

Minutes of meeting of the Parish Council, which took place on Monday 13 January 2014 at the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT Cllrs Rowswell (Chair), Bishop, Cripps, Finlay, Hallett, Lillywhite, Wakely, Willoughby, Messrs P Thompson & Walker (District Councillors).

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr England.

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

#### MATTERS ARISING

Policing Sue Mountstevens had passed the query about CCTV to Avon & Somerset Police. Chief Inspector Tim Coombe replied that the camera had been put in place on 18 December and no incidents of anti-social behaviour had been recorded on it. The camera is financed by the Community Safety Fund, which is partly funded by the District Council.

Recreation Field It was confirmed that the price quoted by Ed White for mowing the Recreation Field includes VAT and his quote was accepted.

Cllr Finlay was impressed with the way the Football Club helped to clear fallen trees from the Recreation Field and Football Pitch.

Dog Fouling This continues to be a problem and the Parish Council is spending so much money on providing bags for dog waste that it was decided to monitor how long the supply lasts.

#### DC REPORT

Mr Thompson advised that Yeovil Recycling Centre will now be open every day of the week.

The next Area North Meeting will take place on 29 January at Norton-sub-Hamdon.

Mr Walker spoke of the five year deliverable housing supply, which is not being met as developers are land banking rather than getting on with the building, and this problem was highlighted in the recent Countryfile television programme.

#### PLANNING

Listed Building Consent was granted for the opening between the kitchen and garden room at Stephens, Church Street.

#### ACCOUNTS

Cheques were drawn for:

Shepton Beauchamp Parochial Church Council – towards churchyard upkeep	£1,000.00
Shepton Beauchamp Village Hall – grant	500.00
Lethbridge Memorial Rec Committee – towards grass cutting & insurance	1,900.00
R Cripps – dog waste bags	98.70
F Rowswell – equipment for winter store including self-inflating floodbags	287.86

A grant of £1,712.90 had been received from Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Authority to set up a store of items needed in adverse weather conditions.

A letter of thanks was received from the Citizens Advice Bureau for the £25 donation.

It was agreed to increase the Precept by 9%.

#### LENGTHSMAN

South Petherton Parish Council is holding surplus funds for the Lengthsman Scheme and Cllr Cripps will propose that the payments from each parish remain unchanged as the funds will gradually diminish.

### HIGHWAYS

The recent storms had caused landslides at the crossroads with Barrington Main and at Shells Lane, but there had not been as much floodwater and silt as this had been held back by the planting of an area of grass at Hill Farm.

The PCSO will be informed of cars being parked on pavements.

Potholes and road erosion will be reported to the Highway Authority.

The County Council advised of a temporary road closure in Lambrook Road and Greenway Lane from 3 February to carry out drainage works.

### FOOTPATHS

Cllr Cripps reported that part of the bank had fallen into the stream at Cowleaze.

The new gate had sunk and is not useable and he has informed the Rights of Way Department.

### ALLOTMENTS

Two sheds had been blown over in the recent storms.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.