

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

PRESENT Cllrs Bishop (Chair), Cripps, Joy, Lillywhite, Rowswell, Wakely, Messrs A Dance & C Raikes (District Councillors) & C Le Hardy (County Councillor).

APOLOGIES Cllrs Brunt, England, Finlay.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

A report had been received from the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, noting two messages giving warnings about fraud emails, one found dog and one found smart phone had been returned to owners, the owner of a suspicious vehicle had been traced.

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

MATTERS ARISING

TELEPHONE KIOSK The Agreement had been received to transfer the telephone kiosk to the Parish Council and this was signed by the Chairman.

DC REPORT

Crispin Raikes confirmed that the District Council has opened the Westlands Sport & Leisure facilities and will be providing a new club house for bowls and cricket.

The District Council budget is to be agreed at a meeting to take place the following week.

Adam Dance congratulated Angie Joy on her tremendous fund raising achievement for the defibrillators.

CC REPORT

The County Councillor's Report had been circulated.

The County Council budget is to be set on 15 February.

PLANNING

No objections were raised to an application to erect rear single storey extension to Badgers Brook, Silver Street.

Permission has been granted for the following:

Erection of two single storey dwellings to rear of Fairview, Lambrook Road.

Change of use and conversion of agricultural building to residential annexe at Home Farm, Lambrook Road.

Variation of planning consent, changing upvc window to timber and timber gable to ham stone at The Old Forge, 1 Pound Cottages, Middle Street.

COLLECTION OF GARDEN WASTE

From April 2017, the fees for collection of garden waste in green wheelie bins will be: £53.50 for 12 months or £100 for 24 months.
Garden sacks will cost £26.50 for 10.

TREE PLANTING

A request had been received from a member of the public wishing to plant a tree in the parish and the Councillors suggested that this takes place at Cowleaze Meadow.

ACCOUNTS

Cheques were drawn for:

South Som District Council – Parish Ranger	£603.84
BT – Transfer of telephone kiosk	1.00

A letter of thanks was received from the Parochial Church Council for the £1,000 donation towards upkeep of the Churchyard and War Memorial.

DEFIBRILLATORS

Gratitude was expressed to Angie Joy for her amazing fund raising efforts towards the defibrillators, also to the Events Team for funds raised at their Murder Mystery.

Cllrs Bishop and Joy reported on a meeting they had with Chris Perks from South West Ambulance Services, who offer a four year package costing £2,800 for two defibrillators, which includes supplying the equipment, maintenance, and training. The Councillors would like to take up this offer and the suggested sites for the defibrillators are the Recreation Field and outside the Village Hall and Ian Longman would be happy to carry out the electrical wiring. The Parish Council will arrange a training day for all who are interested.

District Councillor, Adam Dance, said he is really impressed with all the community are doing towards this project.

PARISH PLAN

The Murder Mystery was very successful and well supported, raising £500 towards the defibrillators.

HIGHWAYS

The white line has not yet been extended and it is noted that some parents are parking on it at the beginning and end of the School day. The Clerk will write to the School and the Pre-School, asking that parents are reminded not to park on the line, which has been provided to relieve congestion at pinch points in the village.

FOOTPATHS

Cllr Cripps advised that the County Council Footpath Warden is now back at work following four months sick leave.

OPEN SESSION

Cllr Rowsell spoke of an interesting Area North Meeting with Parishes on 9 February, when presentations were given by Chris Cooper (Street Scene Manager), Pam Harvey (Civil Contingencies), Dave Norris (Development Control) and Paul Rayson (Yeovil Crematorium).

It was noted that the Community Infrastructure Levy of £40 per square metre will come into force on new houses in April (approximately £4,000 per average house) and a charge is being introduced for pre-application advice (£50 for an extension, £100 for a house).

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05 pm.