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**Minutes of an Open Spaces Committee that was held at The William Blake Memorial Hall on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023 commencing at 6.30 pm when the following business was transacted.**

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

**OS2.1 To appoint a Chair**

Cllr Dexter was proposed as Chair by Cllr Wakely, seconded by Cllr Hodson-Wright, all in favour.

**OS2.2 To appoint a Vice Chair**

Cllr Carp was proposed as Vice Chair by Cllr Dexter, seconded by Cllr Swainson, all in favour.

**OS2.3 To receive any apologies for non-attendance**

Cllrs Spiers & Jones

**OS2.4 To receive any declarations of interest**

None

**OS2.5 To receive and confirm the minutes of South Petherton's Open Spaces Committee held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023.**

Received and confirmed.

**OS2.6 Matters for report purposes only**

- a) Pavilion extension progress – Cllr Dexter will have the 3<sup>rd</sup> of 3 quotes by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July and will let the Clerk have them so decisions & progress can be made in the September agenda.
- b) South Petherton hanging baskets – all up and Somerset Council watering them, thanks given to all residents and businesses who have donated towards them.
- c) Church Steps / Railings – Clerk gave an update on the current situation.

**OS2.7 Resolutions**

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

Options were discussed on how to progress this, considering a number of differing lighting options, and financial implications alongside the parish's needs.

Clerk to speak with the Scouts and Bowls Club initially and bring back to the Committee.

**OS2.8 To receive reports (if any) from the following:**

- a) **Allotments** – update on grass cutting, including meadow cuts.
- b) **Cemetery** – tree work carried out as per this year's review.
- c) **Footpaths and Bridleways**
- d) **Roads and Transport**
- e) **Recreation Ground / SPRUG** – reports of dogs on rec – Clerks to revisit ALL SPRUG committees to confirm NO exceptions.
- f) **The William Blake Memorial Hall**
- g) **Mere Lynch**

**OS2.9 Other matters referred to the Clerk**

- Wigborough Bench – councillors agreed that the position of the bench was suitable.

**OS2.10 Next meeting – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023**