

North Petherton Annual Town Meeting

Held on 14 May 2025 starting at 19:30hrs in the Small Hall, Fore Street, North Petherton, TA6 6QA

There were 5 North Petherton electors attending the meeting.

The Mayor, Councillor Phillip Spencer, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Apologies

No apologies for absence were received.

2. Welcome & Opening Remarks – Councillor Phillip Spencer, Mayor

The Mayor thanked everyone for attending on such coming on a lovely evening.

3. Minutes of the 2024 Annual Town Meeting

The minutes of the 2024 Annual Town Meeting were confirmed as a correct record.

4. Presentation – Quantock Heritage Group (QHG)

The Quantock Heritage Group (QHG) is a community archaeology and heritage research group covering the area of the Quantock Hills and West Somerset.

The presentation included the following information:

- The Group exists to provide opportunities for local communities to learn new skills in a range of heritage practices whilst contributing to high quality research which furthers understanding of the history and prehistory of the area.
- QHG has a multi-year community test pitting project in North Petherton, aimed at uncovering the historical development of the village over millennia.
- The test pitting project engages with residents and landowners of all ages in the local community by inviting them to dig 1m square test pits on their properties. Participants, supported by archaeologists within the QHG, will record the depth and type of artefacts or materials discovered, providing valuable 'data points' that contribute to an understanding of North Petherton's evolution.
- Test pitting can be used in 2 ways – a small pit before a major dig or a year on year dig to dig in local places over 1 period of time - often over 5 years
- South of North Petherton there was a bronze age site but not a lot has been found so far np
- The Church in North Petherton would have been an important building at centre of Anglo-Saxon settlement. A lot of the area has now been built on.
- There will be a Festival of Archaeology for 3 weeks July / August

5. Open Forum

No matters were raised in the open forum.

The meeting closed at 20:18hrs.