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Public Session

No speakers

Minutes of an Open Spaces Committee that was held at **The William Blake Memorial Hall** on **Monday 5th February** commencing at **6.30 pm** when the following business was transacted.

Present: Cllrs B Swainson, T New, N Wakely, K Jones, D Hodson-Wright, D Steel, S Carp, with the Parish Clerks Mrs K Alford & Mrs R Swift

No members of public present.

OS1.1 To appoint a Chair

Cllr Carp nominated by Cllr Swainson, seconded by Cllr New, all in favour.

Cllr Carp accepted the position and was duly elected.

OS1.2 To receive any apologies for non-attendance

Cllrs Spiers

OS1.3 To receive any declarations of interest

None

OS1.4 To receive and confirm the minutes of South Petherton's Open Spaces Committee held on Monday 2nd October 2024.

Received and confirmed.

OS1.5 Matters for report purposes only

- a) Pavilion extension progress – Clerk
- b) S106 funding – Clerk getting no response from chases to Somerset Council. fF no rely later this week – then Somerset Councillors will be asked to get involved.
- c) Bench in Community Woodland – now installed.

OS1.6 Resolutions

1. **To resolve to find a replacement supplier for the village flower baskets this summer – cost to be limited to the agreed budget.**

Resolved for the Clerks to investigate the selling of the hanging baskets tubs from Somerset Council, and to enquire about the flowers used in displays and the type of soil/compost used.

Also to investigate companies who could provide a like for like service to compare prices.

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

2. **To resolve to allow the Cricket Club to source and site a second container, behind the existing one, at the bottom of the Recreation Ground, having tidied and cleared the space of rubbish prior to this.**

Resolved that the Cricket Club could clear the area in full behind the existing storage container, whilst being mindful of existing wildlife habitats, and then purchase and site a matching container for their equipment.

Clerks to oversee and agree the container, and the arrangements for moving it into place over the recreation ground.

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

OS1.7 To receive reports (if any) from the following:

- a) **Allotments** – reported that some of the old allotments flooded in the December rain deluges.
- b) **Cemetery**
- c) **Footpaths and Bridleways** – Reports of the footpath to the Hospital/Doctors surgery from St Michaels

Gardens Y24/55 having very large potholes on it have been largely ignored. Clerks continue to report and ask Somerset Councillors to assist with the situation.

- d) **Roads and Transport** – Carys Hollow still blocked by landslide – Somerset Council report this is a private garden slip – Cllr New to investigate as to timescales for when this might be cleared with the resident.
- e) **Recreation Ground / SPRUG** – Light at Bridge Road reported as still not working.
- f) **The William Blake Memorial Hall** – Committee meeting held in January – Cllr Carp to circulate the minutes when written.
- g) **Mere Lynches**

OS1.8 Other matters referred to the Clerk

None

OS1.9 Next meeting – Monday 1st July 2024