

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council which took place on Monday 11 March 2013 at the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT Cllrs Rowswell (Chair), Bishop, Cripps, England, Lillywhite, Willoughby, Messrs B Walker, (District Councillor), P Maxwell (County Councillor), two Police Officers and two parishioners.

APOLOGIES Cllrs Fowler, Wakely, Mr P Thompson (District Councillor), Mrs K Brooker (Headteacher).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Blue and Jo Walshe spoke of their plans to retire from the Village Shop and Post Office and they wondered if the village would be interested in purchasing it and running it as a community shop. They had explored the possibilities and they gave the Parish Council a file of their research and contact details of various organisations who would be able to give help and advice. The Chairman thanked Blue and Jo for coming to the meeting and said the suggestion would be put to the village.

POLICING

The Police Officers were welcomed to the meeting and advised of a problem of dumping of garden waste in Shells Lane.

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

MATTERS ARISING

Highways Cllr Bishop spoke of the unsatisfactory way in which the potholes had been repaired and Cllr Rowswell will send Mike Fear an updated list of the work which is required. In reply to the query about responsibility for landslips, the County Councillor said that land owners are responsible for maintaining their banks but the Highway Authority will always clear any debris off the road. The County Council would be the enforcing authority unless it is a planning condition, in which case the enforcing authority would be the District Council.

Footpaths It had been noticed that a footpath sign had been incorrectly sited in Washcross Lane.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

DC REPORT

Mr Walker spoke of a new initiative to help prevent homelessness, supported by the District Council and Knightstone.

CC REPORT

Mr Maxwell said the Mobile Library, which has six vehicles operating on a four weekly cycle, is not under threat but the Library Service is being reviewed.

The traffic calming scheme at Watergore is being installed in April.

Superfast Broadband is coming to Somerset in 2015.

Cllr Rowswell will attend the Flooding Summit to be held at Taunton on 15 March.

EMERGENCY PLAN

The Porlock Flood Plan is still being circulated.

ACCOUNTS

Cheques were drawn for:

Greenslade Taylor Hunt for the Diocese – Rent for School Play Area	£25.00
D Clarke – Clerk’s salary	1,648.00
HM Revenue & Customs – PAYE	412.00

PARISH PLAN

An Easter Market will take place on Saturday 16 March from 10.00 – 12.00.

It was agreed to call an Extraordinary Meeting on Wednesday 17 April at 7.45 pm, to which all households will be invited, to discuss the future of the Village Shop and Post Office.

LETHBRIDGE MEMORIAL RECREATION COMMITTEE

Cllr Willoughby reported on two recent meetings of the Recreation Committee.

The pavilion showers are not working as they should and this is being investigated.

The Football Club is planning a fund raising event in April or May.

Plans were discussed for the Whacky Olympics. The Parish Council would be able to reclaim the VAT on the expenses but did not feel in a position to sponsor the event.

The Dog Warden will be carrying out patrols but is unable to insist that dogs are kept on leads as the law does not require this.

Blue Walshe had asked if the Parish Council owes the Recreation Committee a grant of £1,500 and the Clerk will reply that this is not so.

LENGTHSMAN

Cllr Cripps reported on the recent meeting and said the Lengthsman had asked if the parishes would jointly replace the strimmer for a new one each year. The Councillors will discuss this at the next meeting.

HIGHWAYS

Cllr Rowswell will remind Mike Fear about the heaps of spoil near the crossroads and the poor condition of the pavements and loose edging kerbs.

FOOTPATHS

The Dog Warden will be asked to patrol the area near the School where dog fouling has become a problem. The Parish Council would be interested to hear from anyone who has information as to the identity of the culprits.

Cllr Cripps advised that the Secretary of Shepton Beauchamp Ramblers, Penny Warman of Ilminster, had passed away and he is Acting Secretary.

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Monday 8 April at the Village Hall at 7.00 pm, followed by the Parish Council Meeting.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AGENDA

- 1 Apologies for absence
- 2 Minutes of last year's meeting
- 3 Chairman's Report
- 4 Reports from village organisations
- 5 Matters raised by parishioners

PARISH COUNCIL AGENDA

- 1 Apologies for absence
- 2 Public Participation
- 3 Approval of minutes of last meeting
- 4 Matters arising from minutes
- 5 Declarations of Interest
- 6 Reports from DC/CC
- 7 Correspondence & Planning – Erection of single dwelling at Highfield Lambrook Road
- 8 Accounts
- 9 Parish Plan
- 10 Lengthsman
- 11 Highways
- 12 Footpaths
- 13 Allotments

The planning application can be viewed at the Post Office.