



SOUTH PETHERTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Public Session

A member of the public spoke regarding flooding, and made suggestions for proposed mitigations. Councillors to contact Clerk if they wish to progress these.

Cllr J Roundell-Green gave the Somerset Council update, with a written report shortly to be sent through.

The Minutes

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting of South Petherton Parish Council held at William Blake Memorial Hall on Monday 5th February 2024 when the following business was conducted.

PRESENT Councillors N Wakely (Chair), S Carp, A Dance, L Baker, R Brown, S Spiers, C Bragg, K Jones, D Steel, D Hodson-Wright, B Elliott, B Swainson, T New & B Chitty along with the Clerks Mrs K Alford & Mrs R Swift.

6 members of the public were also in attendance.

2.1 To receive and agree any apologies for non attendance.

None

2.2 To receive any declarations of interest.

None

2.3 To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council from 8th January 2024.

Received and agreed

2.4 Clerk updates:

- Resolution updates
- Village Flower Baskets – summer 2024 – Update on the closure of the Somerset Council Nurseries and cessation of the provision of the flower baskets/troughs.
- Councillor Vacancy – vacancy advertised – Co-option will be possible after the 14th February providing no request for election has been received.
- Information circulated regarding the proposed closure of the Cartgate Information Centre – requests for held funding from Somerset Council.

2.5 Chairman's Announcements.

None

2.6 Reports:

- (a) Somerset Association of Local Councils (SALC) – emails sent out throughout the month.
- (b) Councillors - none
- (c) Village Agent - Quarter 3 information received and shared, Village Agent will be at March meeting.
- (d) Reach Youth - Update received and shared, Reach will be at March meeting.
- (e) Avon & Somerset PCSO – Update received and shared – primarily regarding the recent antisocial behaviour.
- (f) Community Hub Group – update from Cllr Elliott

2.7 Resolutions

(1) To review the pitch maintenance on the Recreation ground and resolve to accept the new maintenance quote from WT & RJ Jones for ongoing work for 2024.

Resolved to accept the quote for 2024

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

Cllr Dance joined the meeting

(2) To discuss the report on the damages caused to Prigg Lane Wall/St James St carpark and agree a way forward.

Council discussed options for replacing the wall, and agreed to visit the site throughout the next month to see which option may suit best to ensure best suitability, cost effectiveness & impact on Prigg Lane

(3) To discuss LVA's response to the Parish Councils decision made in January 2024 regarding the development proposal at the land at the top of Lightgate Lane (past Recreation Ground) and to agree a way forward.

Resolved to investigate cost of obtaining legal advice so as to be able to investigate the councils position if a development was applied for at the top of Lightgate Lane, and in that event how the Parish Council could ensure adequate community benefits could be obtained for the Parish.

Proposed Cllr New, seconded Cllr Jones, 13 for, 1 against.

2.8 Finance & General Purpose Committee

To note & agree the items of expenditure and approve payments for January 2024

Noted and agreed,

Proposed Cllr Bragg, seconded Cllr New, all in favour

2.9 Open Spaces Committee

To receive & note the minutes of the Open Spaces Committee made on 2nd October 2023

Received and noted.

2.10 Planning Committee

(a) To receive & note the minutes of the Planning Committee made on 8th January 2024

Received and noted.

(b) 22/02118/OUT at Land West Of Silver Street South Petherton Somerset - reported to the Planning South Committee on 30 January 2024 starting at 14:00 at The Council Offices, Brympton Way, Yeovil, BA20 2HT

Update given - application deferred by Planning South Committee.

2.11 To note the reports received on the following (if any):

- (a) Allotments and Whitfield Lane – Cllr Jones
- (b) Cemetery – Cllr Wakely & Cllr Jones
- (c) Footpaths and Bridleways – PPOs Mr Nigel Kinsman & Cllr Wakely
- (d) TWIG – Cllr Jones & Cllr Hodson-Wright - **Report circulated by Cllr Jones**
- (e) Roads & Transport – Cllr Swainson
- (f) Recreation Ground/SPRUG – Cllr New , Cllr Swainson Cllr Steel & Cllr Carp
- (g) TA13 – Cllr Spiers
- (h) Blake Hall – Cllr Carp
- (i) Community Land Trust (CLT) – Cllr Hodson-Wright, Cllr Chitty & Cllr Elliott
- (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 – **Report circulated by Cllr Steel**
- (n) Local Community Review updates – Cllr Steel, Cllr Carp & Cllr Chitty

2.12 Other business referred to the Clerk

None

2.13 Date of next meeting – Monday 4th March 2024 at the William Blake Memorial Hall.

2.14 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.

- **Parish Corporate Policies**

Resolved to move into Exempt session

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