

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Monday 18th October 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 Sarah Brunt
Cllr David Bourn Cllr Andrew Rowswell
Cllr Clare Lillywhite

In attendance: Stella Davies (Clerk)

Members of the public: 40 members of the public attended

District/County Councillors in attendance: SCC Cllr Adam Dance (arrived at 8.15 pm)
SSDC Cllr Crispin Raikes sent his apologies

Cllr Dance outlined the unitary proposals for the members of the public. There is likely to be an election in May 2022 for the new shadow authority. The District and County Councils will continue to run until 2023, then it will become one unitary authority. There is no guarantee that the Ranger scheme will continue. There may be services that are pushed down to the Parish Councils.

Ser Item

- 596. To receive apologies for absence and to approve the reasons given** (LGA 1972, s85(1))
Apologies were received from Cllr Joy (personal commitment). The Chairman informed the councillors that he had received a formal letter of resignation from Cllr Rev Wade, due to the pressure of his job.
Resolved. To accept and approve the apologies given.

- 597. 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

- 598. To approve as a correct record the minutes/decisions of the extra-Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 13th October 2021** (LGA 1972, sch 12, para 41(1)).
Resolved. That the minutes of the extra-ordinary Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 13th October be signed as correct.

Item 600 was moved forward due to the attendance of the members of the public

- 599. Planning Application 21/02943/HOU Holly Cottage, Lambrook Road**
Erection of a single storey extension and minor external alterations
Resolved. There were no objections. To submit a response by 21st October **Action – Clerk/RFO**

OPEN SESSION

The Chairman explained the reasons for considering the yellow lines was for road safety at the junctions. There is additional traffic at these junctions. During the summer the council wanted to get the white lines in the village repainted and increase the white lines around Shells Lane. However, Highways said this was not longer permitted and there would need to be yellow lines there. It was in the Highway code that there should be no parking within 10 metres of any junction. This would affect 4 cars at each junction.

During the open sessions the main comments/questions raised were:

- Have there been any incidents at either of these locations? People who had lived in the village for many years were not aware of any accidents

- What will happen to the cars that cannot park in these areas? We already have a lot of cars in the village
- There is already no parking available for attendees at the village hall or if there is an event at the Church
- Can we have a 20mph limit through the whole village?
- Why was it an issue now and not before?
- Cars sometimes park on existing white lines, so who will enforce the parking on the yellow lanes?
- Could the pavement be extended around Shells Lane?
- Who will make the final decision?
- It was suggested that 2 bollards similar to those at the corner of Love Lane would have the same effect and be less obtrusive

Cllr Adam Dance explained that the process would be:
 Parish Council would ask for a road traffic order for double yellow lines to the Highways department
 SCC would put out a consultation and people could write in with objections
 SCC would then make a decision

600. Proposed double yellow lines at the junctions of Shells Lane/North Street and Robins Lane/Middle Street

To resolve whether to go ahead with the application for double yellow to be introduced to improve road safety.

Unresolved. That before proceeding with voting on the yellow lines the council will write to the Highways department (copy in Adam Dance) to say that having consulted widely within Shepton Beauchamp the Council would prefer the positioning of two bollards on the left-hand corner of Shells Lane in preference to yellow lines. This would provide both safe pedestrian passage into Shells Lane and prevent potential obstruction from vehicles parking too close to the North Street Junction.

Action – Clerk/RFO

601. Aims and Objectives of the Parish Council

To approve the formalised aims and objectives of the Parish Council

Resolved. That the Aims and Objectives be approved.

602. Training and Development Policy v1

To approve and adopt the Training and Development Policy v1

Resolved. That the Training and Development Policy v1 be approved and adopted.

603. Six-monthly Budget Report. For information only

The Clerk/RFO presented the budget report for April – Sept which was reviewed by the Council.

604. Finance

To review the Bank Reconciliation to 30th September 2021 (previously circulated).

To approve the schedule of payments totalling £1,071.84 (The Agenda had quoted the total as £1,268.30 but this was incorrect).

Resolved. The Bank Reconciliation to 30th September was approved and was signed as correct by a non-cheque signatory. The payments were approved and cheques issued.

605. Bus Back better Zoom meeting 14th September. For information only

Cllr Bourn fed back on the Zoom meeting he had attended. It is a new government initiative. Somerset County Council has produced a draft Bus Service Improvement Plan, which they will put forward to the Department of Transport for funding for a bus service for Somerset. There is a Bus User Group (Somerset Bus Partnership). They would like Bus Champions from local communities. They believe there will be an increase in rural bus services and hope there will be a new service where someone can phone a local transport hub and request a bus, who could divert from their regular route to pick them up. The CEWG will provide feedback to the Somerset Bus Partnership and have produced a paper which they will submit to the Parish Council for the November meeting.

606. Privacy Notice v1

To approve and re-adopt Privacy Notice v1

Resolved. To approve and re-adopt the Privacy Notice v1

607. Report from Clerk/RFO. For information only

The Clerk reported that Lesley, one of the villagers, had kindly offered to look after the Phone Box Library. She had cleared away all the rubbish and had classified the books. She said she would check it on a regular basis.

She had been contacted by someone who asked if a trench could be dug to stop the flooding just past the bridge as we exit the village towards Lopen. It was done a few years ago, but had overgrown again. The Clerk will contact County Highways about this. **Action - Clerk/RFO**

She has put a piece in the Web about dog fouling and how to report it, as there has been quite a bit of posts about this problem on Facebook. Adam Dance said that there someone who dealt with this and if the Clerk forwarded an email to him, he would pass it on to her. **Action – Clerk/RFO**

608. Reports. For information only

Highways

Cllr Rowsell reported that the Badgers were causing a problem again at the edge of the village.

Lethbridge Recreational Ground Committee

Cllr Wylie Carrick reported that the West Leylandii windbreak would now be removed from the Recreation Ground in July/August 2022. It cannot be done earlier because of the birds nesting. Consideration was being given to removing six damaged branches from the South Leylandii windbreak and also to incorporate the felling of the South Leylandii windbreak as part of the felling project in 2022.

Environment

Nothing to report.

Ranger

It was asked if he spray round the streets.

Allotments

Nothing to report.

Cowleaze

Cllr Bourn reported that they are only removing the cutting from the area near the orchard. Cowleaze will be putting in an application for a grant in November 2021.

Climate Emergency Working Group

There will be draft recommendations for the Parish Council to consider about what we should say to the Somerset Bus Partnership about improvements to public transport. The group are identifying areas within the village which are available for re-hedging or tree planting.

Footpaths

Nothing to report.

609. Financial Regulation v2

To approve and re-adopt Financial Regulations v2

Resolved. That the Financial Regulations v2 be approved and re-adopted.

610. Annex A – Deferred items register. The deferred items were noted.

611. Annex B – Official correspondence received. This was reviewed.

Meeting closed: 9.15 pm