



SOUTH PETHERTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Public Session

A member of the public spoke to clarify the financial position in respect of resolution 7.6 (2), and in relation to the Community Hub Project Group.

Cllr A Dance gave an update on Somerset Council.

The Minutes

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

PRESENT Councillors N Wakely (Chair), S Carp, C Bragg, A Dance, K Jones, R Killen, S Spiers, B Chitty, D Steel, B Elliott, B Swainson, T New, D Hodson-Wright, along with the Clerks Mrs K Alford & Mrs R Swift. 9 members of the public were also in attendance.

7.1 To receive and agree any apologies for non attendance.

Cllr Baker sent apologies, Cllr Brown was absent.

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 1st July 2024.

Received and approved.

7.4 Clerk updates:

- External Audit / Public Rights Requests – the Clerk confirmed that the External Auditors have received our Audit submission. They have also received a complaint from a member of the public in relation to the Period of Exercise for Public Rights.

7.5 Chairman's Announcements.

None

7.6 Resolutions

Due to the sensitive nature relating to the purchase price & the survey of the building, council resolved to move into closed session to discuss these specific details.

Proposed Cllr Wakely, seconded Cllr New, majority agreed.

Council then returned to public attendance and discussed the Community Hub project.

- (1) To resolve if the council supports the Community Hub Project Group's plans for the Coke Memorial Methodist Church, for the purpose of developing & providing a Community Hub**
Against the Clerk/Responsible Financial Officers advice - resolved to support the CHPG plans for the Coke Memorial Methodist Church.
Proposed Cllr Dance, seconded Cllr Elliott, 11 for, 2 against.
- (2) To resolve to ear-mark the sum of £50,000 from the Parish Council's Reserves to be used towards the purchase of the building with the remainder of the funds being raised through Grants.**
Against the Clerk/Responsible Financial Officers advice, resolved to earmark £50,000 from the General Reserve to be used to purchase the Coke Memorial Methodist Church.
Proposed Cllr Hodson-Wright, seconded Cllr Swainson, 9 for, 4 against
- (3) To resolve to purchase the Coke Memorial Methodist Church in the name of South Petherton Parish Council.**
Against the Clerk/Responsible Financial Officers advice, resolved to purchase the Coke Memorial Methodist Church in the name of South Petherton Parish Council.

Proposed Cllr Hodson-Wright, seconded Cllr Elliott, 7 for, 5 against, 1 abstention

(4) If the purchase of the Coke Memorial Methodist Church is approved:

To resolve for the Community Hub Project Group to investigate and work up bids from relevant grant funders, these to be authorised before submission in line with the CHPGs recommendations.

Resolved for the CHPG to investigate and work up bids from relevant grant funders.

Propose Cllr Dance, seconded Cllr Elliott, 10 for, 2 against, 1 abstention.

7.7 Finance & General Purpose Committee

(a) To note payments made on 1st July, 10th July 2024 & regular payments in the period of July 2024.

Noted.

(b) To agree the items of expenditure and approve payments for August 2024.

Resolved to agree

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

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

7.7(b) Payment Authorisation List - August 2024

		Net	Vat	Gross
1. Mrs K Alford	Office mobile	£ 10.00	£ -	£ 10.00
2. HMRC / Pensinsula Pensions	PAYE / Pensions	£ 1,684.79	£ -	£ 1,684.79
		£ 1,694.79	£ -	£ 1,694.79

Received after the agenda

3. Paula Yare	TA13 - Autumn 2024	£ 1,050.00	£ -	£ 1,050.00
4. Drainfix	Emergency drainage works at Rec	£ 440.00	£ 88.00	£ 528.00
5. Halcyon Landscapes	Grass Maintenance - July 2024	£ 1,744.17	£ 348.83	£ 2,093.00
6. Paulls of Martock	Maintenance supplies - July 2024	£ 130.26	£ 26.05	£ 156.31
		£ 5,059.22	£ 462.88	£ 5,522.10

To note the Standing Order/Direct Debit payments made in July 2024

Biffa	Waste Removal	£ 73.17	£ 14.63	£ 87.80
Somerset Council	Library rates	£ 478.00	£ -	£ 478.00
Somerset Council	Cemetery Rates	£ 299.00	£ -	£ 299.00
Somerset Council	St James St Car park rates	£ 75.00	£ -	£ 75.00
Somerset Council	Lightgate Lane Car park rates	£ 100.00	£ -	£ 100.00
Somerset Council	Parish Office rates	£ 58.00	£ -	£ 58.00
EDF Energy	Library Gas	£ 45.82	£ 2.18	£ 48.00
EDF Energy	Library Electricity	£ 51.30	£ 2.70	£ 54.00
Barnstore	Parish Storage	£ 117.50	£ 23.50	£ 141.00
Plusnet	Blake Hall Broadband	£ 18.00	£ 3.60	£ 21.60
Merlin Telecomm	Parish Office telephone calls	£ 15.57	£ 3.11	£ 18.68
NBC	Library Broadband	£ 48.98	£ 9.80	£ 58.78
OPUS Energy	MUGA Lights	£ 30.57	£ 1.53	£ 32.10
HR Salaries	August 2024 salaries	£ 3,039.70	£ -	£ 3,039.70
Mr K Harris	Parish Maintenance	£ 2,275.00	£ -	£ 2,275.00
Frogmary Green Farm	Office Broadband	£ 25.00	£ 5.00	£ 30.00
		£ 6,750.61	£ 66.05	£ 6,816.66