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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of South Petherton Parish Council which was held in **The David Hall, South Petherton** on **Monday 8th April 2024** commencing at **7.30 pm** when **Mr Nick Wakely** presided.

There were some 22 persons present including a number of Parish Councillors and the Parish Clerks.

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence.

The Chairman formally welcomed everyone to the meeting where he hoped everyone would enjoy the meeting and take part in the refreshments laid on by the Parish Council. Apologies were received.

2. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 3rd April 2023

These were agreed and signed off as an accurate representation of the event.

3. Chair's Report of the Parish Council

Cllr Nick Wakely gave his report from the Parish Council, which detailed the many achievements & services provided by the council over the last year, as well as some of the challenges that face the Parish Council going forward.

He also thanked all council members past & present for their work in making South Petherton parish a pleasant place to live and work.

4. Opportunity to meet and speak to groups and organisations connected to South Petherton Parish Council to find out more about what goes on in South Petherton.

Cllr Wakely invited members of the public to speak in a public arena, before moving into an informal process, with members of the public able to speak individually with Councillors from the Parish Council.

Members of the public thanked the council for their work, and spoke about the disappointment in the planning process and the disregard that Somerset Council Planning took of their concerns, along with the apparent pointlessness of the Neighbourhood Plan which, in particular, was supposed to serve to help the Parish have more say in developments in their area.

Parish Councillors then spent time talking with the attending public to hear their thoughts and views.

Details were given out about the forthcoming years budget and proposed spend (These will also be available in the library and from the Parish Office)

Unfortunately, staff from the doctor's surgery who were planning to attend to update the meeting on the new systems were asked not to attend by their managers until formal training had been carried out.

5. **Closing address**

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and their contributions, the meeting closed at 9.15pm

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