

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council which took place on Monday 9 May 2016 at the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT Cllrs Bishop (Chair), Brunt, Cripps, England, Lillywhite, Messrs A Dance & C Raikes (District Councillors), J Halsey (Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator).

APOLOGIES Cllrs Finlay, Holmes, Tevendale, Wakely.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Mr John Halsey was welcomed to the meeting as the new Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator and he will be assisted by Mrs Patsy Middleton. He said he has set up a Shepton Beauchamp Neighbourhood Watch facebook page, where information can be passed on, and regular reports will be sent to the Parish Clerk. A vote of thanks was expressed to Mary Clarke for all her work as Co-ordinator for over ten years.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Officers were elected as follows:

Chairman – Jane Bishop

Vice Chairman – Elizabeth England

Planning – Jane Bishop, Elizabeth England, Clare Lillywhite

Allotments – Roger Cripps

Footpaths – Sarah Brunt, Roger Cripps

Highways – Bill Holmes, Ed Wakely

Charity Trustees – Sarah Brunt

Emergency Contacts – Roger Cripps, Innis Finlay, Ed Wakely

Parish Environment Warden – Elizabeth England

Representative on Cowleaze Meadow Project – Roger Cripps

Representatives on Recreation Committee – Innis Finlay, Ed Wakely

Tree Warden – Innis Finlay

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

MATTERS ARISING

Shop Sign Gary Warren of the County Council is looking into the possibility of a sign on the edge of the village for the village shop and he will be asked to look at a site.

DC REPORT

Adam Dance said that, now the British Heart Foundation scheme for providing defibrillators has finished, the District Council is looking to help communities provide these.

The thirty year lease on Westlands Sports & Social facilities is going ahead and the building will be refurbished before re-opening in the New Year.

The District Council is experiencing an increased demand for litter and dog waste bins and parishes need to check that the District Council can empty them before ordering. Cllr Cripps said the dog bin at the Recreation Field needs replacing and the one at Cowleaze could be sited in a better position and Adam will look into this.

Crispin Raikes said that, following the cut in rate support grants, the District Council is looking at ways to save money, including a new system for answering telephone enquiries. He is on the Income Generation Board, who are looking at various ideas such as building affordable homes and carrying out the Council's own lorry MOTs.

CC REPORT

A report had been received, noting that Probiotics International (Protexin) Ltd is one of six Somerset companies to receive the Queen's Award for Enterprise.

ACCOUNTS

Cheques were drawn for:

Came and Company – annual insurance premium	£419.94
South Somerset District Council – Parish Ranger	150.96
R Cripps – dog waste bags	157.25

PARISH PLAN

The recent showing of the film 'The Lady in the Van' was a sell-out and the next film will be 'Bridge of Spies'.

Cllr England said the Village Hall Committee had raised £506 at their recent Race Night.

HIGHWAYS

Cllrs Bishop and Wakely had met Gary Warren of the County Council to look at the possibility of white lines to deter parking at pinch points in the village and it was agreed to try this.

Cllr Bishop had contacted the County Council again about a drainage problem and they will arrange for a camera to inspect the drain.

FOOTPATHS

Cllr Cripps reported that where the new gate has been installed on the path to Washcross, a concrete ramp and fencing have now been put in place.

ALLOTMENTS

There had been one applicant for a vacant allotment.

Cllr Cripps will arrange laminated posters to deter people and dogs from walking through the Allotments.

A representative from the Recreation Committee will be invited to the next Parish Council meeting to discuss the possibility of parking at the Recreation Field.

OPEN SESSION

Cllr Tevendale had been in contact with Ian Hawkins about updating the Village Website and this will be discussed at the July meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.