

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council, which took place on Monday 12 October 2015 at the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

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

APOLOGIES Cllrs Holmes, Tevendale.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Hearn spoke about his planning application to replace softwood timber framed windows and doors with double glazed black aluminium frames at Washcross Barn, Littlefields Lane. He would have preferred upvc and Crispin Raikes will ask the Planning Officer why this is not being allowed.

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

MATTERS ARISING

Dog Bin The District Council will be asked if the bin near the shop could be emptied more frequently and Cllr Cripps wondered if a deodorant block would help to eliminate the smell.

Parking Extra white lines will be requested at The Pound to stop parking across the entrance.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

CC REPORT

Christopher Le Hardy spoke of Fairer Funding for Somerset, which is attempting to persuade the Secretary of State to reconsider funding for education to make it fairer.

There is a new benchmark scheme as a quality check to which Somerset Youth Clubs will have to conform.

DC REPORT

Crispin Raikes said there would be an extra full Council Meeting the following day to discuss whether to take on Westlands Leisure Complex.

A feasibility study is being undertaken as to whether to share services with another District Council, possibly Mendip or Sedgemoor.

Adam Dance had met Cllrs Bishop and Cripps to look at the Allotments and is happy to work with them to find the best way forward. He was thanked for his help. This may be a project which could receive funding from the County Councillor's Health and Wellbeing Fund.

PLANNING

No objections were raised to the application to replace existing softwood timber framed windows and doors with double glazed black aluminium frames at Washcross Barn, Littlefields Lane.

ACCOUNTS

Cheques were drawn for:

Shepton Beauchamp Village Hall – Hire of room	£165.00
South Som District Council – Parish Ranger	£301.92

PARISH PLAN

Cllr Finlay said the Recreation Committee were grateful for the letter expressing the Parish Council's appreciation for all the work they are doing.

The Events Team are organising the annual Bonfire and Fireworks Display on 7 November.

HIGHWAYS

The Clerk will report large potholes in the road leading to Lopen Head.

The Parish Council was offered a supply of de-icer material for use in the winter and Cllr Cripps will ask the Parish Ranger to collect this.

Concern was expressed about a slippery manhole cover near Bakery Mews, which had caused two parishioners to fall, and this problem will be investigated.

FOOTPATHS

Cllr Cripps confirmed that a kissing gate had been delivered and would be fixed in position, on the footpath between Home Farm and Manor Farm, by the Ramblers Volunteer Group.

ALLOTMENTS

The Parish Councillors had looked at the Allotments since the last meeting and it was felt the best way forward would be to move some of the Allotment Holders so that the whole cultivated area is in one place. Adam Dance suggested the Parish Council prepares the land and splits it into numbered plots. Cllr Wakely wondered if the Recreation Field gate could be opened to allow parking.

The Parish Councillors will meet at the Allotments at 5 pm on 20 October.

A meeting will be arranged with the Allotment Holders to discuss the proposals.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.