

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council, which took place on Monday 13 July 2015 at the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT Cllrs Cripps (Chair), Bishop, England, Finlay, Lillywhite, Wakely, Mr A Dance (District Councillor), Police Beat Manager Mark Bonici and PCSO Ceara Sturt.

APOLOGIES Cllrs Brunt & Tevendale, Mr C Raikes (District Councillor).

It was noted that Cllr England had sent apologies for absence at the previous meeting.

POLICING

Beat Manager Mark Bonici and PCSO Ceara Sturt were welcomed to the meeting. Following a spate of thefts from garages and sheds in other villages, they reminded everyone to mark their possessions and keep buildings locked. The Parish Councillors asked advice about inconsiderate parking at road junctions and they replied that the Police have the power to get any vehicles causing an obstruction removed.

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

MATTERS ARISING

Highways It was confirmed that work had been carried out on the lane opposite Brickyard Cottage.

The County Council sent an amended plan, showing the revised position of the flashing lights near the School to include the area near the Village Hall at the Parish Council's request. The scheme is planned to be implemented by Winter 2015.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

DC REPORT

Further to an enquiry about Superfast Broadband, Adam Dance will send the Clerk a copy of the District Council's press release in respect of funding for this. It is noted that work is currently taking place and it is expected that the South Petherton area will be complete by January.

PLANNING

Permission has been granted for:

Demolition of existing single storey extension and erection of two storey extension together with internal alterations to Holmelands, Lambrook Road.

Demolition of existing single storey flat roofed extension and outbuilding, alterations and erection of two storey extension at The Nook, Buttle Lane.

Cllr Tevendale had attended the training session on the Planning Application Process and the presentation slides had been circulated.

Parishioners will be reminded via The Web that they can see the Parish Council Agenda on the noticeboard and view planning applications at the Post Office.

ACCOUNTS

A cheque for £301.92 was drawn for the District Council Parish Ranger.

PARISH PLAN

A letter of thanks will be sent to the Events Committee for organising the very successful St Petroc's Fayre, which was most enjoyable. Cllr Finlay was thanked for all his help with the tables and chairs.

The Flower Show has a disappointing number of entries so far.

Yarlington Housing will now be charging the Neighbourhood Watch Group for the use of the room at Buttle Close for meetings so they may be looking to meet elsewhere.

HIGHWAYS

The Clerk will ask when the drainage work on Shepton Hill is likely to take place as two accidents had occurred on ice there last winter and the leaking water is likely to erode the tarmac.

PARISH RANGER

The Ranger had trimmed the hedge on the bank at the front of Piece Lane to improve sight lines and Cllr Cripps will make enquiries as to ownership of the piece of land at the end which needs tidying.

FOOTPATHS

The County Council have carried out their Spring cut of the footpaths which they trim, with Cllr Cripps and the Parish Ranger mowing the other paths. The next cut will be carried out in August/September.

CHAIRMAN

Cllr Cripps had volunteered to Chair the Parish Council until September and Cllr Bishop agreed to take on this role for the next three months, starting with the September meeting.

Cllr Cripps wondered if the Parish Council would be able to have a set of keys to the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.