

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council, which took place on Monday 14 July 2014 at the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT Cllrs Rowswell (Chair), Bishop, Brunt, Cripps, England, Hallett, Lillywhite, Wakely, Mr C Le Hardy (County Councillor) and one parishioner.

APOLOGIES Cllr Finlay

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Moses spoke about his planning application to erect a barn for storage of hay to the rear of Brimfield, Brimgrove Lane.

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

MATTERS ARISING

Speed Limit It was noted that residents have got up a petition in the village asking for the 20 mph speed limit near the School so it was accepted that there is a need. The Parish Council would like to be consulted as to the positioning of the signs and the County Councillor will request this.

Parish Ranger Scheme It was agreed to try this scheme and Chris Cooper will be asked to contact Cllr Cripps to make arrangements to start in August.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

CC REPORT

Mr Le Hardy spoke about the County Council's Joint Needs Assessment.

He had visited the Ambulance Service and was very impressed with the way they operate.

He is carrying out a detailed review of the problems in South Petherton and the surrounding area.

Cllr Hallett spoke of the need to have the verges trimmed and Cllr Lillywhite advised of the potholes in Littlefields Lane. Cllr Bishop said that work is being carried out in Shells Lane, where the road had broken up, but residents had not been informed that the road would be closed.

PLANNING

No objections were raised to planning applications to:

Erect barn for storage of hay to rear of Brimfield, Brimgrove Lane.

Erect two storey extension to Cranleigh Villa, Middle Street.

An application was received for erection of extension to Hybanks Cottage, Shells Lane. There was concern due to the fact that the bank against the road is already sliding and is having to be repaired and this proposal could create extra water run off as the Councillors were unsure as to whether the area to be built on is already a hard surface or whether it is grassed, allowing water to soak away. A vote was taken, with five councillors in favour, two against and one abstention.

Permission has been granted for the erection of general purpose agricultural and straw store at Home Farm, Lambrook Road.

ACCOUNTS

Cheques were drawn for:

Pinnacle Accountancy – Internal Audit of Accounts	£138.00
Shepton Beauchamp Events Committee – towards projector	200.00
D Ogilvie – hire of mower	29.00

PARISH PLAN

The Events Team held a successful showing of War Horse on 5 July and they do such good work in the village that the Parish Council agreed to give £200 towards a projector.

Mary Clarke hopes to arrange a picnic for young families at Cowleaze Meadow during the first week of the school holidays, weather permitting.

Cllr Hallett asked for the village directory to be updated and Cllr Rowswell will arrange this.

An interest was expressed in owl boxes and Cllr Rowswell will make enquiries.

LENGTHSMAN

David Ogilvie leaves this position at the end of the month and the Clerk was asked to suggest a gift to him from remaining funds of £10 per parish. Enquiries will be made as to when these funds are to be split and returned to the parishes.

HIGHWAYS

Notice was received of a road closure in Love Lane from 11 August for five days for drainage work to be carried out.

Cllr Rowswell will report various pothole and pavement problems.

FOOTPATHS

Cllr Cripps and the Lengthsman are currently keeping the footpaths clear.

ALLOTMENTS

Wessex Water sent a form to be completed for a quote to take water to the Allotments, which Cllr Cripps will look into, but the project may prove too costly.

There was a discussion on the condition of the Allotments and all Councillors were asked to take a look before the next meeting, when the way forward will be discussed.

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm.