



SOUTH PETHERTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Public Session

There were no public questions or statements.

There were no Councillors from Somerset Council present.

The Minutes

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting of South Petherton Parish Council held at William Blake Memorial Hall on Wednesday 18th December 2024 when the following business was conducted.

PRESENT Councillors N Wakely (Chair), C Bragg, R Brown, S Carp, B Chitty, B Elliott, R Killen, T New, D Steel, B Swainson.

5 members of the public were also in attendance.

12.1 To receive and agree any apologies for non attendance.

Cllrs E Baker, D Hodson-Wright, K Jones and S Spiers sent apologies. Cllr A Dance was absent.

12.2 To receive any declarations of interest.

None

12.3 Proposal to suspend the Parish Council's Standing Order 7 to enable a decision taken within the last 6 months to be reconsidered

1. Resolved to suspend Standing Order 7 to enable a decision taken within the last 6 months to be reconsidered

Proposed: Cllr New	Seconded: Cllr Killen		
For: 9	Against: 1	Abstained: 0	

2. Agreed to rescind the decision taken on 2nd December 2024 to submit an offer for the South Petherton Methodist Chapel.

Proposed: Cllr Brown	Seconded: Cllr Elliott		
For: 9	Against: 1	Abstained: 0	

3. Resolved to change Cllr Bragg's authorisation level on the bank mandate.

Proposed: Cllr New	Seconded: Cllr Steel		
For: 10	Against: 0	Abstained: 0	

12.4 Exclusion of Press and Public

It was resolved to exclude the press and public from the remainder of the meeting owing to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted (Staffing matters)

Proposed: Cllr New	Seconded: Cllr Bragg		
For: 10	Against: 0	Abstained: 0	

12.5 Appointment of Clerk and Assistant Clerk

1. It was agreed to appoint Clare Paul as Clerk to the Parish Council from 06/01/2025 with a probationary period of 3 months and on the understanding that the clerk will have completed the CiLCA qualification by March 2027

Proposed: Cllr Carp	Seconded: Cllr New		
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For: 10 Against: 0 Abstained: 0

- 2. It was agreed to appoint Angela Cox as Assistant Clerk to the Parish Council from 06/01/25 with a probationary period of 3 months.**

Proposed: Cllr New Seconded: Cllr Elliott

For: 10 Against: 0 Abstained: 0

- 3. Resolved the percentage the Parish Council would contribute to staff pensions.**

Proposed: Cllr Bragg Seconded: Cllr Brown

For: 9 Against: 0 Abstained: 1

- 4. Resolved that the preparation of staff contracts be delegated to the locum Clerk, in consultation with the Chair of the Council and Chair of the Finance and General-Purpose Committee.**

Proposed: Cllr Bragg Seconded: Cllr Brown

For: 10 Against: 0 Abstained: 1

- 12.6 **Date of next meeting: Monday 6th January 2025 at The William Blake Memorial Hall, South Petherton** (This meeting was subsequently deferred to Monday 27th January 2025).