



# SOUTH PETHERTON PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes** of the **Meeting** of the **Finance and General Purposes Committee** held at the William Blake Memorial Hall, South Petherton on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026** at 6.30pm when the following business was conducted:

**PRESENT:** Cllrs R Killen (Chairman), N Wakely, S Carp, S Gold, T New, the Clerk and Deputy Clerk. 1 member of the public was present. Cllr Richards was in attendance from 6.45pm although not a member of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

## **Public Question Time**

There were no questions from the public present at the meeting.

### **FGP6.1 To elect a Chairman for the Finance and General Purposes Committee**

Cllr Killen was nominated by Cllr Carp, seconded by Cllr New, voting: 4-0-0.

### **FGP6.2 To receive and agree apologies for non-attendance.**

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Cllr A Dance & S Jones. Cllr R Brown was absent

### **FGP6.3 To receive any declarations of interest.**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **FGP6.4 To receive and note as confirmed in April Full Council meeting (March 30<sup>th</sup>) the minutes of South Petherton's Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026**

The members noted the minutes of the previous meeting which the Chairman had signed as an accurate record of the meeting.

### **FGP6.5 Matters for report purposes only.**

(a) End of year update - Internal Audit/External Audit /AGAR

Noted and agreed

(b) Update on annual invoicing through Scribe

Noted and agreed

(c) Note EDF Energy increase in direct debit for library gas from £43.32 to £49.02

Noted and agreed.

### **FGP6.6 Items for debate and decision.**

(a) **Further discussions on parish rentals reviews including allotments and cemetery for April 2027**

Following debate, it was proposed that the rents be increased as detailed in the report with the following amendments: Scout hut remain at £100pa; no charge for the Carnival as it is a community event; Fairground £250 with an annual review plus inflation. The Clerk confirmed she would write to all the organisations to confirm the new rents which would be reviewed every 3 years in line with inflation. Proposed and seconded. 5-0-0

(b) **Consider moving Microshade billing to direct debit**

Agreed. Proposed and seconded. 5-0-0

(c) **To review Ear Marked Reserves and make any changes necessary to their allocation**

£10,000 unspent ear marked reserve for pavilion changing rooms be moved to Community Buildings. Proposed and seconded. 5-0-0

(d) **To note the regular payments (direct debits/standing orders) which are set up monthly on the Parish Council payment schedule and Unity Trust account**

Noted and agreed.

(e) **Review income and spending and agree that figures meet with expectation to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026 (end of year figures)**

The Chairman noted that although the Council had a surplus at the year end, this would be added to the General Reserves to increase the Council's financial stability. Agreed. Proposed and seconded. 5-0-0

### **FGP 6.7 Other matters referred to the Clerk**

There were no other matters referred to the Clerk.

### **FGP 6.8 Date of next meeting – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2026 at The William Blake Memorial Hall, South Petherton.** Meeting closed at 6.52pm

Signed:

Date: