



SOUTH PETHERTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Public Session

Several members of the public spoke regarding the flash flooding issues in the village the previous day. One member of the public urged the Parish Council to show restraint in their budget and not increase it.

Cllr Adam Dance, as MP for the Yeovil Constituency, advised that he was organising a multi-agency meeting to discuss the recent local flooding issues and look at options to mitigate future flooding. He cautioned that the meeting would be for all the towns and villages who were affected by flooding within the area and so the meeting may not be held in South Petherton. Cllr Dance confirmed Somerset Council are responsible for drain and road gully clearing.

Cllr Mike Stanton of Somerset Council spoke in his capacity as Chair of the Somerset Rivers Authority. He advised that the Rivers Authority had a small grants scheme of up to £20,000 for flood prevention works by Town and Parish Councils. The closing date for applications was 25 February 2025.

The Minutes

Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of South Petherton Parish Council held at William Blake Memorial Hall, South Petherton on Monday 27 January 2025 where the following business was conducted.

PRESENT: Councillors N Wakely (Chairman), E Baker, C Bragg, R Brown, S Carp, B Chitty, A Dance, K Jones, R Killen, T New, S Spiers, and D Steel along with the Clerk: Miss C Paul and Assistant Clerk: Mrs A Cox. 15 members of the public were also in attendance.

1.1 To receive and agree any apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs D Hodson-Wright, B Elliott and B Swainson.

1.2 To receive any declarations of interest.

None

1.3 Chairman's Announcements:

- Introduction of new Clerk and Assistant Clerk.
- CCTV in the cemetery to be addressed at a future meeting.

1.4 Resolutions:

(a) To resolve to agree the Parish Council budget for 2025/26

Members discussed the budget at length and made the following changes to the draft budget:

Open Spaces

Cemetery Maintenance increased by £1,000 to allow for pothole repair on the road

Proposed grants to Carnival and Folk Festival to be included in Community Grants

Rename Parish and Community Maintenance and increase to £20,000

Projects

Removed proposed budget of £45,000 to the Blake Hall and create a Community Buildings budget of £20,000 to include the £5,000 allocated to the Community Hub.

Resolved to agree the Parish Council budget of £365,092.71 for 2025/26.

Duly proposed and seconded, 12-0-0.

(b) To resolve to agree a precept request for 2025/26

Resolved to request a precept amount of £345,742 from Somerset Council.

Duly proposed and seconded. 12-0-0

1.5 To approve payments from December 2024

To note payments made for December 2024 and to agree the items of expenditure and approve payments for January 2025. Received and agreed instructing the Clerk to check one payment.
Duly proposed and seconded, 12-0-0.

1.6 Date of next meeting - Monday 03 February 2024 at The William Blake Memorial Hall, South Petherton.

Signed:

Date: