

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council, which took place on Monday 13 March 2017 at the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT Cllrs Bishop (Chair), Brunt, Cripps, England, Finlay, Joy, Lillywhite, Rowswell, Wakely.

APOLOGIES Messrs A Dance & C Raikes (District Councillors), C Le Hardy (County Councillor).

#### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

#### NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator had sent a report that there were two suspicious incidents in February, one in the Churchyard and the other at a new building project, and one act of criminal damage on the goal posts at the Recreation Field.

It was noticed that a pane of glass had been smashed in the newly adopted telephone kiosk. Cllr Joy will clear away the broken glass and arrangements will be made to replace it.

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

#### MATTERS ARISING

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY Cllr Wakely asked if this levy is to be imposed on individual new builds to be occupied by the owner and it was confirmed that the levy would not apply in such cases.

TREE PLANTING The tree is to be planted at Cowleaze Meadow on 25 March in a position agreed with Cllr Cripps.

#### CC REPORT

The County Councillor's Report had been circulated.

#### PLANNING

Permission has been granted for the erection of rear single storey extension to Badgers Brook, Silver Street.

A Lawful Development Certificate was granted for proposed single storey rear extension and garage conversion at Orchard Lea, Love Lane.

A planning application had come to the attention of the Parish Council on land at Barrington Main (Parish of Seavington) for the demolition of a building and replacement with a new cold store and grading area. The Clerk will inform the Planning Department that the Parish Council would like to have been consulted and, whilst they have no objection to the building, they would like reassurance that it will not create increased traffic movements.

ACCOUNTS

Cheques were drawn for:

Greenslade Taylor Hunt – Rent for School play area	£25.00
South Som District Council - Parish Ranger	452.88
D Clarke – Clerk’s salary	1,872.00
HM Revenue & Customs – PAYE	468.00
D Clarke – Clerk’s expenses	215.36
R Cripps – Dog waste bags & stakes for Allotments	186.81

The Councillors discussed whether to continue providing dog waste bags, due to cost, and the matter will be discussed again when stocks are running low. Cllr Finlay will ask the Recreation Committee to provide bags for the Football Club for clearing the football pitch.

DEFIBRILLATORS

The Village Hall Committee has asked for more detail as to where the Parish Council would like to site the defibrillator and it was felt the best position would be on the outside wall at the front of the Village Hall. The other one would be positioned on the outside wall of the Pavilion at the Recreation Field. The fundraising is going well and Cllr Joy will be organising a Bingo towards it on 27 March. The Events Team will be thanked for their donation of £500 from the Murder Mystery.

PARISH PLAN

Cllr Cripps said a very successful working party had tidied up Cowleaze Meadow the previous day.

Cllr Finlay said that quotes would soon be considered by the Recreation Committee for fencing the parking area.

The Events Team had held another successful Film Night.

The Church is holding a Concert with Kingsbury Band on 22 April.

HIGHWAYS

Cllr Joy will remind the Highway Authority about extending the white line.

The Parish Ranger had cleared weeds from the road edges.

Parking near the Shells Lane junction is causing problems.

ALLOTMENTS

The Ranger is erecting the wire fence at the Allotments and should complete it this week.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35pm.

