

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE SHEPTONBEAUCHAMP PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Monday 21st December 2020 at 7.30 pm

Held remotely using Zoom software (due to the Coronavirus pandemic)

Councillors present: Nigel Wylie Carrick (Chairman) Richard Martin (Vice-Chairman)
Andrew Rowswell Sarah Brunt
Clare Lillywhite David Bourn

In attendance: Stella Davies (Clerk)

Members of the public: Interim Head of Shepton Beauchamp Primary School
Chair of Trustees of Shepton Beauchamp Pre-School

District/County Councillors in attendance: SCC Cllr Adam Dance (from 7.55 – 8.20 pm)
and SSDC Crispin Raikes (from 7.50 – 7.55 pm)

Cllr Dance reported SSDC were looking at purchasing the assets of Yeovil Town football club. The District Council already own part of the land surrounding it and this was why they are looking at purchasing the football club ground as well. For the first year of acquisition, they will not charge any rent to the football club. The Covid-19 situation is changing on a daily basis and he will update us as and when.

Ser Item

444 To receive apologies for absence and to approve the reasons given (LGA 1972, s85(1))
Apologies received from Cllr Wakely and Cllr Joy.
Resolved. To accept and approve the apologies given.

445 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 s33 (b-e). (NB this does not preclude any later declarations)
There were no declarations of interest.

446 To approve as a correct record the minutes/decisions of the Parish Council Meeting held remotely on 16th November 2020 (LGA 1972, sch 12, para 41(1)). To be signed at a later date.
Resolved. That the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held remotely on Monday 16th November be signed as correct by the Chairman at a later date.

447 Crewkerne and Ilminster School Structure Change Proposals
The Head of the Primary School has been invited to update the Council on the proposed School Structural changes and the impact they make on the SB Primary School. To resolve if the Parish Council wishes to submit a response to the proposals
Resolved. That no response is necessary as the Interim Head of the school said that there will not be the same level of impact to the village school as there will be to the Ilminster schools.

448 Shepton Beauchamp Pre-school

The Chair of Trustees of the Pre-School has been invited to update the Council on the future of the Pre-School.

To resolve if the Parish Council is able to offer financial assistance to the Pre-school

The Parish Council has already agreed in the November meeting to give £250 to the village hall to cover rent for the village hall.

The Chair of Trustees said it was unlikely that the pre-school could exist beyond Easter if it was not taken over by the Bath and Wells Multi Academy Trust. She was asked to put forward a proposal for any grants that they needed and they would be considered by the Parish Council at their January meeting.

Resolved. It was agreed that the Parish Council write to the Bath and Wells Multi Academy Trust in early January to support the pre-school's wish to be taken over by them and become part of the primary school.
Action – Parish Clerk

449 Finance

To review the Bank Reconciliation to 25th November 2020 (previously circulated). To be signed at a later date.

To approve the schedule of payments totalling £1,479.49

Resolved. The Bank Reconciliation was approved and will be signed by Cllr Martin at a later date. Payments were approved and cheques issued.

450 Proposed Virements

To resolve to approve the proposed virements (transfer of funds from one budget to another) for the current financial year.

Resolved. That the proposed virements be approved.

451 Allotments

To discuss the allotments following a recent inspection by two of the councillors and resolve the action to be taken

It was reported that two of the Councillors had visited the allotments recently to do a check at the state of the them. There were only a few that were in good order. It would appear that some of the allotments are too large and it was noted that as we do have a waiting list the facility should be utilised in the best way possible.

Resolved. It was decided to send a list of rules to each allotment owner in January together with a letter saying we are reviewing how the allotments are kept in view of the fact that we have a waiting list and if anyone does not want to keep their plot or reduce the size of their plot to let us know. Prior to writing the letter to circulate to all councillors the email from Cllr Rowsell to Cllr Wylie Carrick and the allotment rules.
Action – Parish Clerk

452 Report from Clerk/RFO.

The clerk reported that the new councillor page on the website was now live.

Covid Webpage. The ex-councillor has been contacted and he is happy to remain on the Covid support group. He has confirmed that all the data he holds on paper and electronically will be destroyed/deleted.

For information only

453 Reports.

Highways

Cllr Rowsell will chase regarding the white line requests as it is now 8 weeks since he reported it. He has reported a pothole near the old village shop.

Lethbridge Recreational Ground Committee

Cllr Wylie Carrick reported that he will contact the Lethbridge Committee regarding the two quotes required for the MUGA white lining.

Environment

Nothing to report.

Ranger

Cllr Martin reported that the Ranger has sprayed the weeds along Middle Street. He has also been keeping the drains clear. Cllr Martin has received comments from parishioners about how well he was doing.

Allotments

Nothing to report.

Cowleaze

Cllr Bourn reported that the stream had been cleared and there had been no flooding of the meadow, other than from rainfall.

Footpaths

Nothing to report. It was noted that the gate had been replaced on the footpath that runs behind the Duke of York and below Hillside Farm on Shells Lane.

For information only – no resolution required

454 Climate Emergency Working Group Recommendations

To resolve to agree to the recommendations made by the Emergency Working Group:

1. Submit an application to the Somerset Climate Emergency Fund for a grant of £15,000
“To develop a sustainable, community-based climate change mitigation plan for the Parish”
before the second funding window closes on 12 January 2021
2. Welcome and endorse Somerset Waste Partnership’s recent initiative to extend the range of recycling options available in Shepton Beauchamp; and inform SWP that SBCEWG would be pleased to assist in promoting and monitoring this initiative
3. Contact Langport and Huish Episcopi councils to welcome their initiative to conduct “an integrated carbon and ecology audit” and express its willingness to collaborate in the audit and cooperate in the provision of any information requests
4. Should continue to promote and explain the purpose of the CEWG and use its various channels of communication to encourage a wider range of membership, especially of younger people
5. Should endorse the proposed Terms of Reference for the Climate Emergency Working Group

Resolved. The recommendations 1 – 5 above were approved. No 1 approved four for and two against. Nos 2 – 5 approved unanimously.

455 SID update

To approve the DRAFT SID MoU between SCC and SB Parish Council
Cllr Wylie Carrick mentioned that the site locations can be amended as long as we inform SCC. Cllr Rowsell suggested that an additional location be at the start of the village coming from the Ilminster/Branstons direction.

Resolved. That the Draft SID MoU between SCC and SB Parish Council be approved.

456 Standing Orders v2

To resolve to approve and re-adopt the Standing Orders

Resolved. Standing Orders v2 were approved and re-adopted.

457 Information and Data Protection Policy v2

To resolve to approve and re-adopt the Information and Data Protection Policy

Resolved. Information and Data Protection Policy v2 were approved and re-adopted.

458 Code of Conduct v2

To resolve to approve and re-adopt the Code of Conduct

Resolved. Code of Conduct v2 were approved and re-adopted.

459 Annex A – Deferred items register

The Parish Clerk should be informed of any items completed

460 Annex B – Official correspondence received

- SALC AGM – 16 Dec at 6.00 pm
- Government [Consultation on the future of Transport: Rural Strategy](#)
- (closes on 16 February 2021)
- National Census – 21 March 2021. POC Jill Loader
- COVID 24/7 Help Line 0300 790 6275

Meeting closed: 9.15 pm