

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council which took place on Monday 18 December 2017 at the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT Cllrs Bishop, Brunt, Cripps, England, Finlay, Joy, Lillywhite, Wakely, Messrs A Dance (District & County Councillor), C Raikes (District Councillor) and one parishioner.

APOLOGIES Cllr Rowswell.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

A report was received of a suspicious door to door seller.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Concern was expressed about potholes in Littlefields Lane, which cause a danger to cyclists. The Clerk will report this and ask when the lane is scheduled for resurfacing.

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

MATTERS ARISING

Bus Services Adam Dance said the County Council is not prepared, at the present time, to take on the bus service to Yeovil College but students who live more than three miles from the nearest bus stop can apply for a petrol allowance of up to £135 per annum.

RECREATION FIELD

Innis Finlay said the Recreation Committee have two quotes for the updated plans for the parking area at the Recreation Field and a third will be obtained. The District Council will be approached for a grant.

The store used by the Football Club and Parish Council is being re-roofed and the Parish Council agreed to contribute towards this.

DC REPORT

The District Council has now purchased the Wilkinsons building in Yeovil.

The District Councillors were asked to report on South Petherton's Neighbourhood Plan. Crispin Raikes said that, if a parish can define how they would like their village to develop and it is accepted by the District Council, it can add weight to such matters as challenging a planning application but it is costly as it involved employing a planning consultant.

CC REPORT

Adam Dance reported that the Park & Ride in Taunton would no longer operate on Saturdays after Christmas. This is the only bus which goes to Musgrove Park Hospital.

Speed Indicator Devices will no longer be available so there will be no data to back up Small Improvement Schemes.

PLANNING

Permission has been granted for change of use from agricultural to residential to form additional garden for Plot 2 on land OS 2733 Shells Lane.

VILLAGE SHOP

Concern was expressed that the Village Shop is currently on the market as the parish would not wish to lose this valuable asset.

ACCOUNTS

Cheques were drawn for:

South Som District Council – Parish Ranger	£301.92
Lethbridge Memorial Rec Ctee – towards roof of store	185.00
Community Heartbeat Trust – two defibrillators	3,390.00

DEFIBRILLATORS

The defibrillators are now being ordered and arrangements will be made for training and publicity.

PARISH PLAN

A very successful Community Christmas Lunch for 32 had taken place and gratitude was expressed to all who had organised it and given food and drink towards it.

The residents of Buttle Close are having to prove the use of their community room as Yarlington are considering turning it into extra accommodation.

HIGHWAYS

The Clerk was asked to report the following highway matters:

Deep pothole in Whitfield Lane.

Blocked drains towards Cowleaze and between Great Lane and Shells Lane.

The silt trap at the top of Great Lane is full.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05 pm.