

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of meeting of the Parish Council, which took place on Monday 10 March 2014 at the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT Cllrs Rowswell (Chair), Cripps, England, Finlay, Hallett, Wakely, Willoughby, Mr B Walker (District Councillor).

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllrs Bishop, Lillywhite, Mr P Thompson (District Councillor).

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

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr England declared an interest, as neighbour, in a planning application to erect a replacement side extension and new porch to Tara, Wash Cross.

MATTERS ARISING

Policing Several thefts had taken place in the village in the past month so Police patrols had been stepped up in the area.

Defibrillator Cllr England will make enquiries about the possibility of a defibrillator.

DC REPORT

Mr Walker spoke of the flooding on the Somerset Levels and said that dredging would commence at the end of March provided water levels have dropped and the banks are dry enough. It looks likely that the dualling of the A303 may be going ahead. At the full Council Meeting on 13 March, the Local Plan is to be resubmitted.

PLANNING

No objections were raised to an application to erect replacement side extension, new porch and replacement roof at Tara, Wash Cross, provided that adequate drainage is put in. An application was considered for the erection of single storey extension to side and rear of Highfield, Lambrook Road, and the Councillors had concerns about the size of the proposal which they felt would be overdevelopment of the site.

ACCOUNTS

Cheques were drawn for:

D Clarke – Clerk’s salary	£1,700.00
HM Revenue & Customs – PAYE	425.00
D Clarke – Clerk’s expenses	152.80

PARISH PLAN

Cllr Cripps said a grant had been received for extending the willow tunnel and providing logs for children to play on at Cowleaze Meadow.

Cllr Willoughby circulated copies of Recreation Committee Minutes.

LENGTHSMAN

Cllr Cripps reported that it had been decided that, due to surplus funds held for the Lengthsman Scheme, parishes will not be required to pay anything at present.

There are some broken signs which the Lengthsman may be able to repair.

HIGHWAYS

The condition of the roads was discussed, noting that Whitfield Lane is now impassable and Shells Lane is in need of attention. Some drain covers have become impacted and cannot be lifted so are not being cleared.

Some of the pavements have been repaired, but not well.

Cllr Rowswell will reiterate the problems to Mike Fear.

ALLOTMENTS

One of the vacant allotments had now been filled and the others will be strimmed by the Lengthsman.

RESIGNATION

The Councillors were sorry to receive Cllr Willoughby's resignation, due to work commitments, and thanked him for all he had done whilst serving on the Council.

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

