

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

PRESENT Cllrs Rowswell (Chair), Bishop, Cripps, England, Finlay, Hallett, Lillywhite, Wakely, Mr B Walker (District Councillor), PCSO Ian Ross and one parishioner.

APOLOGIES Cllr Brunt, Messrs P Thompson (District Councillor), C Le Hardy (County Councillor).

#### POLICING

PCSO Ian Ross said he is now working with Ceara Sturt in the new model of policing, covering the area from Shepton Beauchamp to Stoke-sub-Hamdon and Tintinhull, and will come to Parish Council Meetings as often as he can.

Now that lawnmowers and strimmers are being put away for the winter, he reminded that outbuildings should be checked once a week to see that nothing has been stolen.

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Buchan Dennis spoke about his planning application for a gallery and tearoom with six tables at Shepton House and the Parish Councillors were happy to support this.

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

#### DC REPORT

Mr Walker said the public consultation on the Local Plan had now ended so it will be re-submitted and it is hoped to hear from the Inspector by the end of the year. A report on dualling the A303 is expected this Autumn.

#### COUNTY COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S AWARDS

Cllr Rowswell was pleased to report that both Sharon Humphreys and Roger Cripps are to receive County Council Chairman's Awards for Service to the Community and the Parish Council is grateful for all they do in the village.

#### PLANNING

There were no objections to planning applications to convert an existing building into gallery and tearoom and to install new entrance signage at Shepton House.

A vote was taken on an application to subdivide existing five bed dwelling into two three bed dwellings at Pendower, Shells Lane and all except one were in favour.

### PARISH PLAN

The Film Club had a full house at their recent evening showing and eight children attended the afternoon film.

A profit of over £100 was made at the Shep Fest.

There are plans to remove the rubble and burn the trees at the Recreation Field and enquiries will be made as to re-turfing the area.

Cllr Cripps had obtained a black wheelie bin for the Recreation Field.

### PARISH RANGER SCHEME

Cllr Cripps had met Steve Fox to discuss the Ranger Scheme, which seems very flexible. The Ranger would be in the village on alternate Tuesdays. He will be able to lift drain covers and clear gullies but not rod between them. All were in favour of the Ranger starting as soon as possible.

### HIGHWAYS

Cllr Hallett spoke of the excellent job which was carried out repairing the pavements and the Clerk will thank the Highway Authority.

### FOOTPATHS

Some work had been carried out on the footpaths and it was noted that new gates had been provided in the field above the Allotments.

### ALLOTMENTS

Most of the rent had been collected immediately before this meeting.

There are several vacant allotments and consideration may be given next year to reorganising some of the plots.

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm.