2023 to Friday 21st July 2023

Proposed Cllr Steel, seconded Cllr Bragg, all in favour

(3) To resolve to send a letter supporting the local bus services to Somerset Council ahead of the removal of the transport grant later this year.

Resolved to send the draft letter to Somerset Council

Proposed Cllr Dance, seconded Cllr New, all in favour

(4) To review the report from South Petherton Library Management Group and resolve to agree the recommendations put forward by them.

Resolved to agree the recommendations.

Proposed Cllr Elliott, seconded, Cllr Dexter, all in favour.

(5) To discuss audio issues within Parish Council meetings.

Discussion held around options, cost & budget available for audio equipment, Clerks to investigate and report to council for further decision.

5.8 Finance & General Purposes Committee

(a) To receive and note the minutes of the F&GP Committee meeting from the 11th May 2023

Received and noted

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

Noted and agreed

Proposed Cllr Dexter, seconded Cllr Bragg, all in favour

5.9 Planning Committee

To receive & note the minutes of the Planning Committee from the 11th May 2023

5.10 To receive any additional information (if any) on the following:

(a) Allotments and Whitfield Lane – Cllr Jones

(b) Cemetery – Cllr Wakely & Cllr Jones

(c) Footpaths and Bridleways – PPOs Mr Nigel Kinsman & Cllr Wakely – **confirmed strimming schedules by Somerset Council are underway.**

(d) TWIG – Cllr Jones & Cllr Hodson-Wright - **update on Whitfield Meadow cuts.**

(e) Roads & Transport – Cllr Swainson

(f) Recreation Ground/SPRUG – Cllr New , Cllr Swainson Cllr Steel & Cllr Carp – **noticeboard in need of repair.**

(g) TA13 – Cllr Spiers

(h) Blake Hall – Cllr Carp

(i) Community Land Trust (CLT) – Cllr Hodson-Wright & Cllr Elliott – **AGM on the 14th June at Methodist Church – 7pm**

(j) Library / LIC / Community Hub – Cllr Elliott & Cllr Carp – **update given by Cllr Elliott, Councillor surgeries in the Library needed to be attended for 24th June (Cllr Brown) and 29th July (vacant).**

(k) Mere Lynches – Cllr Jones

(l) Youth – Cllr New & Cllr Steel

(m) Patient Participation Group (PPG) – Cllr Steel & Cllr Baker – **will be attending the first meeting on 8th June.**

5.11 Other business referred to the Clerk

5.12 Date of next meeting – Monday 3rd July 2023