

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council, which took place on Monday 9 January 2012.

PRESENT Cllrs Rowswell (Chair), Bishop, Cripps, England, Fowler, Lewis, Rivers, Wakely, Messrs P Thompson (District Councillor) & P Maxwell (County Councillor).

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr Hallett, Mr B Walker (District Councillor).

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

#### MATTERS ARISING

Inconsiderate Parking The Police have asked for registration numbers of persistent offenders and Cllr Rowswell will supply this information.

Dog Fouling The dog fouling problem has been reported to the Dog Warden, who will be carrying out patrols in the village.

Hedge Cutting The hedge clippings have now been cleared from the road in Shells Lane and a Planning Officer will inspect the bank to see if its stability is likely to be affected.

#### CC REPORT

Mr Maxwell reported that the Watergore speed limit has been officially approved and the funding released.

He spoke of the County Council Consultation on a proposed reduction in the bus service and Cllr Rowswell said she had sent a response opting for each route to be considered on its own merits. Crewkerne Recycling Centre is under review and, in order to save employment costs, a barrier with cash slot is being considered.

#### DC REPORT

Mr Thompson said a decision on funding for the Lengthsman Scheme is yet to be taken. He will be attending a briefing on the Community Infrastructure Levy on 18 January.

#### PLANNING

The planning application to erect an extension to Watts Cottage, Middle Street, has been withdrawn.

#### PARISH PLAN

The Events Committee is planning to take part in the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Beacon Project on 4 June by lighting a beacon on the Church Tower.

The Cowleaze Meadow Group is planning a Drumming Workshop to celebrate the Jubilee.

#### LENGTHSMAN

Cllr Rowswell asked if the Lengthsman could clear the weeds growing alongside the pavement in Lambrook Road.

### HIGHWAYS

The Clerk was asked to report a blocked drain at the Hurcott crossroads, a large pothole at Piece Lane junction and the poor condition of Great Lane and of Barrington Main where Wessex Water had been working.

### ALLOTMENTS

There are three vacant allotments at present.

Allotment holders will be reminded not to allow banks of earth to pile up.

### ACCOUNTS

The Precept for 2012/13 was agreed at £10,770.

This will allow the following grants to be made:

Parochial Church Council towards Churchyard maintenance   £1,000

Village Hall   £500

£2,000 will be set aside for future projects (bringing the figure held for this to £6,000)

£500 will be put towards maintenance of the MUGA (making the total for this £4,000)

Instead of giving a grant to the Recreation Committee, it was decided to write off the £1,249.21 debt. This figure includes a £250 District Council charge for a post installation inspection of the play equipment, which the Clerk will query.

The Parish Councillors agreed a one-off grant of £500 to the PreSchool and a cheque was drawn for this.

It was agreed to increase the Clerk's salary to £2,000 per annum.

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm.