

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Monday 15th February 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)
Ed Wakely Angie Joy
David Bourn Geoff Wade

In attendance: Stella Davies (Clerk)
Members of the public: Representative from The Town & Country Planning practice Ltd
(for item 477)

District/County Councillors in attendance: SCC Cllr Adam Dance (from 8pm)
SSDC Cllr Crispin Raikes (from 7.25 - 8pm)

Cllr Raikes reported that a new Monitoring Officer had been appointed. The Council Tax Support Scheme is a new scheme starting this and is moving to a banded system. There is a National census this year in March. A new company has been appointed to provide facilities at Nine Springs, Chard & Wincanton. Businesses which have been forced to shut during this lockdown are eligible for a business grant. The District Council website has details under their Business Support section. Ham Hill have been awarded a grant from The Heritage Recovery Funds and so there are now 3 new rangers in that area.

Cllr Dance reported that they had not heard anything from the consultation of the unitary authority. The County Council elections are still going ahead in May, unless the secretary of state defers it. The Covid-19 situation has meant that door to door canvassing and leafleting has not been able to go ahead. The consultation concerning the Crewkerne and Ilminster Schools Proposal runs out at the end of February, which is not sufficient time for responses.

Ser Item

474 To receive apologies for absence and to approve the reasons given (LGA 1972, s85(1))
Apologies received from Cllr Lillywhite (work & family commitments), Cllr Brunt (prior commitment), Cllr Rowsell (prior commitment).
Resolved. To accept and approve the apologies given.

475 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 Joy declared an interest in item 482

476 To approve as a correct record the minutes/decisions of the Parish Council Meeting held remotely on Monday 18th January 2021 (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 18th January be approved and be signed as correct by the Chairman at a later date.

477 Planning Application 20/03471/FUL Dawn Lea, Silver Street
The erection of a detached dwelling and double garage and associated access improvements. The demolition and relocation of a double garage for Dawn Lea.
To review planning application submitted.
Resolved. There were no objections. To submit response by 16th February 2021
Action – Parish Clerk

478 Finance
To review the Bank Reconciliation to 25th January 2021 (previously circulated). To be signed at the next convened meeting.

To approve the schedule of payments totalling £460.67

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

479 Payment of 12 hours of outstanding annual leave to Clerk/RFO

To resolve to approve the payment of outstanding leave which Clerk cannot take due to work commitments

Resolved. That the Clerk/RFO be paid 12 hours outstanding annual leave

480 Report from Clerk/RFO.

There was nothing to report.

481 Weekly recycling issues

To resolve what action the Parish Council needs to take.

No resolution taken. As Cllr Rowsell was not at the meeting, this item is to be carried forward to the next council meeting

482 Grant to Village Hall

To resolve if the Council wishes to make an annual grant to the Shepton Beauchamp Village Hall fund

Resolved. As this has been a grant in previous years it was agreed that an annual grant of £500 be given to the village hall with immediate effect.

483 Allotments

To resolve if any further action is required regarding the state of the allotments.

The Clerk confirmed an e-mail had been sent to allotments holders. There was a view the allotments were viewed when they were not at their best. Those with large allotments were preparing for the coming season. Cllr Wylie Carrick suggested that those with allotments form a self-governing Allotments Committee to manage the day to day running of the allotments to maintain standards and inform the Parish Council of any problems. The Parish Clerk would continue to manage collection of rent and accounts.

Resolved. At present no further action to be taken. This item to be reviewed in Spring.

484 Health and Safety Policy Statement

To resolve to approve and adopt the Health and Safety Policy Statement

Resolved. That the Health and Safety Policy Statement be approved and adopted.

485 Equality and Diversity Policy

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Resolved. That the Equality and Diversity Policy be approved and adopted.

486 Complaints Procedure

To resolve to approve and re-adopt the Complaints Procedure

Resolved. That the Complaints Procedure be approved and re-adopted.

487 Policy on Recording of Meetings

To resolve to approve and re-adopt the Policy on Recording of Meetings

Resolved. That the Policy on Recording of Meetings be approved and re-adopted.

488 Reports

SID

Cllr Wylie Carrick reported that due to Covid lockdown we have yet to be shown how to use the SID correctly and so it has not been deployed. We have received a letter of agreement from SCC highways department and SCC have signed the contract. They have agreed that we can use the Parish Ranger to install any posts and acknowledged that he is our authorised user.

Village Shop

Cllr Wylie Carrick reported that a letter had been sent to the landlord of the village shop. There had been some interest from new tenants to take over the shop subject to ongoing negotiations, so at the moment there is no further action that the Parish Council can undertake.

Highways

Cllr Wakely mentioned the blocked drains on the Boxtone junction and further down opposite Silver Springs. This was particularly a problem in the recent icy weather. An email to be sent to the Highways department asking for the drains in these areas to be cleared (copy in Adam Dance).

Action – Parish Clerk

Lethbridge Recreational Ground Committee

Nothing to report

Environment

Nothing to report

Ranger

Cllr Martin reported that the Ranger was unwell last week so did not work. He has in hand to install a post for the SID near Piece Lane.

Allotments

Nothing to report

Cowleaze

Cllr Bourn reported that there has been no activity in the last month or so, but in Spring there will be work undertaken burning off dead wood and grass cutting.

Climate Emergency Working Group

Cllr Bourn reported there had been no response concerning our grant application, but hopefully we should hear in early March.

Footpaths

Nothing to report

For information only – no resolution required

489 NALC PC1-21 Right to regenerate

To resolve if the Parish Council wishes to send a response

Resolved. That the Parish Council will not send a response.

490 Annex A – Deferred items register

The Parish Clerk will email councillors to see if items that can be removed from the register.

491 Annex B – Official correspondence received

To note - Crewkerne and Ilminster Schools Statutory Consultation Period ends 24 Feb

Meeting closed: 8.40 pm