

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council, which took place on Monday 14 September 2015 at the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT Cllrs Bishop (Chair), Brunt, England, Finlay, Lillywhite, Tevendale, Messrs A Dance (District Councillor), C Le Hardy (County Councillor).

APOLOGIES Cllrs Cripps, Holmes, Wakely, Mr C Raikes (District Councillor).

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

MATTER ARISING

Parking Cars parked too close to road junctions continue to be a problem. The Clerk will ask the Highway Authority to repaint the feint road markings and Cllr England will ask the Village Hall Committee to put up a notice reminding users not to cause an obstruction when parking.

Village Hall Key As the Parish Council only meets monthly, it will not be possible to have a set of Village Hall keys.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

DC REPORT

Adam Dance said the District Council is considering taking over Westlands Leisure Complex on a 30 year lease.

The five year housing supply is not being met.

The District Council is planning to house 24 Syrian refugee families.

CC REPORT

Christopher Le Hardy encouraged BT users to sign up for Superfast Broadband.

Health & Wellbeing Grants are available again, applications to be submitted before Christmas.

Small Improvement Schemes will also be considered.

The Somerset Rivers Authority is to be a separate precepting body.

The County Councillor was advised of two areas on the edge of the village where flooding occurs regularly.

PLANNING

Permission has been granted for the erection of a dwelling and provision of access track on land at Brimfield, Lambrook Road.

ACCOUNTS

Since the last meeting, cheques had been drawn for:

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| S Som District Council - Parish Ranger | £612.00 |
| R Cripps – dog waste bags | 157.25 |

The external audit fee of £120 was paid to Grant Thornton.

PARISH PLAN

The Councillors were sorry that the Flower Show had to be cancelled and Cllr England said a survey is to be carried out to gauge demand. Adam Dance said he would be happy to become involved with the Show and would be willing to talk to the School children about it.

Cllr Finlay said the 10K and Fun Run had taken place the previous day, with 103 entrants overall.

The Last Night of the Proms was a very good evening, but attendance was disappointing.

The Parish Council commended the Recreation Field Committee and Football Club on all the work they are carrying out – painting the Pavilion and MUGA with paint kindly donated by Bradfords, moving the football pitch and replacing the goal posts, and a letter of thanks will be sent to the Chair of the Recreation Field.

HIGHWAYS

The Highway Authority will be reminded about a sign stating that the narrow lane opposite Brickyard Cottage is unsuitable for HGVs.

The drainage work on Shepton Hill is scheduled for 16 November – 11 December.

The Highway Authority will be advised of broken kerbstones in Middle Street, a pothole at the end of Great Lane and a missing sign pointing to Love Lane.

DOG BIN

Concern had been expressed about the smell from the dog waste bin near the spot where parents wait for school children. Adam Dance will enquire how often it is emptied and the Councillors will consider whether there would be a more suitable place to site it.

FOOTPATHS

Cllr Brunt said the footpaths are becoming wider due to not being trimmed close enough to the hedges.

ALLOTMENTS

Cllr Brunt expressed concern that ragwort is growing on the vacant allotments. Adam Dance offered to meet Parish Councillors there and advise on the best way to keep the area tidy. Parish Councillors were asked to look at the Allotments before the next meeting, when the matter will be discussed.

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm.