

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council, which took place on Monday 9 March 2015 at the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT Cllrs Rowswell (Chair), Bishop, Brunt, Cripps, Finlay, Hallett, Lillywhite, Wakely, Messrs B Walker (District Councillor) & C Le Hardy (County Councillor).

APOLOGIES Cllr England,
Mr P Thompson (District Councillor).

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

MATTERS ARISING

Highways The drainage work on Shepton Hill has yet to be rescheduled.

Footpaths Cllr Cripps is still investigating the refurbishment of the sign banning horses and cycling along the path at Buttle Close and a badger proof stile at Ash Lane.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Rowswell declared an interest in a footpath sign at Buttle Lane as owner of neighbouring land.

DC REPORT

Mr Walker said the full Council is now in recession until after the May elections.
The Local Plan has been formally adopted.

CC REPORT

Mr Le Hardy advised that the County Council's new telephone number is 03001232224.
The new library service has been accepted and will include free wifi computer usage in every library and none of the libraries will be closing.

PLANNING

Permission was granted for the following:

Revised outline application to erect two dwellings and garages on land OS 2733, Shells Lane.

Removal of live/work condition at Manor Barn, Manor Farm, Littlefields Lane.

Permission was refused for the application to exclude controls with regard to first floor windows on plots 1 to 3 Bakery Mews, North St.

A copy of South Petherton's Parish Plan Review was received.

ACCOUNTS

Cheques were drawn for:

South Somerset District Council – Parish Ranger Scheme	£301.92
D Clarke – Clerk's salary	1,760.00
HM Revenue & Customs – PAYE	440.00

D Clarke – Clerk’s expenses	185.11
Shepton Beauchamp Football Club – towards goal posts	50.00

PARISH PLAN

St Petroc’s Fayre is being planned for the weekend of 27/28 June.

Cllr Finlay had attended a meeting of the Football Club, who would like to move the football pitch away from the large trees and closer to the pavilion. The Parish Council had no objections to this. The goal posts need replacing at a cost of £1,500 and the Football Federation would be prepared to match fund it. The Parish Council agreed a £50 donation and suggested the Football Club raises funds at St Petrocs Fayre. The Football Club had helped clear the trees at the Recreation Field and are planning to paint the pavilion.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

These will take place on 7 May and nomination forms, which can be obtained from the Parish Clerk or the District Council, have to be returned by hand to the District Council Offices by 4 pm on 9 April.

HIGHWAYS

Cllr Bishop will telephone the Highway Authority about the state of the road to Boxstone, which is falling away at the side.

Cllr Hallett said a temporary road closure sign at Westport is causing visibility problems.

Dog fouling has become a big problem in Shells Lane, Ash Lane and at Cowleaze despite recent signs put up by the Dog Warden.

EMERGENCY COMMUNITY CONTACTS

The County Council is setting up a database of Emergency Contacts and Innis Finlay and Ed Wakely agreed to be the village contacts.

PARISH RANGER

There is not much work for the Ranger to carry out in the village at present but this is likely to increase in the summer. The Councillors were surprised that he does not have a certificate to carry out chemical spraying or use a chain saw.

ALLOTMENTS

The vacant plots have now been strimmed and are looking much tidier.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.