



SOUTH PETHERTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Public Session

No speakers.

Somerset Council Councillor Adam Dance gave a verbal report and will send an electronic copy out in due course.

The Minutes

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting of South Petherton Parish Council held at The William Blake Memorial Hall on Monday 2nd October 2023 when the following business was conducted.

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

8.1 To receive and agree any apologies for non-attendance

Cllrs A Dexter, T New.

8.2 To receive any declarations of interest

None.

8.3 To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council from 4th September 2023.

Received and approved.

8.4 Clerk updates

- Resolution updates – no queries
- Drains by Youth Club Building – Emergency clearing authorised by the Clerk, further work may need doing in due course.
- Watergore Telephone Box – has had a fire lit in it causing damage. As the PC adopted this, any damage is to be assessed and the community volunteers will restock it.
- Christmas Trees – update given and will be ordered shortly for the village's festive season.
- Remembrance Sunday – Cllrs reminded and will be asked for a representative to attend the service.

8.5 Chairman's Announcements.

None

8.6 Reports

- (a) Somerset Association of Local Councils (SALC) - none
- (b) Councillors – none
- (c) Village Agent – report to be received and circulated shortly due to the VA being on annual leave.
- (d) Reach Youth – none. Reach have recently returned after their summer break.
- (e) Avon & Somerset PCSO – none.

8.7 Resolutions

(1) To resolve to engage a Land Agent in respect of the potential development at Lightgate Lane.

Councillors discussed the advice that they had received regarding the way forward with this proposal and resolved not to employ a Land Agent at this time, but to wait for LVA to approach the Parish Council with an initial offer for any land which the Parish Council owns which they would wish to use as an entrance to any development.

Proposed Cllr Hodson-Wright, seconded Cllr Carp, all in favour.

(2) To resolve to sign the Deed of Surrender with regards to the South Petherton Youth Club Lease.

Resolved to sign the Deed of Surrender.

Proposed Cllr Hodson-Wright, seconded Cllr Elliott, all in favour.

(3) To consider the Grant application of £762.05 received from the South Petherton Cricket Club.

Cllrs discussed the application, a proposal was made to fund the whole grant to the Cricket Club, however this was not seconded so did not progress.

It was then resolved to refuse the Grant to the Cricket Club.

Proposed Cllr Jones, seconded Cllr Hodson-Wright, majority of 7 voted in favour, 6 against.

(4) To resolve to extend the lease on the Library building for an additional 2 years, from 1st May 2024 until 30th April 2026, at a cost of £10,500 per annum.

Resolved to agree to extend the Lease on these terms.

Proposed Cllr Wakely, seconded Cllrs Elliott, all in favour.

8.8 Finance & General Purpose Committee

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

Noted and agreed.

Proposed Cllr Bragg, seconded Cllr Dance, all in favour

(b) Budget setting process for 2024/25, and for councillors to start collating and passing on any information regarding projects for next year.

Cllrs noted and are aware.

8.9 Planning Committee

To receive & note the minutes of the Planning Committee made on 4th September & 7th August 2023.

Received and noted minutes of the 4th September, still awaiting minutes of 7th August 2023.

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

(a) Allotments and Whitfield Lane – Cllr Jones

Cllr Jones updated the meeting on the very successful trip to the allotments with the Junior School. All agreed it was a great collaboration and thanks to Cllr Jones for organizing this with the Allotment Committee.

(b) Cemetery – Cllr Wakely & Cllr Jones

(c) Footpaths and Bridleways – PPLOs Mr Nigel Kinsman & Cllr Wakely

Horses reported out on footpath near Barcroft Hall.

(d) TWIG – Cllr Jones & Cllr Hodson-Wright

Whitfield Meadow having a 4th and final cut for this year and is looking good.

(e) Roads & Transport – Cllr Swainson

Reports of speeding along West Street. SID to be sited near Jubilee Gardens to mitigate this.

(f) Recreation Ground/SPRUG – Cllr New, Cllr Swainson Cllr Steel & Cllr Carp

(g) TA13 – Cllr Spiers

(h) Blake Hall – Cllr Carp

Questions raised from the Committee and passed to the Clerk who will circulate these to Cllrs.

(i) Community Land Trust (CLT) – Cllr Hodson-Wright, Cllr Chitty & Cllr Elliott

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

Site visit to be offered to Cllrs to the Methodist Church - dates to be circulated.

(k) Mere Lynches – Cllr Jones

(l) Youth – Cllr New & Cllr Steel

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

(n) Local Community Review updates – Cllr Steel, Cllr Carp & Cllr Chitty

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8.11 Other business referred to the Clerk

Reminder to all councillors of their responsibility to check and update their Register of Interests when needed.

8.12 Date of next meeting – Monday 6th November 2023

