

North Petherton Town Council – General Information

North Petherton Town Council has 14 Councillors who represent the community. Councillors do represent wards (Hamp Bridge , North Petherton, North Newton, Northmoor Green) but provided a person meets the eligibility criteria (as stated on the application form) they do not have to live or work in the area they represent.

In addition to Town Council meetings there are 3 main Committees which have regular meetings Resources, Planning & Highways and General Purposes.

There are meetings on most Monday evenings which are open to all Members (and the public) to attend. Meetings usually start at 7.15pm and usually last no more than 2 hours. Most meetings are held in the Small Hall at North Petherton Community Centre.

The Town Council carries out a number of functions including:

- managing the cemetery including interment procedures and recording of burials,
- maintaining street furniture, including litter & dog waste bins
- responding to planning applications on a consultative basis
- providing allotments
- maintenance of the Memorial Park and Parker's Field (in its role as sole trustee of the North Petherton Playing Fields Charitable Trust)
- maintenance of the car park at Maunsel Lock
- providing the North Petherton library as part of a partnership agreement with Somerset Council and working with the Friends of North Petherton Library
- providing youth services

The Town Council keeps its future strategic direction and the opportunities to improve local services under review with particular regard to devolution of services from Somerset Council. (The Town Council's strategic plan is available on the Town Council's website)

The Town Council acts as an important channel or platform for local people's views or concerns including those outside of the Town Council's responsibility that can be passed onto the relevant local authority such as the district or county council.

- There are approximately 8,100 electors in North Petherton (as at August 2024)
- The Population of North Petherton is approx. 10,000 (2021 census)

North Petherton Town Council Finances 2025/26

North Petherton Town Council's precept for 2025/26 is £480,000 this is a charge of £126.28pa for a Band D property (£10.53 per month or £2.43 a week) the planned expenditure is £540,397, and estimated income is £60,397 (from sources other than the precept and CIL)

Further information can be found on the Town Council's website

<https://northpethertontowncouncil.gov.uk> this includes meeting documents (agendas, supporting papers and minutes), financial information and Town Council policies (including the Co-option Policy)