

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council, which took place on Monday 13 February at the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT Cllrs Rowswell (Chair), Bishop, Cripps, England, Hallett, Rivers, Messrs P Thompson & B Walker (District Councillors) & Mr P Maxwell (County Councillor).

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllrs Fowler, Lewis, Wakely.

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

#### MATTERS ARISING

Dog Fouling A small minority of dog owners in the village are still being very irresponsible in allowing their dogs to foul public areas, particularly at Cowleaze Meadow and on the pavements and footpaths. The Parish Council would welcome ideas from parishioners as to the best way of stopping this nuisance. In the meantime, the Dog Warden will be stepping up patrols and offenders will be fined.

#### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

#### CC REPORT

A full Council Meeting will take place on 15 February to discuss the Budget, which will include Buses and the Youth Service. The reduced library hours have now been reinstated and a pay barrier has been installed at Crewkerne Recycling Centre.

#### DC REPORT

The District Councillors reported that there are lots of decisions to be made in respect of the Budget. Mr Thompson will be attending a workshop on the Community Infrastructure Levy.

A meeting about the Draft Core Strategy will take place on 22 February at 1.30 pm at Edgar Hall, Somerton, and Cllr Hallett may be able to attend.

#### PLANNING

Permission has been granted for renewal of consent for internal alterations, conversion of loft space, replacement roof and installation of two roof lights to rear of Duke of York Cottage.

#### ACCOUNTS

A cheque was drawn for £300 for the District Council's post installation inspection of the play equipment.

### PARISH PLAN

The Events Committee and helpers are working hard organising a weekend of events for all ages on 2 – 4 June to celebrate the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee. The Clerk will check the insurance requirements. The Events Committee will be happy to fund, by way of a loan, events which other organisations may wish to organise during that weekend.

Commemorative mugs will be presented to the children.

The Events Committee have written to Buckingham Palace, asking if the Queen could be driven through the village when she visits the area in May and the request has been passed to the Lord Lieutenant of Somerset.

The Recreation Committee will add the Clerk to their distribution list to receive copies of their Meeting Agendas and Minutes and the Committee will be asked to provide a copy of their Accounts at the Annual Parish Meeting.

### LENGTHSMAN

The Lengthsman will install the grit bin this week and the County Council will then fill it.

Cllr Hallett asked if the ivy growing on the Fives Wall could be severed.

Cllr Rowswell asked the Lengthsman to be reminded to put the Recreation Field bins out for emptying.

### HIGHWAYS

In reply to the problems raised at the last meeting, the pothole in Piece Lane has been marked for 28 day repair, the drain at Hurcott is not a safety defect, Great Lane is due for resurfacing in late March and the section of Barrington Main is marked for pre-surface dressing patching which will be done during the Spring.

Blue Walshe had expressed concern about the number of lorries passing through the village and Cllr England spoke about the mud in the middle of the road in Littlefields Lane.

The Clerk was asked to report the missing Love Lane sign and a broken sign at Owsley Cottages.

### ALLOTMENTS

Cllr Rivers circulated a letter he had drafted in respect of the banks of earth. This was approved by the Parish Council for sending to all Allotment Holders.

### VILLAGE SIGNS

Cllr Rowswell said that letters had been delivered to householders inviting donations towards the stone signs and businesses will be contacted also. A time capsule will be incorporated into each one. Depending on donations received, it may be possible to carry out a planting scheme as well.

Cllr Bishop suggested, if funds allow, attaching metal plaques to the reverse of the stones stating that these were erected to commemorate the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee.

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

## SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 12 March at the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

### AGENDA

- 1 Apologies for absence
- 2 Public Participation
- 3 Approval of minutes of last meeting
- 4 Matters arising from minutes
- 5 Declarations of Interest
- 6 Reports from DC/CC
- 7 Planning
- 8 Correspondence
- 9 Accounts
- 10 Parish Plan
- 11 Lengthsman
- 12 Highways
- 13 Footpaths
- 14 Allotments