



SOUTH PETHERTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of South Petherton Parish Council which was held in **The William Blake Hall, South Petherton** on **Monday 30th March 2026** commencing at **6.15 pm** when **Mr Nick Wakely** presided.

There were some 35 persons present including a number of Parish Councillors and the Parish Clerk and Deputy Clerk.

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 provided by the Parish Council. Apologies were received.

2. 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 the Parish Council and residents had faced. They included:

- Christmas lights and Christmas trees in the village
- South Petherton hanging baskets filled by Reach Youth Club
- Suzy Coombes continues to be the helpful Village Agent
- Youth services supported through Reach
- The allotment plots at Whitfield Lane
- Continued maintenance of the free car park in the village
- New roofs and remedial pointing on the chapels in the cemetery
- CILCA and PIALC qualified Clerks
- New changing rooms and toilets completed at the Mike Saint pavilion at the recreation ground
- Community Flood Group very active in seeking grants for equipment and permits for clearing the brook
- Events such as the South Petherton Folk Festival and Carnival supported by many local volunteers
- Local student undertaking work-experience in the Parish Office one day per week

He thanked all council members past & present for their service to the residents of South Petherton parish and the Parish Lengthsman for his work in keeping the village tidy.

3. 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 those present to speak informally to the representatives of the local community groups represented at the meeting.

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

4. Closing address

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and their contributions, the meeting closed at 6.45pm

Signed:

Dated: