

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council, which took place on Monday 14 November 2016 at the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT Cllrs Bishop (Chair), Brunt, England, Joy, Lillywhite, Wakely, Messrs A Dance (District Councillor), C Le Hardy (County Councillor) and one parishioner.

APOLOGIES Cllrs Cripps, Finlay, Mr C Raikes (District Councillor).

#### CASUAL VACANCY

There is currently a vacancy on the Parish Council and anyone interested in being co-opted is asked to contact the Parish Clerk on 01935 823268.

#### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

#### NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Incidents in which Neighbourhood Watch were involved in the last month included an obscured 20 mph sign near Martletts, one insecure premises which was rectified, two suspicious persons passed to 101 but found to be lawful and one case of missing bags of logs and a bag of kindling under investigation.

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

#### MATTERS ARISING

HIGHWAYS The white line has now been painted on the correct side of the road but does not extend as far as it should. Cllr Joy will follow this up.

#### DC REPORT

The District Councillor's report had been circulated.

The District Council now has a road sweeper, which can also suck out drains, and this service is available at cost price.

#### CC REPORT

The County Councillor's report had been circulated.

Mr Le Hardy spoke of the serious problems for the NHS due to a large increase in population.

He said that too much is expected of the welfare state.

ACCOUNTS

Cheques were drawn for:

Grant Thornton – external audit of accounts	£120.00
Shepton Beauchamp Village Hall – hire of room	165.00
Citizens Advice Bureau – donation	25.00

DEFIBRILLATOR

It is hoped to provide one or two defibrillators in the village and local businesses will be asked if they would be willing to contribute towards the cost.

Cllr Joy volunteered to raise funds towards this by a sponsored swim.

First Responder, Mark Norbury, will be invited to a Parish Council Meeting to advise on defibrillators.

PUBLIC TELEPHONE

BT are planning to remove the public telephone as only 28 calls had been made from it during the past year but there will be an opportunity to adopt the kiosk. Cllr England was of the opinion that it was already listed and the Clerk will make enquiries.

PARISH PLAN

The Bonfire and Fireworks Evening was very well organised and a great success, making a profit of £1,500. A letter of thanks will be sent to the Events Team.

HIGHWAYS

Cllr England had been advised that Barrington Main and the top of Great Lane would be patched within the next month.

FOOTPATHS

The overhanging branch had been removed from the footpath.

The Ranger will be asked to repair the riser on the stile on the Washcross footpath.

ALLOTMENTS

One of the vacant allotments has now been filled.

Following a meeting at the Allotments, it was felt that a wider path is needed along the edge for the mower and a rabbit problem was noted.

Due to difficulties getting larger machinery into the area, a request was made for a temporary access from the paddock behind Piece Lane to look after the vacant allotment area, and there were no objections to this.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.