



SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP PARISH COUNCIL

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Farewell to two of our councillors

Sarah Brunt and Clare Lillywhite resigned from the council towards the end of last year. Both Sarah and Clare had been council members for nearly 10 years and we would like to thank them for their input and hard work during their time on the council.

Welcome to two new councillors

In January two new members were co-opted onto the council. Sally Burwood has lived in the village since 1999 and many of you will know her and her husband Dave. Hugo Stearn has more recently moved to the village, but has developed a passion for it (as we all do). Both of them will bring different experiences to the council and we welcome them.

Defibrillator training

We have arranged for a defibrillator training session to be held in the village hall on Tuesday 25th June at 7 pm, for a maximum of 50 attendees. If you would like to attend, please contact the Parish Clerk by 1st June to let them know.

Allotments

We still have one allotment available. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Clerk

Ranger

In our January newsletter we mentioned that Somerset Council were no longer operating a ranger scheme in the village. We have now hired a private contractor to come once a week and carry out the work involved in keeping the village in a tidy state, which is costing us more than we were being charged by Somerset Council. The Ranger started work on Friday 16th February and will work every Friday. Following the rains, priority has been given to clearing drain covers and cleaning street kerbs of mud and weeds.

Precept

The Parish Council met in January to discuss the budgets for the forthcoming financial year. As you are no doubt aware Somerset Council are in financial difficulties and have reduced the services that they offer to us and some services that were previously provided free of charge to the Parish Council will now be chargeable. With this in mind we have had to increase the amount that you will pay towards the parish on your council tax bill in order that we have the money to pay for those services ourselves. This will mean that a Band D taxpayer will pay 72p per week more than last year.

Somerset's Local Nature Recovery Plan

Somerset Council has been appointed and funded by Defra to lead the Local Nature Recovery Plan for Somerset. To help with this, they want to gain local knowledge from those who live and work here and to know their views on how and where nature matters to them. They have launched a public consultation about this which is open until 30th April. To take part visit the website below: www.somerset.gov.uk/lnr

Parish Council meetings

Our Parish Council meetings are held on the third Monday of each month (except August) in the village hall at 7.30 pm and members of the public are welcome to attend.

The Parish Council can be contacted via the Parish Clerk on 07541 537681 or by emailing clerk@sheptonbeauchamppc.org.uk