

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council, which took place on Monday 8 June 2015 at the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT Cllrs Cripps (Chair), Brunt, Finlay, Holmes, Lillywhite, Wakely, Messrs Adam Dance & Crispin Raikes (District Councillors), Jo Fryer (Planning Consultant) and two parishioners.

APOLOGIES Cllr Bishop

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Jo Fryer advised that the new Local Plan requires that development proposals shall have been subject to community engagement and consultation and she would like to hear the Parish Council's views on two proposals.

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

CO-OPTION

It was unanimously agreed to co-opt Sarah Tevendale to the Council to fill the vacancy.

MATTER ARISING

Presentation A letter of thanks was received from John Hallett for the plate he was presented with at the last meeting.

Highways Cllr Wakely had spoken to Mr Watkins at the Highway Authority about repainting the road markings, which is planned during this year. The lane opposite Brickyard Cottage has now disintegrated even further and is difficult to access by car.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Finlay declared an interest, as neighbour, in a planning application at The Nook, Buttle Lane.

DC REPORT

Adam Dance and Crispin Raikes were welcomed to the meeting and they introduced themselves to the Parish Council.

PARISH COUNCILLOR TRAINING

Cllr Tevendale will attend a training session on the Planning Application Process, organised by the District Council, on Tuesday 23 June from 6 – 8 pm.

PLANNING

Jo Fryer presented to the Parish Council two development proposals. The first of these consists of two or three small bungalows for elderly persons, each with two parking spaces, positioned off Brimgrove Lane. Whilst the Parish Council feel the location would be ideal, they would be concerned about increased use of the private road and they foresee problems with the access.

The other proposal is to rebuild a derelict cottage, with reclaimed materials, at Fouts Cross (parish of South Petherton), to which the Parish Councillors would have no objections.

No objections were raised to applications to:

Demolish single storey flat roofed extension and outbuilding and erect two storey extension to The Nook, Buttle Lane.

Erect single dwelling and provide associated access track on land at Brimfield, Lambrook Road.

There were no objections to an application to demolish single storey extensions and erect two storey extension at Holmelands, Lambrook Road, subject to adequate drainage.

ACCOUNTS

Cheques were drawn for:

Pinnacle Accountancy – Internal Audit of Accounts	£138.00
South Somerset District Council – Parish Ranger Scheme	452.88

PARISH PLAN

A request was received from pupils at the Primary School for help towards the cost of hiring bicycles during a trip to Jersey. After much consideration, the Councillors felt they had to decline as this could set a precedent and they would prefer to help the School with something which would benefit all the children.

Cllr Finlay reported on the AGM of the Recreation Committee. Only one new member came forward despite flyers being distributed to all houses. A small Committee was formed with Bruce Barton as Chair. No events are planned at present but the Committee will run a stall at St Petroc's Fayre. Materials have been secured to re-paint the Pavilion.

HIGHWAYS

The Parish Ranger will be carrying out grass cutting at road junctions and the verge behind the Church.

The Clerk will request a response to the suggestion that the proposed position of the flashing lights is altered slightly to include the Village Hall and will ask when the work is to be carried out.

ALLOTMENTS

The vacant allotments are looking untidy again but it was decided only to trim these once a year.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.