

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council, which took place on Monday 12 December 2011.

PRESENT Cllrs Rowswell (Chair), Bishop, Cripps, England, Fowler, Lewis, Rivers and one parishioner.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllrs Hallett & Wakely,  
Messrs P Thompson (District Councillor) & P Maxwell (County Councillor).

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Rowswell declared interests in a planning application at Watts Cottage (being related to the applicant) and the PreSchool's request for funding (being Secretary of their Committee), and withdrew from the meeting while these items were discussed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Cllr Rowswell left the room, and Cllr Fowler took the Chair, as a parishioner wished to speak about the planning application to erect a two storey rear extension to Watts Cottage, Middle Street. He expressed his objections to the proposal on the grounds of right to light, right to privacy and the disproportionate size of the proposed extension.

The Councillors considered the application and objected to the proposal due to its large size, the effect it would have on neighbouring properties and the possibility that it could set a precedent for other cottages in the area.

MINUTES The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed and signed, but Cllr Rivers advised that the Recreation Committee has not yet agreed to parking on the Field but will be discussing it at their next meeting. The Councillors felt it would be useful to be notified of Recreation Committee Meetings and to receive copies of their Minutes and the Clerk will request this.

CC REPORT

The County Councillor sent a report, stating that the Watergore speed limit had been approved by the Police and the Highway Authority and that the proposed library closures and reduction in mobile library service will not now be happening as the process was deemed unlawful.

ACCOUNTS

Cheques were drawn for:

Shepton Beauchamp Village Hall – grant	£500.00
Shepton Beauchamp PCC – grant	1,000.00
J R B Enterprise Ltd – dog waste bags	38.70
Glasdon Manufacturing Ltd – grit bin	214.93

It was decided to postpone a decision on the Precept until the January (or if possible, February) meeting and this can be discussed in a 'closed' session.

A request for funding has been received from the PreSchool and the Councillors felt they would like to make a one-off grant to support them.

Cllr England said she would enquire whether the Robins Trust would fund mugs to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

#### PLANNING

Permission has been granted for the demolition of existing single storey rear extension and erection of new rear single storey extension to September Cottage, Middle Street.

#### PARISH PLAN

Cllr Rowswell reported that Matthew Hallett had kindly offered to donate one of the stones for the village name plates and has offered the other two at the very reasonable price of £75 each.

#### LENGTHSMAN

The daffodil bulbs, given by the District Council, have been planted in Lambrook Road and at Cowleaze. Cllr Cripps advised that Avon Bulbs had kindly donated 400 mixed bulbs to Cowleaze also. Cllr Cripps reported on a Lengthsman Meeting he had attended and said a decision is yet to be taken on whether the District Council will continue helping to fund the scheme.

#### HIGHWAYS

Winter maintenance will be the same as last year, with Shepton Beauchamp being on a Category 2 route, which includes salting of the South Petherton – East Lambrook – Shepton Beauchamp road. It was agreed to order a large green grit bin to be placed at the Silver St/Barrington Main crossroads. The Dog Warden will be informed of a dog fouling problem in Lambrook Road early in the morning. Concern was expressed about hedge cutting which has taken place in Shells Lane, with clippings having been blown onto the road and the opposite side, blocking drains and causing concern about the stability of the bank.

Contact will be made again to the PCSO and to the Beat Manager about inconsiderate parking on pavements and near road junctions.

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm.