

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council, which took place on Monday 9 February 2015 at the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT Cllrs Cripps (Chair), Bishop, England, Hallett, Wakely, Messrs B Walker (District Councillor), C Le Hardy (County Councillor) and 4 parishioners.

APOLOGIES Cllrs Brunt, Finlay, Lillywhite, Rowswell, Mr P Thompson (District Councillor).

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A parishioner asked if the broken sign banning horses and cycling along the path at Buttle Close could be refurbished and Cllr Cripps will look into this.

A planning application had been received to remove the live/work condition from Manor Barn and the applicant said she considers the condition to be outdated.

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

#### MATTERS ARISING

Highways Cllr Bishop was pleased to see that the large pothole on Barrington Main had been repaired to a good standard.

The drainage work on Shepton Hill had been postponed until further notice and the Clerk will ask when it is likely to be done as three accidents had occurred there due to ice.

Planning The Planning Authority replied that neighbours are informed of planning applications at the same time as Parish Councils are notified.

#### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr England, as neighbour, declared an interest in a planning application to remove the live/work condition from Manor Barn.

#### CC REPORT

The County Councillor spoke of difficult decisions having to be made in respect of the budget but Council Tax will remain unchanged.

Resurfacing of the A358 at West Hatch is currently being undertaken at night time.

The Somerset Rivers Authority has now been set up and the next phase of the flood scheme will be to widen the Sowey River.

#### DC REPORT

The Local Plan is expected to be formally adopted in March.

Mr Walker spoke of the Draft Rural Lettings Policy, which will protect rural social housing in villages by ensuring priority to local people.

The District Council is expecting an update from BT next month on Superfast Broadband.

The District Council is organising a community event in April covering all aspects of water management in South Somerset and two representatives from the Parish Council will be invited to attend.

#### PLANNING

There were no objections to an application to remove the live/work requirement at Manor Barn, Littlefields Lane.

An error had occurred in the conversion of outbuilding at Home Farm, which had resulted in an extra rooflight, to which the Planning Authority have no objections.

Permission was granted for the demolition of Tara, Wash Cross, and erection of new dwelling with solar panels.

#### ACCOUNTS

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

#### PARISH PLAN

An Events Team meeting to discuss St Petroc's Fayre was taking place at the same time as the Parish Council Meeting and Cllrs Finlay and Lillywhite were there to represent the Parish Council.

Cllr Bishop said the village cinema was quite well attended and an enjoyable social get-together. She suggested the Events Team liaises with the School to get more support for the children's films.

#### HIGHWAYS

Three potholes in Shells Lane will be reported.

The salt in the bin has become compacted and the Parish Ranger will be asked to empty it so that it can be refilled.

#### FOOTPATHS

Cllr Bishop wondered if the open stile could be replaced by one with a dog hatch which badgers could not access on the footpath in Ash Lane.

Dog walkers will be reminded that they can double wrap dog waste and put it in their own bins for collection by the refuse lorry rather than filling up the public bins.

#### ALLOTMENTS

The Parish Ranger has been strimming vacant allotments to tidy up the area.

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.