



SOUTH PETHERTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Public Session

A member of the public spoke to the council regarding ragwort in the allotments

A member of the public spoke about traffic on the A303 using the fosse way as an alternative route and requested the Parish Council contact Highways dept at Somerset Council about this matter

A member of the South Petherton Majorettes committee spoke in support of the grant application for South Petherton majorettes

Both Cllr A Dance & Cllr J Roundell – Greene sent apologies.

The Minutes

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting of South Petherton Parish Council held at William Blake Memorial Hall on Monday 1st July 2024 when the following business was conducted.

PRESENT Councillors N Wakely (Chair), S Carp, C Bragg, R Killen, S Spiers, B Chitty, D Steel, B Elliott, B Swainson, T New, R Brown & L Baker along with the Assistant Clerk Mrs R Swift.
12 members of the public were also in attendance.

6.1 To receive and agree any apologies for non-attendance.

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Jones, Cllr A Dance & Cllr Hodson-Wright

6.2 To receive any declarations of interest.

Cllr Carp for item 6.7 (6&7) and Cllr Bragg for item 6.7 (4)

6.3 To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council from 3rd June 2024.

Received and approved.

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

6.4 Clerk updates:

- Resolution updates / Clerks report – June 2024
Received, no queries
- External Audit / Public Rights Requests
No update given

6.5 Chairman's Announcements.

None

6.6 Reports:

- (a) Somerset Association of Local Councils (SALC)
- (b) Councillors – Cllr Chitty asked for an update on the suggested handrail for the steps into the churchyard opposite the rectory
Village Agent – Cllr Swainson reported that the village agent role has been life changing for the residents he has spoken to and reiterated how important the village agent is for the village
- (c) Reach Youth - none
- (d) Avon & Somerset PCSO - none
- (e) Community Hub Group - none

6.7 Resolutions

(1) To consider the grant application from the South Petherton Majorettes.

Proposed to award a grant of £500

Proposed Cllr Bragg, seconded Cllr New. All in favour.

(2) To resolve to host the Fair on the Recreation Ground from Monday 9th September to Sunday 15th September 2024.

Proposed to allow this to go ahead with the agreement that the South Petherton Carnival Committee prepare a location plan and marshal the arrival/departure of the Fair vehicles & equipment

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

(3) To review the survey received from Nigel Pearce regarding the Coke Memorial Methodist Church & the recommendations from the Community Hub Group, and to agree next steps.

Proposed to refer the matter to the Responsible Finance Officer (RFO) for clarification on Parish reserves and to reconvene before 2nd September 2024 to make a decision.

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

(4) To review the revised Lease regarding the Parish Office, and to resolve to accept the new terms going forward.

Resolved to accept and sign

Proposed Cllr Wakely, seconded Cllr Brown. Majority agreed.

(5) To review the valuations received in respect of the Pavilion, Youth Building and Cemetery Chapels and resolve to accept the respective increase in Insurance Premiums resulting from these.

Resolved to accept

Proposed Cllr Brown, seconded Cllr Killen. All in favour

(6) To resolve to agree a contribution of £10,000 towards the refurbishment of South Petherton Tennis Courts as per resolution 5.26(7a&b) on 9th May 2024.

Resolved to accept

Proposed Cllr Bragg, seconded Cllr Chitty. Majority agreed.

(7) To resolve to agree a contractor to carry out the works on the Tennis Club Courts refurbishment from the following:

Company	Net Amounts
Company 1	£50,200
Company 2	£39,980
Company 3	£37,383.33

Resolved to accept Company 2 quote

Proposed Cllr New, seconded Cllr Bragg. Majority agreed.

(8) To resolve to appoint Paula Harding as the Internal Auditor for the 2024/25 Financial Year.

Resolved to agree

Proposed Cllr Bragg, seconded Cllr Brown. All in favour

6.8 Finance & General Purpose Committee

To note payments made for June 2024 & to agree the items of expenditure and approve payments for July 2024.

Received and agreed.

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

6.9 Open Spaces Committee

To receive & note the minutes of the Open Spaces Committee made on 5th February 2024

Received and noted.

6.10 Planning Committee

To receive & note the minutes of the Planning Committee made on 9th May & 3rd June 2024

Received and noted.

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

- a) Allotments & Whitfield Lane Cllrs Jones & Chitty
Cllr Chitty reported the Open Day was a huge success and passed on thanks to the Parish Council from the allotment committee for their ongoing support
- b) Cemetery Cllrs Jones & Wakely
- c) Footpaths & Bridleways Cllr Wakely
- d) TWIG Cllrs Jones & Hodson-Wright

- e) Roads & Transport Cllr Swainson
Cllr Swainson reported that the pedestrian symbol is due to be repainted outside the Co-op
- f) Recreation Ground/SPRUG Liaison Cllrs New & Carp
- g) TA13 Cllr Spiers
- h) The William Blake Memorial Hall Cllr Carp
- i) Community Land Trust (CLT) Cllr Hodson-Wright
- j) Library, LIC & Community Hub Cllrs Elliott & Carp
- k) Mere Lynches Cllr Jones
- l) Youth Provision Cllrs New, Steel & Baker
Cllr Steel reported that the Family Hub that he has been supporting is wonderful and a great asset to the village.
- m) Patient Participation Group – PPG Cllr Steel
Cllr Steel reported that the PPG AGM is next week

6.12 Other business referred to the Clerk

None

6.13 Date of next meeting - Monday 2nd September 2024 at The William Blake Memorial Hall.