



SOUTH PETHERTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Public Session

A member of the public spoke about their strong concerns about the decision of the Parish Council to commit parish funds to buy a building with no definite future costs established

A member of the public spoke with concerns about the recent glut of arable farming fields going up for sale to ask whether these can legally be used for building housing, also to report fly tipping and to request further information about the placement of the 20mph restrictions

Cllr J Roundell-Greene gave an update on Somerset Council.

PC Barry Gould was in attendance and gave an update

The Minutes

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting of South Petherton Parish Council held at William Blake Memorial Hall on Monday 2nd September 2024 when the following business was conducted.

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

8.1 To receive and agree any apologies for non attendance.

Cllr Dance sent apologies, Cllr Brown was absent.

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 5th August 2024.

Received and approved.

8.4 Clerk updates:

- **Drainage at Recreation Ground**
- **Traffic control around South Petherton Junior School**
- **Carnival volunteers**
- **Reach –Grants / Family Liaison / Lease**
- **Tennis Club courts update**
- **Resolution updates – September 2024**

8.5 Chairman's Announcements.

Cllr Wakely reported on recent contact from residents regarding housing

8.6 Reports:

- (a) Somerset Association of Local Councils (SALC)
- (b) Councillors
- (c) Village Agent – Cllrs reiterated how valuable this service is
- (d) Reach Youth
- (e) Avon & Somerset PCSO – PC Barry Gould introduced himself and reminded everyone to ring 101 to report anti-social behavior. Evenings are often busy for 101 operators so if you can't get through try again the next morning.
- (f) Community Hub Group – there will be 2 public consultations in October. Dates to be advertised once decided

8.7 Resolutions

(1) To resolve to adopt the Reserves policy.

Resolved to adopt the policy

Proposed Cllr Bragg, seconded Cllr Elliot. 11 in favour, 1 abstention.

(2) To resolve to make a decision about:

(a) the attaching of advertising banners on the Cricket Nets surrounds or elsewhere in the Recreation Ground.

Resolved to remind SPRUG members to ask permission and each application will be decided case by case

Proposed Cllr Baker, seconded Cllr Spiers. 11 in favour, 1 against

(b) allowing the storage of cricket covers frames on the Cricket Nets area over the out of season period.

Resolved to allow this to happen

Proposed Cllr New, seconded Cllr Swainson, all in favour

(3) To resolve to investigate costs to hiring equipment to remove the silt in the brook between Silver Street and St James Street.

Resolved to speak with the Environment Agency to see if their permission is needed to carry this out.

Proposed Cllr Elliot, seconded Cllr New, all in favour

(4) To discuss the upcoming changes to the Defibrillator contracts and agree a way forward.

Resolved to accept the offer from SWAST to have the defibrillators donated to the Parish Council

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

(5) To resolve to:

(a) site a handrail on the lower steps of the churchyard opposite the vicarage.

Resolved

Proposed Cllr Carp, seconded Cllr Spiers, all in favour

(b) if agreed to accept a contractor from those detailed below

Company	Net Amounts
Company 1	£140 + £50 installation No VAT
Company 2	£1,636.92 + VAT
Company 3	£900 + VAT

Resolved to defer decision until a quality standard can be reached

Proposed Cllr Hodson-Wright, seconded Cllr Chitty, 10 in favour, 1 against, 1 abstain

8.8 Finance & General Purpose Committee

(a) To receive & note the minutes of the Finance & General Purpose Committee made on 3rd June 2024

Noted

(c) To note payments made in August 2024 & to agree the items of expenditure and approve payments for September 2024.

Resolved to agree

Proposed Cllr Killen, seconded Cllr Bragg, all in favour

8.9 Planning Committee

To receive & note the minutes of the Planning Committee made on 5th August 2024

Noted

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

- a) Allotments & Whitfield Lane Cllrs Jones & Chitty
- b) Cemetery Cllrs Jones & Wakely

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| c) Footpaths & Bridleways | Cllr Wakely |
| d) TWIG | Cllrs Jones & Hodson-Wright |
| e) Roads & Transport | Cllr Swainson |
| 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 |
| m) Patient Participation Group – PPG | Cllr Steel |

8.11 Other business referred to the Clerk

8.12 Date of next meeting - Monday 7th October 2024 at The William Blake Memorial Hall.

8.13 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.

- **Staffing matters.**

Resolved to move into closed session.

Proposed Cllr Wakely, seconded Cllr Bragg, all in favour