

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP PARISH COUNCIL – Council Minutes

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP
PARISH COUNCIL**

**Held on Monday 17 September 2018 at 7:30pm in the
Village Hall, Shepton Beauchamp.**

Present: Councillors: Jane Bishop (Chairperson)
Roger Cripps Andrew Rowswell
Angela Joy Sarah Brunt

In attendance: Jane Brown Parish Clerk, David Mears Interim Parish Clerk. Prior to the meeting there were two representatives of the Recreation Field Committee who provided an update on the refurbishment plans and two members of the public who provided information on their planning application. There were no members of the press present.

37. To receive apologies for absence and to approve the reasons given (LGA 1972s85(1)).
[Apologies were received from Innis Finlay, Elizabeth England and Ed Wakely and all were approved.](#)

38. Declarations of interest – Members to declare any interest, including Disclosable Pecuniary Interest they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Parish Council's Code of Conduct and to consider any prior requests from members for dispensations that accord with the Localism Act 2011 s33(b-e). (NB this does not preclude any later declarations)
[None](#)

39. To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 18 July 2018 (LGA 1972 sch 12, para 41(1)).
[RESOLVED – that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 18th July 2018 be signed as a correct record.](#)

40. Planning Application – Ref No 18/01984/FUL, front entrance porch and carport, Southdown, Silver Street, Shepton Beauchamp TA19 0JZ.
[RESOLVED – that there were no observations or objections to this planning application and the Clerk to report this to SSDC.](#)

41. To receive written or oral reports - From meetings attended by Councillors on behalf of the Parish Council.
[None](#)

42. Acting Parish Clerk's Oral Report – Review items of information and general correspondence.

Accounts and Files have been handed over to the new clerk. The website is still work in progress, the Interim Clerk will continue to work with the developers to have the site live soon along with the councillors' email addresses.

43. Finance - to review income and expenses and approve and sign payments.

The following payments were approved and cheques signed:

South Somerset District Council, GDPR course attended by Chairman Chq 526 £10.00

David Mears, services rendered as Interim Clerk Chq 527 £1181.25

Jane Brown, reimbursement of HP Laptop, MS Office, McAfee, Flash Drive & recording device, Chq 528 £546.56

Somerset Assn Local Councils, Clerk Training Pt 1 Chq 529 £30.00

44. Allotments – review and consider maintenance of empty plots with the possibility of a spray, treat and remove procedure. Authorise clerk to approve the ranger in conjunction with Roger Cripps.

There are a number of vacant plots which need maintenance to keep the weeds under control. Concerns were raised over the spread of Ragwort and Couch. The Parish Council would like to see an increased number of allotment holders however the vacant plots appear unattractive to prospective new allotment holders in their current state.

The Parish Council hopes the Recreation Field refurbishment will incorporate better car parking facilities to alleviate any of the allotment holders' logistical concerns. Consideration was paid to the provision of water to the allotments and it was decided to wait and evaluate the demand before this matter is taken any further.

RESOLVED – to promote the allotments and offer new allotment holders prepared plots that have been sprayed, treated and rotavated so they are ready for use. The clerk and Roger Cripps are to organise works with the Ranger Scheme towards Spring 2019.

45. Chairperson's Report – items of information.

A courtesy letter has been received from SSDC regarding planning application 18/02360/FUL/Louisa Brown from Branston Potatoes, which is in the Parish of Seavington, requesting representations. The Parish Council has authorised the Clerk to feed-back comments regarding concerns over increased traffic and to ask if there are any considerations from Branston's to widen the road or provide additional laybys.

Signed _____ Date _____