

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council, which took place on Monday 12 September 2016 at the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT Cllrs Bishop (Chair), Brunt, Cripps, England, Finlay, Wakely, Messrs A Dance (District Councillor), C Le Hardy (County Councillor) and 3 parishioners.

APOLOGIES Cllr Lillywhite, Mr C Raikes (District Councillor).

CASUAL VACANCY

The District Council had confirmed that no requests for election had been received so Angela Joy was co-opted onto the Council to fill the vacancy caused by Sarah Tevendale's resignation. The Councillors were sorry to receive Bill Holmes' resignation, due to work commitments, and this vacancy will be advertised.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

PARISH WEBSITE

Ian Hawkins was welcomed to the meeting to discuss the village website, which was set up about ten years ago. The Parish Council is very grateful to Ian for maintaining it and he said the most difficult part is keeping it up to date. He wondered if anyone would like to volunteer to help him and the Parish Council would like to encourage village organisations to keep him informed regularly about their groups.

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

MATTERS ARISING

Highways Cllr Wakely spoke of an accident which had occurred as a result of the potholes on the road to Lopen Head. The County Councillor will ensure that the Highway Authority is aware of this. Gary Warren will be reminded to contact Cllr Bishop in respect of a white line which has been positioned incorrectly.

DC REPORT

Adam Dance said the District Council had appointed a new Chief Executive, who will start on 3 October.

CC REPORT

Christopher Le Hardy had spent a day with the South West Ambulance Service, who have an eight minute target for reaching those requiring assistance. If the Parish Council is thinking of getting a defibrillator, Adam Dance felt there may be a possibility of a District Council grant so the Clerk will send him a formal request.

PLANNING

No objections were raised to planning applications to:

Change use and redevelop engineering factory to form a dwelling at St Francis, Silver Street.

Vary condition 10 of planning approval at Crofters, Lambrook Road, to amend external materials.

Permission has been granted for:

Loft conversion and internal alterations to The Pound, Middle St.

Erection of dwelling and garage on land off Shells Lane.

ACCOUNTS

Cheques were drawn for:

South Som District Council – Parish Ranger	£301.92
R Cripps (for Mutts Butts) – Dog waste bags	157.25

PARISH PLAN

A parishioner had commented that the Parish Council acknowledged the work of the Events Team in arranging the Queen's Birthday Celebrations at Cowleaze Meadow but did not mention the dedication of the small group of volunteers who maintain the Meadow. The Parish Council are very grateful for all they do.

It was noted that more helpers are needed for the Fun Run.

The Bond Night and the Flower Show were both very successful.

Cllr Finlay said the rubbish at the Recreation Field had been burnt and the path behind the fir trees cleared.

FOOTPATHS

Cllr Cripps said the County Council would be trimming the main footpaths again.

ALLOTMENTS

Allotment Rent will be collected prior to the next Parish Council Meeting.

The Parish Council will consider cultivating an allotment as a demonstration piece and possibly offer new allotments at a higher rent and ready to plant.

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm.