



SOUTH PETHERTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Public Session

Mr Astall made a statement about the Parish Council finances & administration of them.

Tom Miller from LVA attended the meeting for a second time to present some options regarding the a possible development at Lightgate Lane.

Councillors and the public listened and were able to ask any questions regarding the initial proposals.

Somerset Council Councillors gave their report which has also been shared electronically.

The Minutes

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting of South Petherton Parish Council held at The William Blake Memorial Hall on Monday 4th September 2023 when the following business was conducted.

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

12 members of the public were also in attendance.

7.1 To receive and agree any apologies for non-attendance

A Dexter, D Hodson-Wright, R Brown, B Elliott, B Swainson & K Jones

7.2 To receive any declarations of interest

None.

7.3 To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council from 3rd July 2023.

Received and approved.

7.4 Clerk updates

- Resolution updates – no queries
- Youth Club Building – Solicitors are progressing matters.
- Carnival / Fair / Hot air balloon – update given on these events.

7.5 Chairman's Announcements.

None

7.6 Reports

- (a) Somerset Association of Local Councils (SALC) - none
- (b) Councillors – none
- (c) Village Agent – report circulated and Suzy attended the meeting, no matters raised.
- (d) Reach Youth – Dan Palmer attended and gave verbal update off the back of the summer holidays. Reach will be looking to carry out a consultation in the parish soon to look at what work they are carrying out against needs in the community.
- (e) Avon & Somerset PCSO – written report received by PC Gould and read out by the Clerk.

7.7 Resolutions

(1) To consider the Grant application received from the William Blake Memorial Hall.

Resolved that the Grant for £4,226.40 be awarded to the William Blake Memorial Hall, but to be paid in 2 instalments - £2000 now, and the balance at the beginning of the 2024/5 financial year.

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

(2) To discuss the responses from the Bowls /Scouts regarding MUGA lighting and agree actions.

The Council discussed options and agreed to investigate solar lighting options brought forward by councillors.

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

(3) To discuss the response from the Bowls Club regarding the grass areas and if any further action is to be taken.

The Council discussed the response from the Bowls Club and decided no further action was to be taken.

Proposed Cllr Wakely, seconded Cllr Dance, all in favour.

(4) To consider the report on defibrillators and to agree if any further action is to be taken.

Councillors discussed the Parish access to defibrillators and agree to investigate public access to existing defibrillators including the new school ones before committing to new defibrillators.

Proposed Cllr Bragg, seconded Cllr Dance, all in favour.

(5) To resolve to appoint one or more Parish Councillors to be representatives for areas of the recently adopted Community Review.

Resolved that Cllrs Chitty, Carp & Steel would become representatives for the Community Review.

Proposed & seconded Cllrs Chitty, Carp & Steel. All in favour.

7.8 Finance & General Purpose Committee

(a) To note & agree the items of expenditure and approve payments for July & August 2023

Payments noted & agreed.

Proposed Cllr Bragg, seconded Cllr Dance, all in favour.

(b) To receive and note the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee from the 5th June 2023

Received and noted.

(c) Reminder of budget setting process for 2024/25, and for councillors to start engaging with the public regarding any projects for this year.

Noted.

7.9 Planning Committee

To receive & note the minutes of the Planning Committee made on 3rd July & 7th August 2023

3rd July 2023 - received and noted – 7th August 2023 minutes to be received and noted on October.

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

(a) Allotments and Whitfield Lane – Cllr Jones – Cllr Chitty raised concerns about the grass cutting & asked for clarification about the insurance.

(b) Cemetery – Cllr Wakely & Cllr Jones

(c) Footpaths and Bridleways – PPOs Mr Nigel Kinsman & Cllr Wakely – Report received

(d) TWIG – Cllr Jones & Cllr Hodson-Wright – Cllr Chitty raised concerns around the wilding area of the churchyard which incorporates a couple of tombstones.

(e) Roads & Transport – Cllr Swainson

(f) Recreation Ground/SPRUG – Cllr New, Cllr Swainson Cllr Steel & Cllr Carp – Cllr Carp will be fixing the parish noticeboard.

(g) TA13 – Cllr Spiers

(h) Blake Hall – Cllr Carp

(i) Community Land Trust (CLT) – Cllr Hodson-Wright & Cllr Elliott – Cllr Chitty added as an additional representative for CLT.

(j) Library / LIC / Community Hub – Cllr Elliott & Cllr Carp

(k) Mere Lynches – Cllr Jones

(l) Youth – Cllr New & Cllr Steel

(m) Patient Participation Group (PPG) – Cllr Steel & Cllr Baker

(n) Local Community Updates

7.12 Other business referred to the Clerk - None

7.13 Date of next meeting – Monday 2nd October 2023

7.14 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.

- **Library contracts**
- Resolved to progress meeting to Exempt Session
- Proposed Cllr Dance, seconded Cllr New, all in favour.