

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Monday 15th March 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)
Sarah Brunt David Bourn
Andrew Rowswell
In attendance: Stella Davies (Clerk)

Members of the public: None

District/County Councillors in attendance: SCC Cllr Adam Dance (from 8pm)
SSDC Cllr Crispin Raikes – Apologies sent

Cllr Dance confirmed he had circulated the latest Covid Update. The Secretary of State has deferred the SCC elections due in May 21 until May 22. The Government Consultation on Local Government Reform is now open and will close on 19 Apr 21. He supported the Stronger Somerset option. The consultation is open to all stakeholders and individuals living in Somerset. He noted that Parish Councils are not consultees. It would examine the two proposals submitted, namely 'One Somerset' proposed by SCC, and 'Stronger Somerset' proposed by the four District Councils. He encouraged councillors to visit both the One Somerset and Stronger Somerset websites to determine which option is best for Somerset, and to attend any webinars available before completing the on-line consultation.

Ser Item

492 To receive apologies for absence and to approve the reasons given (LGA 1972, s85(1))
Apologies received from Cllr Lillywhite (work & family commitments); Cllr Ed Wakely (Work); Cllr Angie Joy (Family); and Cllr Rev Geoff Wade (Family)
Resolved. To accept and approve the apologies given.

493 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).
None Declared

494 To approve as a correct record the minutes/decisions of the Parish Council Meeting held remotely on Monday 15th February 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 15th February 2021 be approved and be signed as correct by the Chairman at a later date.

495 Planning Application 21/00288/HOU 5 Stankley View, Lambrook Rd Chair 10 mins
Erection of rear extension and front porch
It was noted that despite the extension granted for the Council's response to be delayed until after the 16 March planning permission had already been approved.
Resolved. There were no objections. To submit the Council's response with the comment that the planning consent decision was taken without due consultation.

Action – Parish Clerk

496 Finance
To review the Bank Reconciliation to 1st March 2021 (previously circulated). To be signed at the next convened meeting. The RFO confirmed that Bank Statements now cover the whole month..

To approve the schedule of payments totalling £2,119.70

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

497 Possible end of virtual meetings with effect 7th May

To consider what measure need to be put in place before and during the meetings should they resume at the village hall

The Government had yet to issue any instruction enabling the Council to continue with Virtual Meetings after 7 May 2021. NALC advice was that although they were lobbying the Government to extend the laws enabling Virtual meetings to continue, their advice was that councils should plan for the start of physical meetings within Government guidelines, post 7 May 2021.

Resolved. It was resolved that the Council should hold virtual meetings for the Annual Parish Meeting and for the Annual Parish Council AGM on Tue 4 May 21, at which time the necessary approval for May expenditure should be approved. The Parish Council Meeting on 17 May 2021 would not take place and for the next Parish Council Meeting to be held on 21 Jun 21 in the Village Hall subject to Government Guidelines.

Action – Parish Clerk

498 Shepton Beauchamp pre-school update. For information only.

Following the Bath and Wells Multi Academy Trust's decision not to take over the Pre School's management the Pre-School Committee will hold a virtual Extraordinary General Meeting to discuss the future of the pre-school using Teams software, on Monday 22 March 2021 at 7.30 pm. The Chair confirmed that the Council had written to the BWMAT Trustees in support of the pre-school which had been acknowledged. The chair undertook to attend the meeting and report back to the council.

Action – Chair

499 Report from Clerk/RFO.

There was nothing to report.

500 Weekly recycling issues

Cllr Rowsell confirmed that the initial problem of waste from recycling is no longer an issue

Resolved. No further action required.

501 Reports

Highways

The Clerk confirmed that an e-mail had been sent to the Highways Dept. copied to Adam Dance concerning the blocked drains on the Boxstone junction and further down opposite Silver Springs. Highways had acknowledged the e-mail and would send an inspector to the site which has yet to be actioned. It was agreed that a further e-mail asking for confirmation of the inspection date, copied to Adam Dance should be sent. .

Action – Parish Clerk

Cllr Brunt raised the issue of car parking within 10m of the Shell Lane making it difficult for large vehicles turning up Shells Lane. It was agreed to Agenda this item in the next Council Meeting in April

Action – Parish Clerk

Lethbridge Recreational Ground Committee

Nothing to report

Environment

Cllr Wylie Carrick highlighted recent correspondence from the Somerset Waste Partnership that following its successful launch in Mendip last October 2020 resulting in a 20% increase in recycling with a corresponding 20% fall of black bin rubbish, they will be introducing its expanded 'Recycle More' to South Somerset at the end of June. They have produced a 'Recycle More Briefing Pack' and have planned three Recycle More Q&A meetings on Zoom later this month where a brief presentation will be followed by a question and answer session on 14,15 & 19 Apr at 6.30 – 7.30 pm. Cllrs Wylie Carrick and Bourne have undertaken to attend.

Ranger

Cllr Martin reported that the Ranger has in hand to install a post for the SID near Piece Lane.

Allotments

Following discussion on allotment allocation it was agreed to agenda this item at the next Council Meeting

Action – Parish Clerk

Cowleaze

Nothing to Report.

Climate Emergency Working Group

Cllr Bourn reported that the Shepton Beauchamp application to the SCC's Climate Emergency Community Fund for funding to support the Development of a Climate Change Mitigation Plan project was unsuccessful. Consideration will be given for future projects

Footpaths

Nothing to report

For information only – no resolution required

502 Grievance Policy

To resolve to approve and adopt the Grievance Policy Statement

Resolved. That the Grievance Policy Statement be approved and adopted.

503 Disciplinary Policy

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Resolved. That the Disciplinary Policy be approved and adopted.

504 Annex A – Deferred items register

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

505 Annex B – Official correspondence received

The Chair highlighted the following recent correspondence received:

Somerset Day Event Pack. For discussion at the next April Council Meeting. A copy of the E-mail to be sent Events Team.

Action – Parish Clerk

Research Enquiry. There is no record of the individual concerned living in SB. Parish Clerk to reply accordingly.

Action – Parish Clerk

Meeting closed: 8.50 pm