

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council, which took place on Monday 10 October 2011.

PRESENT Cllrs Rowswell (Chair), Bishop, Cripps, Fowler, Hallett, Lewis, Rivers, Wakely, Mr B Walker (District Councillor), Mr P Maxwell (County Councillor).

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr England, Mr P Thompson (District Councillor)

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

#### MATTERS ARISING

Highways It has been noted that the Churchyard wall in Love Lane has been repaired and the Clerk will check that the Highway Authority is aware of this.

Affordable Housing Toby Lewis had attended the meeting on this subject with Charlotte Jones and representatives from High Ham and Compton Dundon. There is no funding available from the Government for the foreseeable future and the last survey undertaken in the village is now out of date. Cllr Rowswell will contact Charlotte about the possibility of another survey.

Parking at the Recreation Field The Recreation Committee will discuss possibilities at their next meeting.

#### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

#### CC REPORT

The County Council has reduced the mobile libraries from six to two but has to retain all the vehicles until the result of a judicial review. South Petherton Library has had a reprieve until the end of March at least.

The Crewkerne Recycling Centre has had a reprieve for a further year when it will be reviewed. Cllr Hallett asked the County Councillor to look into the requirements for taking part in Somerset Arts Week.

#### DC REPORT

Mr Walker said the District Councillors would be meeting the Police the following week. A review of the Parish Plan is being considered and the District Councillor will ask Les Collett if any funding would be available towards this.

#### ACCOUNTS

A cheque for £26,189.10 was drawn for the new play equipment and this will be released when the District Council grant has been received.

### PLANNING

Permission has been granted for the change of use of land from agricultural to equestrian use and the construction of a ménage on land to rear of Brimfield.

### COMMUNITY COUNCIL FOR SOMERSET

The Community Council has organised a scheme of community-based countywide oil buying to save on the cost of heating oil. Further details can be obtained by phoning 01823 331222.

### PARISH PLAN

The Events Team is organising a bonfire and fireworks on Saturday 5 November.

Plans are in hand for raising funds to arrange a weekend of events next year to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

There is a possibility of Jubilee Cups being made in the village and the Parish Council would be pleased to support one for each child living in the village up to the age of 16.

It should be possible to use Shepton stone for nameplates at the entrances to the village, with hamstone inserts for the engraving.

### LENGTHSMAN

The Lengthsman will be arranging the distribution of grit in readiness for the winter and the Clerk will request that Yarlinton Homes see that the paths at Buttle Close are kept free from ice and snow.

### HIGHWAYS

The County Council will be asked to ensure that one of the roads out of the village is kept clear in case of adverse weather conditions.

Parking on pavements continues to be a problem, causing kerbstones to crack which makes it dangerous for pedestrians.

The condition of Great Lane is very poor although it is a short while since it was resurfaced and this needs to be put right before the Winter.

The County Council advised of a temporary road closure of Barrington Main for ten days to allow drainage work to be carried out.

### ALLOTMENTS

Allotment Rent was collected prior to the meeting and as some of these are vacant, it was agreed to seek interested persons in neighbouring villages.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm