

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council, which took place on Monday 8 December 2014 at the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT Cllrs Cripps (Chair), Bishop, Brunt, England, Finlay, Lillywhite, Mr P Thompson (District Councillor) and 5 parishioners.

APOLOGIES Cllrs Hallett, Rowswell, Wakely, Messrs B Walker (District Councillor), C Le Hardy (County Councillor).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Some of the residents of Brimgrove Lane expressed concerns about the application to build a dwelling on part of the garden of Brimfield, Lambrook Road, and would like to have voiced their objections before it was discussed by the Parish Council. The Parish Councillors apologised that the timescale meant that the application was considered just a few days after it had been received and some of the residents did not know of its existence. As this is an outline application, there will be a further chance to comment when the reserved matters are considered.

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

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Cllr Lillywhite, as neighbour, declared an interest in a planning application at Tara, Wash Cross.

DC REPORT

Mr Thompson said the District Councillors had heard a presentation from the Street Scene Department and he noted that Lopen and Seavington are also using the services of the Parish Ranger.

He said that fly tipping had become a big problem in the South Petherton area.

The River Authority has now been set up in South Somerset, which will give more local control.

CC REPORT

Mr Le Hardy had invited a representative of the Parish Council to attend a meeting about the highway project for South Petherton and surrounding areas at Stratton Village Hall on 16 December at 6.30 pm. If the Chairman is unable to attend, Cllr Cripps may be able to.

PLANNING

No objections were raised to amended plans for the erection of a dwelling at Buttle Close, repositioning the garage.

Cllr Lillywhite declared an interest, as neighbour, in a planning application to demolish dwelling and erect a new one at Tara, Wash Cross. The Councillors had no objections to the application.

Permission has been granted for:

Conversion of existing building into gallery and tearoom and alterations to signage at Shepton House.

Subdivision of existing 5 bed dwelling into two 3 bed dwellings at Pendower, Shells Lane.

Application to fell walnut tree at 19 Brimgrove Lane.

The outline application to erect two dwellings and garages on land OS 2733 Shells Lane has been withdrawn.

WAR MEMORIAL SITE

The County Council advised that their lease of the War Memorial Site, which is used by the School as a play space, expires in March 2015 and they would like to enter negotiations to renew it. They asked who the Parish Council's professional representative would be and it was decided to ask Mrs Keate of Broomhead & Saul.

ACCOUNTS

Cheques were drawn for:

Citizens Advice Bureau – donation	£25.00
South Som Dist Council – Parish Ranger	150.96
Shepton Beauchamp Parochial Church Council – towards churchyard upkeep	1,000.00
Shepton Beauhamp Village Hall – grant	500.00
Lethbridge Memorial Rec Ctee – towards grass cutting & insurance	1,900.00

PARISH PLAN

The Events Committee were commended on the provision of the Christmas Tree in front of the School and much enjoyment was had watching the school children walking from the Duke of York to the Christmas Market in the Village Hall, carrying lanterns and singing carols.

The rubble had been cleared from the Recreation Field and a fallen tree removed.

The Committee are planning four fund raising events next year, including an Italian Evening.

The District Council had given the parish 2,000 native spring bulbs, which had been planted at Cowleaze Meadow.

HIGHWAYS

It was confirmed that the silt traps had been cleared out.

FOOTPATHS

Cllr Cripps reported that a joint working party from Shepton Beauchamp and Barrington had repaired a gate and installed steps and a rail on the footpath which links the two parishes.

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm.