

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council, which took place on Monday 11 July 2016 at the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT Cllrs Bishop (Chair), Brunt, Cripps, England, Finlay, Lillywhite, Wakely, Messrs A Dance & C Raikes (District Councillors), C Le Hardy (County Councillor) and Mr P Dance (Planning Agent).

APOLOGIES Cllr Holmes.

CASUAL VACANCY

The District Council had confirmed that the Parish Council Vacancy can be filled by co-option and interested persons will be invited to the September meeting.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

A report had been received from Mr Halsey, noting that there had been a burglary from a workshop in Lambrook Road. More volunteers are needed to represent various areas in the village.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr P Dance spoke about a planning application to erect a dwelling and garage on land off Shells Lane. The Parish Council had no objections to the proposal subject to satisfactory surface water drainage, such as a gravel driveway.

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

MATTER ARISING

Recreation Field Parking Cllr Finlay confirmed that the Recreation Committee is in the process of filling in a grant application form.

DC REPORT

Adam Dance said there would be a full Council Meeting the following week.

Crispin Raikes spoke of a new application for a telephone mast at Frogmary Green Farm, which should produce 4G.

CC REPORT

A report was received from Christopher Le Hardy. This included the Food for Thought programme at Frogmary Green, Armed Forces Day, the proposed second exit from Tesco's Yeovil, the future of Barrington School and the proposed resurfacing of Windsmoor Hill. The County Council are to have a stand at Yeovil Show, asking people to prioritise how their funds should be spent.

Nominations are invited for the County Council Chairman's Award for Service to the Community.

PARISH WEBSITE

This will be discussed at the next meeting, when Ian Hawkins is able to be present.

ACCOUNTS

Cheques were drawn for:

C Lillywhite – wine for get well gift	£8.50
South Som District Council – Parish Ranger	301.92

HIGHWAYS

Cllr Bishop reported that the drainage problem at Silver Springs had finally been solved and was caused by a pipe being blocked by a bucket and some wood.

She had met Gary Warren to discuss a sign for the Village Shop. The Highway Authority would provide a Post Office sign, but a shop sign would be the responsibility of the shopkeeper. The Clerk will ask him to go ahead with a Post Office sign.

Gary Warren looked at the possibility of a sign stating that Greenway Lane – Shells Lane is unsuitable for heavy goods vehicles and it will be suggested that the best place for a sign would be opposite Brickyard Cottage.

Cllr Bishop also asked him to renew all the white lines in the village.

The County Councillor will take up the matter of erosion of the road edge and a drainage problem on the road to Lopen Head.

FOOTPATHS

The County Council have not yet strimmed any of the paths but Cllr Cripps and the Parish Ranger have cut the most important ones. The County Councillor suggested encouraging people to adopt paths.

ALLOTMENTS

It was agreed that the vacant allotments would be strimmed and allotment holders would then be reminded to keep theirs in good order.

The Parish Council is grateful to the adjoining landowner for keeping the rest of the field tidy and will consider drawing up an agreement.

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.