

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council, which took place on Monday 14 November 2011.

PRESENT Cllrs Rowswell (Chair), Bishop, Cripps, England, Fowler, Rivers, Wakely, Mr B Walker (District Councillor), Mr P Maxwell (County Councillor).

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr Hallett, Mr P Thompson (District Councillor).

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

MATTERS ARISING

Parking at Recreation Field The Recreation Committee has agreed to allow parking on the Field during day time and the Parish Council suggested designating a specific area for this.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Rivers declared an interest in a planning application at September Cottage, having worked for the Architect in the past.

CC REPORT

Mr Maxwell had looked into the query about Somerset Arts Week. There are two types of membership, individual or affiliated, but there is no rule against having employees. On payment of the fee, members get a page on the website, an entry in the directory and the right to enter Arts Week.

Mr Maxwell will be attending a meeting with Colin Fletcher and the Police to approve a speed limit reduction in Watergore.

Street lighting time will be reduced in the next financial year. The lights will not be on from midnight until 5 am.

The drainage works at Barrington Main are taking longer than anticipated due to a blockage. Funds which the County Council had invested in Icelandic Banks have now been released.

DC REPORT

Mr Walker reported on a meeting he attended at the commercial site at Lopen and confirmed that a landscaping scheme will be carried out.

Les Collett is unable to give a reply about funding for a parish plan review until a finance meeting has taken place at the end of the month.

ACCOUNTS

Cllr Rowswell advised that the Village Hall hire charge will be increased to £6 per hour with effect from January.

A cheque was drawn for Cowleaze Meadow for the £5,627.25 owing to the Fund from reclaiming VAT.

PLANNING

No objections were raised to applications for:

Demolition of existing single storey rear extension and erection of new one at September Cottage, Middle Street.

Internal alterations, conversion of loft space, replacement roof and installation of 2 roof lights to rear of Duke of York Cottage, North Street, to replace existing permission and extend the time limit for implementation.

PARISH PLAN

Cllr Cripps advised of a willow sculpture event which is taking place at Cowleaze Meadow.

Bonfire Night was very successful and any profit will be put towards the Jubilee celebrations next year.

Drawings and quotes for stone name plates were considered for the entrances to the village. The Parish Council would be happy to contribute towards this and parishioners will be invited to make donations.

LENGTHSMAN

The District Councillor was asked to enquire as to future funding of the Lengthsman's salary.

The Parish Councillors were pleased to receive a supply of daffodil bulbs from the District Council, which the Lengthsman will plant. Suggested sites are Cowleaze, the entrance to the village from Lambrook and near the proposed stone name plates.

HIGHWAYS

The Clerk will obtain prices of grit bins.

Parking near the Robins Lane and Brimgrove junctions continues to be a problem and the PCSO will be asked to issue warnings.

The Highway Authority will be asked to rectify the etched lines opposite The Cressey which were painted in the wrong place.

FOOTPATHS

Confirmation was received that the application for a footpath along Piece Lane has been submitted to the Secretary of State and that consideration of the Order will take the form of an exchange of statements and a site visit by the Inspector.

ALLOTMENTS

There are still some vacant allotments and Cllr England has kindly given some membrane for laying on the plots which are not tended.

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

