

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council, which took place on Monday 10 September at the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT Cllrs Rowswell (Chair), Bishop, England, Hallett, Messrs P Thompson & B Walker (District Councillors), P Maxwell (County Councillor) and 2 parishioners.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllrs Cripps, Fowler, Lewis.

#### CO-OPTION TO FILL VACANCY

There were two very worthy candidates for the vacancy, a vote was taken and Clare Lillywhite was co-opted onto the Council

MINUTES The Minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed and signed after an amendment stating that Tom Rees will be burying the time capsules and the Lengthsman will be asked to keep the grass tidy until that time.

#### MATTERS ARISING

Diamond Jubilee Cllr Rowswell said there are still a number of mugs left and these can be used as prizes at future events. There are two village signs remaining and one of these may be sold in a silent auction.

Plans to extend Church Cllr Rowswell asked for views on the idea of extending the Church to provide disabled toilet and servery. The Councillors could see the benefit of providing this but felt it would be very expensive and wondered if space could be found within the existing building.

#### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Rowswell declared an interest, as applicant, in a planning application at Crofters, Lambrook Road.

#### POLICING

There had been one reported crime of theft in the village during August. The new PCSO for the area is Ceara Sturt.

#### DC REPORT

Mr Thompson said that August had been a quiet month and he spoke of drop-in sessions about Council Tax.

Mr Walker said there will be a lot of change next year with a relaxation of planning law and the introduction of the Community Infrastructure Levy.

### CC REPORT

Mr Maxwell was to attend a meeting the following day about spending priorities.  
Cllr England advised him of a large pothole and two blocked drains in Littlefields Lane.

### PLANNING

Cllr Rowswell left the room, and Cllr Hallett took the Chair, while the Councillors considered revised drawings for the erection of two bungalows and formation of new pedestrian/vehicular access, demolition of existing garage and erection of new detached garage for existing dwelling at Crofters, Lambrook Road. The Councillors were still concerned as to whether there would be sufficient parking space and wondered if the garages could be moved back further to provide this.

Permission has been granted for the extension to existing agricultural storage barn at Home Farm.

### FLOODING

Concern was expressed about recent instances of flash flooding during heavy rain in Lambrook Road putting several properties at risk.

### ACCOUNTS

A cheque for £2,650 was drawn for Tom Rees for the Village Stones.

Cllr Hallett suggested that, having given donations to the Recreation Committee, the Pre-School and the Church, any future requests for funding this year should be declined and this was agreed.

The Audit Commission advised that Grant Thornton have been appointed as external auditors for the Parish Council Accounts for five years from 2012/13.

### PARISH PLAN

Vandalism had occurred at Cowleaze the previous month and, disappointingly, there had been more problems at Brimgrove after the Shepfest event at the Recreation Field.

### HIGHWAYS

Buttle Lane has now been resurfaced.

### ALLOTMENTS

Allotment Rent will be collected at 7 pm on 8 October.

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

