

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council, which took place on Monday 16 October 2017 at the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT Cllrs Bishop, Finlay, Joy, Lillywhite, Rowswell,
Messrs A Dance (District & County Councillor) and C Raikes (District Councillor).

APOLOGIES Cllrs Brunt, Cripps, England, Wakely.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

A burglary had taken place from a house under renovation, resulting in the theft of tools and building materials, and lambs had been stolen from a field near South Petherton.

Cllr Finlay said there had been two instances of anti-social behaviour at the Recreation Field. A bench had been vandalised and the Pavilion was broken into and the cutlery thrown over the field. The damage has now been repaired.

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

MATTERS ARISING

Cowleaze Meadow Following the withdrawal of the provision of dog waste bags, it was decided to look into a cheaper alternative and if a saving can be made the money could be added to Cowleaze funds.

A request had been received for play equipment for young children at Cowleaze and this will be considered at the next meeting.

DC REPORT

Crispin Raikes had taken up the Parish Council's concerns that their views on planning applications are not being taken into consideration and Cllr Bishop thanked the District Councillors for their support in this matter.

As a member of the Income Generation Board, Crispin advised that the District Council had bought the Marks & Spencer building in Yeovil.

CC REPORT

The County Council is reviewing the Library Service and is trying to resolve problems with Bus Services.

PLANNING

No objections were raised to an application to demolish existing garage with attached workshop and erect replacement single storey garage and car port at Tara. Wash Cross.

An application was considered for change of use from agricultural to residential to form additional garden for plot 2, OS 2733 Shells Lane. The Parish Council did not object but will ask for development rights to be removed from the land. 545

Permission has been granted for:

Erection of single storey dwelling, provision of associated access and driveway on land north of Hill Farm House, Lambrook Road.

Demolition of garage and single storey side extension and erection of two storey side extension, single storey side extension and porch on front elevation of Apple Tree Cottage, Wash Cross.

Demolition of existing garage, erection of dwelling, formation of access and creation of parking area for existing dwelling at Little Meadow, Love Lane.

Erection of a bungalow on land to rear of 3 Aldonvale, Middle Street.

The application for a V shaped two directional sign at Shepton Beauchamp School has been withdrawn.

Cllr Rowsell spoke of an interesting planning training session he had attended.

ACCOUNTS

A cheque was drawn for £1,000 grant to Shepton Beauchamp PCC to replace lost cheque no 476.

DEFIBRILLATORS

The defibrillators have been ordered and a village training session will be arranged.

PARISH PLAN

The Harvest Lunch and Medieval Night were both very successful.

The Bonfire and Fireworks will take place on 4 November and more wood is needed for the fire.

A tree planted in the Churchyard in memory of the 8 men of the village who lost their lives in World War I will be dedicated on Remembrance Sunday.

Cllr Bishop said the village is really indebted to the Events Team, who work so hard to put on the various events.

RECREATION FIELD

Quotes are still awaited for the parking area at the Recreation Field.

The Parish Council would be willing to contribute towards the cost of refurbishing the Pavilion.

HIGHWAYS

It was confirmed that the white lines to stop parking have now been painted in the correct position.

ALLOTMENTS

Allotment Rent was collected prior to the meeting.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9 pm.

