

North Petherton Town Council

Minutes of the General Purposes Committee of North Petherton Town Council held on 21st February 2022 in the Small Hall of the North Petherton Community Centre, commencing at 7:15 pm

Present: Cllr J Taylor Chairman

Cllr L Parchment, Cllr A Bradford, Cllr Mrs L Hyde, Cllr B Sellick and Cllr Ives.

In attendance: Cllr Mrs L Dennis Smith, Cllr P Spencer and Mr R T Latham (Town Clerk)

- GP01/2022** **Apologies.** Apologies were received from Cllr W Revans
- GP02/2022** **Declarations of interests.** There were no declarations.
- GP03/2022** **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 24th January 2022 were agreed as a correct record.
- GP04/2022** **Matters arising.** The identity of the police officer responsible for the area was raised. It was agreed that the local sergeant should be contacted to find out.
- GP05/2022** **SID's.** There had been no progress on this matter.
- GP06/2022** **Cemetery.** Following discussion it was agreed that Greenlades should be asked to look at the branches of the tree next to the chapel. It was also agreed that they should be contacted in relation to installing two benches to be donated by relatives in the Garden of Rest and the Cemetery.
Resolved: that the quote from Maptec be agreed for the topographical survey.
- GP07/2022** **Library.** The Clerk updated the meeting on the progress that had been made in moving the community library from its current dangerous location to the community centre. It was agreed that work continue as quickly as possible with a view to a formal decisions being made at a Special Council meeting the following Monday.
- GP09/2022** **Allotments.** The Mayor noted that the current agricultural tenants of the land in North Newton had given 12 months' notice of quitting, and he suggested that the land could revert to allotments. It was agreed to discuss the situation with the Cricket Club before moving forward. Cllr Taylor raised the matter of sub letting agricultural land.
- GP10/2022** **Youth Provision.** Following on from Young Somerset's decision to withdraw its services, contact had been made with Youth Unlimited as an alternative. Cllrs Mrs Dennis Smith, Cllr Mrs Hyde and The Mayor were meeting with

them on 2nd March to move the matter forward and ensure the continuing existence of youth provision in the area.

GP11/2022 **Climate change.** Cllr Bradford had agreed to collect the free trees being provided by the District Council. It was planned to plant them at North Petherton primary school.

GP12/2022 **Items for payment.** The following payments were approved:

N Petherton Community Centre	£54.00	Room hire
RYAL Media Group	£196.80	Clerk advert - South West Recruitment
Tumu Consulting	£870.00	Cemetery chapel drainage design
R T Latham	£406.20	New advert for clerk vacancies

GP13/2022 **Matters of report.** Cllr Mrs Dennis Smith suggested that the Council grants for local Jubilee celebrations should be publicised more widely. Cllr Ives said that it was important that the various events should not clash.

The meeting closed at 8:35 pm