

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council, which took place on Monday 20 November 2017 at the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT Cllrs Bishop, Brunt, Cripps, England, Joy, Rowswell, Wakely, Messrs A Dance (District & County Councillor) and C Raikes (District Councillor).

APOLOGIES Cllr Lillywhite

#### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

#### NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Several crimes were committed in the village during October, including burglary at the Pavilion and at a house, at least five cars were entered and items stolen, damage was caused to a car in Middle Street on two occasions, a window box was pulled off a house in Middle Street and the telephone kiosk was damaged. The Police are aware of these incidents and have promised more patrols. Cllr Wakely added that several cars had also been broken into at Compton Durville.

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

#### MATTERS ARISING

Recreation Field A representative of the Recreation Committee will be invited to the next meeting to give an update on the parking area.

#### DC REPORT

Crispin Raikes reported that sadly Ian Clarke, the District Council's Legal Officer and a member of the Senior Management Team, had passed away.

#### CC REPORT

Adam Dance spoke of the bus services now that Nippy Bus is no longer operating. The County Council have made arrangements to carry on the services which they fund. Adam would like to hear from anyone who had been travelling to Yeovil College by bus as this had been funded by the College.

#### PLANNING

No objections were raised to plans for the detached dwelling and garage on Plot 3 Shells Lane. Permission was granted for the demolition of existing garage with attached workshop, erection of replacement single storey garage and car port at Tara, Wash Cross.

#### DOCTORS SURGERY

A reply had been received from South Petherton Medical Centre following concerns about the appointments system. Due to recruitment problems, a second Nurse Practitioner and a Practice Pharmacist have been appointed. Dr Raqib has recently joined the Practice on a part-time basis and the remaining vacancy is covered by Locum GPs.

PARISH PLAN

The Parish Council is grateful to the Events Team for another very successful Bonfire Night, which was very well supported.

COWLEAZE MEADOW

The Parish Council agreed a grant of £200 towards the fencing at Cowleaze from money saved now that dog waste bags are no longer provided and gratitude was expressed to Roger Cripps for all the effort he has put into the project.

The request for play equipment was considered but it was felt that Cowleaze was intended to be a peaceful space with only static play items such as the stepping stones and willow arch.

ACCOUNTS

Cheques were drawn for:

South Somerset District Council – Parish Ranger	£301.92
Shepton Beauchamp Village Hall – Hire of room	204.00
Cowleaze Meadow Project – towards replacement fencing	200.00

HIGHWAYS

The Councillors were pleased with the patching work carried out by the Highway Authority on Barrington Main and they will be advised of a pothole just outside the parish and will be reminded about repainting the white line opposite the turning to Love Lane.

FOOTPATHS

Cllr Cripps spoke of reorganisation of the Footpaths Department, with George Montague now responsible for this parish.

ALLOTMENTS

The Allotment Rent has all been paid.

A request had been received for a load of dung and Cllr Brunt will arrange this.

Western Power have replaced an electric pole in the corner of the Allotments.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

The Parish Council is grateful to Richard Martin for laying the wreath on their behalf.

COMMUNITY ASSETS

The District Councillors spoke about registering community facilities, such as shops and pubs, as community assets. It was unanimously agreed to look into this and discuss the matter by email.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30 pm.

