

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Monday 18th January 2021 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 Ed Wakely
Sarah Brunt Clare Lillywhite
Angie Joy David Bourn

In attendance: Stella Davies (Clerk)

Members of the public: Rev Geoff Wade – item 464

District/County Councillors in attendance: SCC Cllr Adam Dance (from 8.15 pm)
SSDC Cllr Crispin Raikes (from 7.25 – 7.55 pm)

Cllr Raikes reported that SSDC have agreed in principle to spend money on the Octagon Theatre in Yeovil, to make it more accessible with larger audience capacity by adding a circle. This will go to full council meeting on Thursday. Most SSDC area committees/meetings have been cancelled, democratic services who clerk for the meetings have been moved to help organise Covid-19 vaccinations. For urgent planning matters there will be informal meetings and recommendations to the Chief Executive, who has powers to make the decision.

Cllr Dance reported he had recently sent an email to the clerk showing the latest Covid-19 figures. There were a number of cases in the area. SCC voted to defer the county elections by a year. There has been no confirmation yet and so they are still due for May 2021, although they could be moved to July or September. He said he would be standing for re-election.

461 To receive apologies for absence and to approve the reasons given (LGA 1972, s85(1))
Resolved. There were no apologies given.

462 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)
Cllr Wylie Carrick declared an interest in item 465. Cllr Martin and Cllr Brunt declared an interest in item 468.

463 To approve as a correct record the minutes/decisions of the Parish Council Meeting held remotely on 21st December 2020 (LGA 1972, sch 12, para 41(1)). To be signed at the next convened meeting.
Resolved. That the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held remotely on Monday 21st December be approved and signed as correct by the Chairman at a later date.

464 Casual Vacancy – co-option of new Parish Councillor

To resolve to appoint a new Parish Councillor who should sign a Declaration of acceptance of office before the next council meeting.

Resolved. To appoint Geoff Wade as a Parish Councillor and resolve that he should sign a declaration of office before the next council meeting, which he can then take part in.

At this point Cllr Martin took over chairing the meeting and Cllr Wylie Carrick was put into the 'virtual waiting room' and so took no part in the discussion or voting.

465 Planning. Planning Application 20/03124/HOU Magnolia Cottage

Demolish ground floor extension and construction of a two-storey chalet style extension.

To review planning application submitted.

Resolved. There were several material objections mentioned. To submit response by 19th January.

Action – Parish Clerk

At this point Cllr Wylie Carrick re-joined the meeting and took the chair.

466 Budget for Financial Year 21/22 and Precept.

To resolve to agree the Budget for the new FY and to set the precept.

Resolved. To approve the budget circulated by the RFO and set the precept figure at £21,850

467 Finance

To review the Bank Reconciliation to 26th December 2020 (previously circulated). To be signed by Cllr Martin at a later date.

To approve the schedule of payments totalling £1,225.13

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

468 Grant to The Shepton Beauchamp Trust (Charity No:239884)

To resolve to approve an ongoing annual payment of £1,000 to the Trust for general charitable purposes.

Unresolved. This item was not resolved and will not be carried forward to a future meeting.

469 The Village Shop

Cllr Joy reported that she will be closing the shop on 31st March for personal reasons.

Cllr Wylie Carrick gave her and Tom a huge vote of thanks on behalf of the Parish Council for running the shop and being the centre point of the village, which was echoed by the councillors and Cllr Dance. It is a facility that the village would not want to lose and so this will be added to a future agenda for discussion should no-one take over the running of the shop. In the meantime, a letter should go to the landlord to offer the help of the Parish Council should it be needed.

Action – Parish Clerk

For information only

470 Report from Clerk/RFO

The Clerk reported that she had written a letter of thanks to the villager who has fitted the shelving to the 'library' phone box at his own expense.

She has written to the CEO of the Bath and Wells MAT confirming our support for them to take over the pre-school.

For information only

471 Reports.

Covid-19

Cllr Wylie Carrick reported the neighbourhood support scheme. All group members remain the same and see no reason to take any further actions. Cllr Martin has reminded the parish of the contacts.

Highways

Cllr Rowswell reported that there were now white lines outside the Duke of York, Robins Lane and Buttle Lane, and the pothole in Middle Street has been repaired, plus the kerbstone outside the village shop.

Lethbridge Recreational Ground Committee

Nothing to report

Environment

Nothing to report

Ranger

There are no issues although Tuesday does not appear to be his regular day anymore. SSDC are going to jet the drains on the left-hand side of Silversprings.

Allotments

Nothing to report

Cowleaze

No activities at present, but later in the year there will be clearing and burning off old wood

Climate Emergency Working Group

The grant application has been submitted to SCC. The decision date is delayed on all applications, although that date is not yet known

Footpaths

The footpaths are well used currently

For information only – no resolution required

472 Annex A – Deferred items register

The Parish Clerk should be informed of completed items

473 Annex B – Official correspondence received

The National Census on 21st March needs to be highlighted. A copy of the poster is to be put in the village shop, the telephone box library, the website and Facebook

Action – Parish Clerk

The Frogmary bridleway has been discussed by the County Council's regulation committee and we believe has been authorised.

Meeting closed: 9 pm

