

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council, which took place on Monday 9 July at the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT Cllrs Fowler (Chair), Bishop, Cripps, England, Hallett, Wakely, Mr P Maxwell (County Councillor) and one parishioner.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr Rowswell, Mr P Thompson (District Councillor).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Jeff Knipe advised that the Church Clock, which was installed 162 years ago, is in need of repairs costing £180 and he asked if the Parish Council would be willing to contribute towards the cost. It was agreed to pay half of this.

Jeff also spoke about plans to build an extension to the Church to provide toilets and a servery.

MINUTES The Minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING

Village Signs The Councillors were pleased to hear that the missing sign had been recovered. One of the old signs had been raffled and the other two will be auctioned/raffled at a later date.

Green Waste Recycling In reply to the query raised by Cllr Fowler, Terry Richards of the Somerset Waste Partnership advised that the Contractors carry out a risk assessment and, provided lorries can negotiate with guidance from the loaders without causing any damage, then a route is acceptable. The timetable used for vehicles used for narrow accesses does not coincide with the days of the Shepton Beauchamp collection.

CC REPORT

Mr Maxwell advised that the County Council is looking at the possibility of funding the Lengthsman Scheme again from the next financial year.

Cllr Wakely spoke of problems of fly tipping now that Crewkerne Recycling Centre makes a charge.

Mr Maxwell will be attending a transport review at County Hall shortly.

Cllr England advised the County Councillor of a blocked drain near the Barrington Main crossroads and also mud left on the roads from flooding.

Cllr Cripps expressed concern about the speed of traffic through the village.

PLANNING

No objections were raised to an application to erect ground and first floor extensions to Stanley House, Middle Street.

David Laws, MP, has been in contact with the County Council in respect of the remarks about the village made by them on a recent planning application.

CASUAL VACANCY

The Parish Council vacancy will be advertised, with a view to co-opting at the September meeting.

ACCOUNTS

Cheques were drawn for:

Moore Stephens – External Audit of 2011/12 Accounts	£342.00
Lethbridge Memorial Rec Committee – grant	250.00
Cowleaze Meadow Fund - remaining funds held	2,020.65
Shepton Beauchamp PCC – towards clock repairs	90.00

PARISH PLAN

There are still a significant number of Diamond Jubilee Mugs remaining.

LENGTHSMAN

The Lengthsman will spray the weeds between the pavement and road and clean the road signs. The ground around the new village stones will be levelled when he buries the time capsules.

FOOTPATHS

Cllr Cripps reported that the County Council has installed a Bristol gate at the top end of the Piece Lane footpath and a signpost at the bottom.

As regards the cost of the modification application, although the County Council does not keep records of costs incurred on individual cases, they can confirm that investigation of a straightforward application is in the region of £2,750 whereas in more complicated cases including a Public Inquiry the cost is in the region of £6,700.

ALLOTMENTS

It was noticed that signs have been placed around the Allotments warning about blight.

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

