



# SOUTH PETHERTON PARISH COUNCIL

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## Public session

**Mr Astall** – spoke on a number of points he wished to raise with the committee.

**Minutes** of the **Meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee** held at The David Hall on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023 when the following business was conducted:

**PRESENT** Cllrs C Bragg, T New, R Brown, S Carp, and Clerks Mrs K Alford & Mrs R Swift  
1 member of the public was in attendance.

### **F&GP3.1 To appoint a Chair**

Cllr Bragg was appointed as Chair.

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

### **F&GP3.2 To appoint a Vice Chair**

Cllr Carp was appointed as Vice Chair

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

### **F&GP3.3 To receive & agree apologies for non-attendance.**

Cllrs Bake, Wakely & Dance

### **F&GP3.4 To receive any declarations of interest.**

None

### **F&GP3.5 To receive and approve the Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

Received and approved

### **F&GP3.6 Matters for report purposes only**

- **End of year update- - Internal Audit / External Audit / AGAR** – Clerk gave verbal update
- **Update on Bank accounts and financial limits** – Clerk to investigate other accounts and produce report for council.

### **F&GP3.7 Resolutions**

- (1) To resolve to review income and spending and agree that current figures meet with expectation to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 (end of year figures)**  
Reviewed and agreed  
Proposed Cllr Bragg, seconded Cllr Carp, all in favour
- (2) To resolve to review Ear Marked Reserves and make any changes necessary to their allocation.**  
Reviewed, updates and changes for the 2023/24 year to be made and signed off by full council.  
Proposed Cllr Bragg, seconded Cllr New, all in favour
- (3) To note the regular payments (direct debits/standing orders) which are set up monthly on the Parish Council payment schedule and Unity Trust account (unless otherwise indicated)**
  1. Somerset Council – rates for Cemetery, Lightgate Lane carpark, St James St carpark, Library & Parish Office
  2. Barnstore – Parish storage
  3. Biffa – Waste collection from Recreation ground
  4. NEST – Pension contributions
  5. Merlin telecommunications – Office landline

6. Opus Electricity – MUGA lights
  7. Plusnet – Blake Hall broadband and Library broadband
  8. EDF Energy – Library Gas and Electric
  9. Microshade – IT support
  10. Halcyon Landscapes – Grass Maintenance
  11. Community Council Somerset – Village Agent
- Noted & agreed  
Proposed Cllr Bragg, seconded Cllr New, all in favour

**(4) To discuss lighting options and associated costs with reference to the area near to the MUGA on the Recreation Ground.**

Committee wished to refer to Open Spaces Committee.  
Proposed Cllr new, seconded Cllr Bragg, all in favour.

**(5) To resolve to increase the Fidelity Guarantee on South Petherton insurance policy (year-end balance and half of the precept) as in line with the Internal Audit recommendations.**

Resolved to increase the Fidelity Guarantee as per resolution.  
Proposed Cllr Bragg, seconded Cllr Brown, all in favour.

**F&GP3.8 Other Matters referred to the Clerk - None**

**F&GP3.9 Date of next meeting – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – in the William Blake Memorial Hall**

**F&GP3.10 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 progress meeting to Exempt Session  
Proposed Cllr New, seconded Cllr Carp, all in favour.