

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Monday 19th July 2021 at 7.30 pm
In the Village Hall, Middle Street, Shepton Beauchamp TA19 OLQ

Councillors present: Cllr Nigel Wylie Carrick (Chairman) Cllr Richard Martin (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr Ed Wakely Cllr Clare Lillywhite
Cllr David Bourn Cllr Angie Joy
Cllr Rev Geoff Wade

In attendance: Stella Davies (Clerk)

Members of the public: Representative from Cherwyn Developments

District/County Councillors in attendance: SCC Cllr Adam Dance (left at 7.50 pm)
SSDC Cllr Crispin Raikes (left at 8.30pm)

Cllr Dance reported that the results of the Secretary of State's decision on the unitary proposal should be issued this week. There is likely to be an election of some sort next May, possibly a shadow authority of the new unitary in 2023 or the new unitary itself. SSDC and other district councils polled residents and two thirds of those who responded wanted Stronger Somerset and not One Somerset. There could be challenges depending on the result.

Recycling – Recycle More is good in that more plastic can be recycled, but there is a shortage of drivers and he has received numerous phone calls concerning the issue about missed collections. The new system has resulted in an increase in dog fouling as people do not want to put bags in their black bins as they are only emptied every 3 weeks.

He asked that people who wished to continue to wear face masks in the community be supported.

Cllr Raikes reported that a new CEO had been appointed (re-advertised after the previous applicant did not take up the post). She has previous experience of District, County and Unitary authorities and starts on 16th August. Where possible the next 6 months of meetings will be via zoom.

Ser Item

551. To receive apologies for absence and to approve the reasons given (LGA 1972, s85(1))
Apologies received from Cllr Brunt (prior commitment) and Cllr Rowswell (away).
Resolved. To accept and approve the apologies given.

552. 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.

553. To approve as a correct record the minutes/decisions of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 21st June 2021 (LGA 1972, sch 12, para 41(1)).
Resolved. That the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 21st June be signed as correct.

554. Planning. Pre-application. *For information only*
The proposed development accessed from Piece Lane was outlined by the developer prior to the planning application being submitted.

The developer said that he wanted a collaborative approach whilst the plans were being developed and agreed to keep the Parish Council informed at the various stages prior to the application being submitted. It was suggested the plans could be displayed at the 11th September event.

- 555. Planning Application 21/01070/LBC Ye Olde Thatch, Love Lane**
The carrying out of internal and external alterations to form a chimney breast and chimney stack
Resolved. There were no objections. To submit response by 27th July. **Action – Clerk/RFO**
- 556. Allotments.**
To review the resolutions made under 517 and approved at the April meeting in order to resolve the following motions:
- To send a letter to allotment holders/post suitable notices to hold an allotment meeting open to all allotment holders and prospective allotment holders to be held at a suitable date to be determined in order to discuss: the revision of Allotment Rules along NAS guidelines; encourage allotment holders to form a Shepton Beauchamp Allotment Society; allotment sizes and rent; any other points raised.
- To issue formal Warning Notice of Improvement (28 Days) to allotment holders in breach of current allotment rules followed, if necessary, by Notice to Vacate in either April or September to those who fail to improve and remain in breach of current allotment rules.
- Resolved.** That the letter to hold a meeting not be sent and that the formal notice of improvement within 28 days be issued to allotment holders on breach of current allotment rules. Should there be no improvement then a notice to vacate letter should be sent.
- Action – Clerk/RFO**
- Cllr Wylie Carrick and Cllr Wakely are to visit the allotments and confirm to the Clerk which allotment holders to issue the letter to. **Action – Cllr Wylie Carrick & Cllr Wakely**
- 557. Lethbridge Recreation Ground.** To approve the Tender Notice for quotes to clear the Leylandii trees acting as a windbreak to the West of the Lethbridge Recreational Field. Review the quotes submitted for the clearing of the trees.
Resolved. The Tender Notice was approved and will be displayed on the website and the village notice board.
- 558. Feedback from the results of the Carbon Footprint questionnaire.** *For information only*
Cllr Bourn gave the results of the questionnaire – 75 responses were received and the majority indicated they were interested in reducing their carbon footprint. The five most popular were public transport; house insulation; recycling; solar power and tree/hedge planting. The results would be included in a future issue of The Web magazine. He said a solar planning company were being invited to the Cowleaze Climate Emergency event.
- 559. Finance**
To review the Bank Reconciliation to 30th June 2021 (previously circulated).
To approve the schedule of payments totalling £3,819.23
- Resolved.** The Bank Reconciliation to 30th June was approved and was signed as correct by a non-cheque signatory. The payments were approved and cheques issued.
- 560. Grant Awarding Policy.** To resolve to approve and adopt the Grant Awarding Policy.
Resolved. That the Grant Awarding Policy be approved and adopted.
- 561. Mobile fish & chip van**
To review the request to bring a mobile Fish & Chip van to the village and to consider if it would have a detrimental effect on the businesses in the village.
Resolved. That the Parish Council has no objection to the mobile Fish & Chip van coming to the village but would ask that they come on a Monday when the Duke of York does not offer food. It was suggested they park at the junction of Piece Lane/Lambrook Road. **Action - Clerk**
- 562. Dog Fouling.** To resolve what action should be taken to try and stop the incidents of dog fouling within the village.

Resolved. This was being mentioned in The Web magazine. If a Councillor witnesses an individual who does not pick up after their dog, then a letter is to be sent by the Parish Council.

- 563. Trees in Robins Lane.** To resolve what action needs to be taken about the overhanging trees at the end of Robins Lane.

Deferred – to carry forward to the next meeting.

- 564. Defibrillator.** To review and approve the article for The Web

Deferred – to carry forward to the next meeting.

- 565. Quarterly Budget Report.** *For information only*

The Clerk/RFO presented the budget report for April - June and this was reviewed by the council.

- 566. Zoom subscription.** To resolve if the subscription for Zoom should be discontinued as meetings are now held in person.

Resolved. That the subscription to Zoom be cancelled.

- 567. Reports.** *For information only*

Highways

Cllr Rowswell sent a report to say that the silt traps and grass verges have been dealt with. He has reported the pothole at the top of Great Lane and he has chased up the repair to the road between the crossroads at the top of the village and Hurcott.

There is a meeting on Wednesday between the highways department and three councillors to discuss the issue of white lines around some junctions.

SID – the supplier is coming first week in August to show us how to use the SID.

Lethbridge Recreational Ground Committee

There was nothing to report.

Environment

There was nothing to report.

Ranger

The Ranger will replace the Piece Lane post. He has trimmed the bank near the school flashing lights and the path alongside the allotments.

Allotments

There was nothing to report

Cowleaze

They will be preparing for 11th September events and are in contact with the Events Team.

Climate Emergency Working Group

Somerset Waste Partnership, Somerset Wildlife Trust and SSDC have been invited to the 11th September event and are likely to attend. Adam Dance will be attending.

Footpaths

The Council thanked Ken for cutting the grass on all the footpaths.

- 568. Annex A – Deferred items register**

Councillors reported on completed items.

- 569. Annex B – Official correspondence received**

This was reviewed.

Meeting closed: 9.28 pm