

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

PRESENT Cllrs Rowswell (Chair), Bishop, Cripps, England, Lillywhite, Wakely, Messrs P Thompson (District Councillor), P Maxwell (County Councillor) and 2 parishioners.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr Hallett, Mr B Walker (District Councillor).

#### RESIGNATION

The Councillors were sorry to receive the resignation of Toby Lewis and are grateful for all he did whilst serving on the Council.

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident, who had lived in the village since April, attended the meeting as an interested onlooker.

Jeff Knipe expressed his disappointment at the negative response from the Parish Council to the planning application to extend the Church building. He said that if it had been possible to provide the toilet and kitchen facilities within the existing building it would have been the preferred option. The faculty system, which is similar to planning procedures, will demand full consultation throughout the village and the PCC would like the support of the Parish Council.

Cllr Rowswell replied that, following discussion with the Planner, it was agreed that due to physical and financial restraints the extension is the only option at the present time so the Parish Council would support it.

Cllr England felt that a large amount of money would have to be raised by a small village but Jeff Knipe felt it was achievable and said that local skills could be put towards it.

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

#### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

#### DC REPORT

Mr Thompson advised that Yeovil Recycling Centre is to be revamped to improve the flow of traffic. A full District Council Meeting will take place in December.

A supply of spring bulbs had been received from the District Council and these are being planted at Piece Lane, Cowleaze and the Recreation Field and some were given to the School and Playgroup to plant.

CC REPORT

Mr Maxwell said a one-off grant would be available in April from the Community Warden Scheme towards the Lengthsman Scheme.

Cllr Rowswell suggested there should be a sign at Watergore stating that the speed limit had changed.

PLANNING

Permission has been granted for the following:

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.

Erection of two storey rear extension to Watts Cottage, Middle Street.

Conversion of existing garage into residential annexe and erection of car port at Stone Masons Cottage, Shells Lane.

Extension to south aisle of St Michael's Church to house disabled toilet and kitchen area.

ACCOUNTS

Cheques were drawn for:

Parsons Landscapes – final payment for play area	£671.52
R Cripps – dog waste bags	68.15
Wessex Water – Cowleaze Lease	1.00

PARISH PLAN

Cllr Cripps reported on a recent Neighbourhood Watch Meeting, attended by two PCSOs, when dissatisfaction was expressed about the lack of communication from the Police and a more visible police presence was requested.

Dog fouling of the play area at the Recreation Field has become a problem and it was agreed to purchase a dispenser for dog waste bags.

Broken glass had also been seen at the Recreation Field.

LENGTHSMAN

The Lengthsman will be keeping an eye on the drainage grill in Great Lane and clearing leaves from drains.

HIGHWAYS

Blocked drains continue to be a problem and the Highway Authority will be asked to attend to this.

### ALLOTMENTS

Despite local advertising, there are still some vacant allotments so these will be advertised further afield.

### DEFIBRILATOR

Sites suggested for the defibrillator were the Recreation Field or the Shop and it was felt that the Shop would be more central.

### SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S AWARD

The Councillors were pleased to hear that Jo Walshe had received a County Council Chairman's Award for Service to the Community and the County Councillor agreed to present this to her at the next Parish Council Meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm.