

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council, which took place on Monday 9 January 2017 at the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT Cllrs Bishop (Chair), Brunt, Cripps, England, Finlay, Joy, Rowswell, Wakely, Messrs A Dance & C Raikes (District Councillors) & C Le Hardy (County Councillor).

APOLOGIES Cllr Lillywhite.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

A report had been received from the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator about three incidents in December:

A suspicious man trying to buy antiques.

A missing Land Rover from a local farm.

Details of two computer hackers and one computer virus circulated locally.

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

MATTERS ARISING

TELEPHONE KIOSK The Clerk had applied for the Parish Council to adopt the kiosk.

DEFIBRILLATORS It was decided to invite parishioners to contribute towards the defibrillators and envelopes will be included with the village newsletter for this purpose.

Cllr Joy said that £940 had now been pledged for her sponsored swim.

Chris Perks, Assistant Community Responder Officer, South West Ambulance Service, has agreed to meet Parish Councillors on 17 January to advise on defibrillators.

DC REPORT

Adam Dance said the District Council has now opened Westlands Sports & Leisure Centre.

Crispin Raikes said the revised application for the anaerobic digester at Frogmary Green has been delayed due to a request for an environmental impact assessment.

CC REPORT

The Report from the County Councillor had been circulated and he spoke of adult social care and the need for care plans for the elderly.

Cllr Brunt expressed concern about difficulties experienced getting an appointment to see a Doctor.

PLANNING

No objections were raised to an application amending materials to be used at The Old Forge, 1 Pound Cottages, Middle Street, changing upvc window to timber and timber gable to hamstone.

Permission has been granted for the erection of new dwelling on land rear of Brimfield, Lambrook Road.

ACCOUNTS

Cheques were drawn for:

Shepton Beauchamp Village Hall – grant	£500.00
Shepton Beauchamp Parochial Church Council – grant	1,000.00
Lethbridge Memorial Recreation Committee – grant	1,900.00
Information Commissioner – Data Protection Registration	35.00

It was agreed to increase the Precept by 9% to £16,560, which will represent an increase per household of approximately 10p per week. This will allow the annual £2,000 to be set aside for future projects (bringing the figure held for this to £16,000) and £500 towards maintenance of the MUGA (making the total for this £6,500).

PARISH PLAN

The next event to take place will be a Murder Mystery on 28 January, the proceeds of which will be given to the Defibrillator Fund.

HIGHWAYS

Cllr Joy will remind the Highway Authority about extending the white line.

Cllr Rowswell had noted that the potholes in Littlefields Lane had been marked for repair.

The parish has a supply of grit for use on public paths in icy conditions and Cllr Finlay is happy to deliver it where required. His telephone number is 01460 240950.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55 pm.