

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on Monday 10 April 2017 at the Village Hall at 7 pm.

PRESENT Cllrs Bishop (Chair), Brunt, Cripps, Finlay, Joy, Lillywhite, Rowswell, Wakely, Ms J Fryer (Planning Agent) and 3 parishioners.

APOLOGIES Cllr England,  
Mr J Halsey (Neighbourhood Watch), Mrs S Humphreys (Events Team), Mrs J Priddle (Village Hall).

MINUTES The Minutes of the previous Parish Meeting were confirmed and signed.

#### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Jane Bishop said that Cllrs Sarah Tevendale and Bill Holmes had resigned from the Council and, in their place, Angie Joy and Andrew Rowswell were welcomed.

The drainage problem at Silver Springs had been resolved, the blockage being caused by a bucket and some timber. It is hoped that the flooding along Barrington Main has been solved by ditches being dug by the land owner. The Highway Authority has provided a sign for the Post Office and a sign prohibiting HGVs along Greenway Lane. White lines have been painted at the road edge to prevent parking at pinch points in the village.

The Parish Ranger is still doing a good job keeping the village tidy and has erected a fence at the Allotments.

The Parish Council is grateful to Ian Hawkins for maintaining the website and he would be pleased to receive updates from village organisations.

Mary Clark had retired from being Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator and was presented with a County Council Chairman's Award for Service to the Community. John Halsey has now taken on this role.

The telephone kiosk has been decommissioned and adopted by the Parish Council.

Plans are in hand to provide two defibrillators, one at the Village Hall and the other at the Recreation Field, and gratitude was expressed to Angie Joy for all her fund raising efforts for this. The Chairman thanked the County, District and Parish Councillors and Clerk for all they have done during the year.

#### PARISH PLAN

Angie Joy read the report received from Sharon Humphreys about the activities organised by the Events Team, including the 10K and Fun Run, Bonfire Party & Fireworks Display, Easter Coffee Morning & Mini Market, Candlelit Christmas Market, James Bond Casino Night and Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations at Cowleaze Meadow, all of which were well supported.

The Christmas Tree, given by AYR Garden Services, was lit by the Events Team, who also paid to light the Church Tower over Christmas and New Year.

The following donations were given from Film Night proceeds.

Lady in the Van - £288.81 to St Michael's Church

Bridge of Spies - £208.99 to Lethbridge Recreation Team

Snoopy & Charlie Brown - £83.30 to Shepton Beauchamp Pre-School

Proceeds of £126 from the Candlelit Christmas Market were given to the School.

The total raised in 2016 was £3,312.56, of which £707.10 was paid to other groups and £352 to the Village Hall.

So far in 2017, a Murder Mystery Evening and two film shows have taken place and £500 has been donated to the Parish Defibrillator Fund.

The Parish Council is very grateful for all the Events Team does. Its member are:

Dave Burwood, Amy Cook, Tom Dawson, Sharon Humphreys, Liz Sanderson and Claire Uren.

#### RECREATION FIELD

Innis Finlay spoke of general maintenance of the MUGA and Pavilion. Quotes are awaited for fencing off the Car Parking Area. The Committee is grateful for the donation from the Events Team.

#### NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

John Halsey had taken on this role, assisted by Patsy Middleton, and there are 13 street representatives, covering all the streets in the village, and the Facebook Page has raised awareness. Monthly reports are sent to the Parish Council and included in their Minutes. There have been 33 matters of concern during the year and the Police have been involved where appropriate.

#### COWLEAZE MEADOW

Roger Cripps reported another year of maintenance, with even more volunteers, and more tree and shrub planting. The wild flowers and bulbs are increasing each year.

Some vandalism had taken place, the notice board glass having been shattered and a picnic bench taken apart and thrown into the ditch.

#### FOOTPATHS

The Ramblers had installed another metal gate, on the Barrington to Shells Lane path.

Maintenance is carried out by the Parish Ranger, the County Council and Cllr Cripps.

#### SHEPTON RAMBLERS

There are currently 42 members, and a waiting list, only 5 of whom live in the village.

#### RANGER SCHEME

The Parish Ranger is very co-operative and an asset to the village, though communication with his superiors could be better.

#### VILLAGE HALL

A Flower Show took place on 2 September.

The Art Group, to be renamed the Art & Craft Group, continues to meet in the Hall and is going from strength to strength.

### PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Joan Kennedy thanked the Parish Council for the annual contribution towards upkeep of the Churchyard. The Whites have taken over maintenance from Malcolm Brown and it always looks well cared for. Various repair work has been carried out to the Church and pews have been removed from the back to create an area for other uses. These were sold, raising £600, and all will remain in the village. The School and Pre-School use the Church for assemblies and other activities. As well as the usual services, a monthly service is held at Buttle Close and communion is available for those who are housebound. Due to problems recruiting enough bell ringers, it has been proposed that a Carillon is installed as an interesting addition, for which funding would be met by donations.

### ST MICHAEL'S GUILD

The Guild continues to meet on the third Friday of each month and enjoys outings and speakers.

### SHEPTON SENIORS

Muriel Callow said there are 22 members, who meet on the second Wednesday of each month. They enjoy talks on various topics, going out for lunch and Bingo.

### CHARITIES

Sarah Brunt said the Charities Committee meets once a year and Christmas gifts of £10 are given to the over 70s who have lived in the village for at least three years.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed.

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council, which took place on Monday 10th April 2017 at the Village Hall following the Annual Parish Meeting.

PRESENT Cllrs Bishop (Chair), Brunt, Cripps, Finlay, Joy, Lillywhite, Rowsell, Wakely, Messrs A Dance (District Councillor), C Le Hardy (County Councillor), Ms J Fryer (Planning Agent) and one parishioner.

APOLOGIES Cllr England, Mr C Raikes (District Councillor)

#### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Wakely, as applicant, declared an interest in a planning application to erect single dwelling and form access and driveway on land north of Hill Farm House, Lambrook Road.

#### NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator sent a report that, during the past month, there had been one suspicious incident, one suspicious man and one incident of criminal damage to the Cowleaze notice board.

Residents are reminded not to let strangers into their home unless they can prove their identity.

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

#### MATTERS ARISING

TREE PLANTING It was confirmed that the tree had been planted at Cowleaze Meadow and it is a flowering hawthorn.

PLANNING The Planning Department apologised for the oversight in not informing the Parish Council of a planning application on land at Barrington Main (Parish of Seavington).

#### DC REPORT

Adam Dance spoke of the opening night of the Westland Complex, when Beauty and the Beast was performed on ice and he said the facility will be a great asset to the community.

Adam spoke of the success of the recent Bingo organised by Cllr Joy towards the defibrillators and said he is very impressed with the way the community has pulled together to raise the money.

#### CC REPORT

The County Councillor said that funding is to become available again for Small Improvement Schemes to roads and he would be pleased to hear of ideas.

Cllr Finlay suggested improving Great Lane with widening and kerbing to relieve flooding.

WESSEX WATER

Following on from the environmental investigation, Kirstie Hearn is the Project Manager for the construction project at Compton Durville Treatment Works and she would like to give a brief presentation at the June Parish Council Meeting, and this was agreed.

PLANNING

Cllr Wakely left the room while Councillors considered his planning application for erection of single dwelling and formation of access and driveway on land north of Hill Farm House, Lambrook Road. It was confirmed that the public footpath would be full width and separated by fence from the driveway. There were no objections to the application.

DEFIBRILLATORS

Cllr Joy had received an amazing response to fund raising for the defibrillators, as follows:

Sponsored Swim	£1,643
Events Team	500
Name the Bear	50
Bingo & Raffle	510
Total	£2,703

Branstons had donated £1,750 and it is hoped to obtain a £600 grant from the District Council.

Adam Dance congratulated Cllr Joy on her tremendous achievement.

When the defibrillators are installed, a training and publicity event for the village will be arranged in the Village Hall, to which Branstons will be invited.

HIGHWAYS

The white lines at the Barrington Main crossroads need renewing and Cllr Joy will request this.

There is also a pothole nearby and raised metalwork over a drain in Lambrook Road.

ALLOTMENTS

Cllr Cripps was pleased to report that two of the vacant allotments had been filled.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

As the Clerk will be away on the second Monday of May, it was agreed to hold the next meeting on Wednesday 17 May.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55 pm.

## SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will take place on WEDNESDAY 17 MAY at the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

### AGENDA

- 1 Apologies for absence
- 2 Election of Officers
- 3 Declarations of Interest
- 4 Neighbourhood Watch
- 5 Public Participation
- 6 Approval of Minutes of last Meeting
- 7 Matters arising from Minutes
- 8 Reports from DC/CC
- 9 Correspondence & Planning
- 10 Accounts
- 11 Defibrillators
- 12 Parish Plan
- 13 Highways
- 14 Footpaths
- 15 Allotments

### 2016/17 Officers

Chairman – Jane Bishop

Vice Chairman – Elizabeth England

Planning – Jane Bishop, Elizabeth England, Clare Lillywhite

Allotments – Roger Cripps

Footpaths – Sarah Brunt, Roger Cripps

Highways – Bill Holmes, Ed Wakely

Charity Trustees – Sarah Brunt

Emergency Contacts – Roger Cripps, Innis Finlay, Ed Wakely

Parish Environment Warden – Elizabeth England

Cowleaze Representative – Roger Cripps

Recreation Committee Representatives – Innis Finlay, Ed Wakely

Tree Warden – Innis Finlay