

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council, which took place on Monday 10 July 2017 at the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT Cllrs Bishop, Brunt, Cripps, England, Finlay, Joy, Lillywhite, Rowsell, Wakely, Messrs A Dance (District & County Councillor), C Raikes (District Councillor) & B Barton (Chair of the Recreation Committee).

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

A suspicious caller on an elderly resident had been reported but appeared to be genuine.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Bruce Barton and Innis Finlay spoke of the proposals for the parking area at the Recreation Field. An earth bund (made from the soil to be dug out) had been suggested instead of a fence and this idea will be investigated. It is hoped to get a grant for half the cost and it was agreed that the Recreation Committee and Parish Council would split the other half.

MINUTES The Minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

MATTER ARISING

Dates of future meetings Elizabeth England said it seemed likely that the third Monday would be a possibility and the Clerk will ask for confirmation of this.

DC REPORT

Crispin Raikes said that Westlands Leisure Complex had been officially opened by Darcy Bussell. The Council had agreed to redevelop the Crematorium.

PLANNING

A planning application was considered for a V shaped two directional sign at the School and, whilst the Parish Council did not object to a sign, there was concern about the colour and scale proposed.

The Developer had suggested Willow Drive as the name for the new development off Brimgrove Lane and this was approved.

ACCOUNTS

Cheques were drawn for:

South Somerset District Council – Parish Ranger	£603.84
R Cripps – mowing expenses	117.49

DEFIBRILLATORS

After further consideration, it was felt the best position for the defibrillator in the centre of the village would be on the wall of the Village Shop & Post Office and the Clerk will check that this has the approval of the owners before proceeding further.

PARISH PLAN

Roger Cripps said that when Cowleaze Meadow was opened, it was felt there would be sufficient funds to maintain it for five years. It is now entering its 7th year and funds are running low so it was agreed that the Parish Council will now start setting aside funds from the Precept to keep it going. Fencing needs replacing and Adam Dance said it may be possible to get a District Council grant towards this.

Concern was expressed about the cost incurred for supplying dog waste bags and some Councillors felt that the money could be put to better use in the village. Currently, 10,000 bags per year are supplied at a cost of £400 and a decision will be made at the September meeting whether to continue this practice.

HIGHWAYS

White lining work is still to be carried out and Angie Joy will let Adam Dance know where this is required.

Jane Bishop said that, when the verges were trimmed recently, Shells Lane was missed.

FOOTPATHS

The Parish Ranger had carried out more footpath trimming.

ALLOTMENTS

Roger Cripps will trim the vacant allotments.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

As the Parish Council is not due to meet until September, it was agreed to hold an extra meeting on 21 August to discuss any planning applications.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10 pm.

Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council, which took place on Monday 21 August 2017 at the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT Cllrs Bishop, Brunt, Cripps, England, Finlay, Joy, Lillywhite, Rowswell, Wakely, Mr A Dance (District & County Councillor), Mrs J Fryer (Planning Agent) and 12 parishioners.

APOLOGIES Mr C Raikes (District Councillor)

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Wakely (as applicant) declared an interest in a planning application on land north of Hill Farm House, Lambrook Road.

Cllrs Finlay and Rowswell (as neighbours of the site) declared an interest in a planning application on land to rear of 3 Aldonvale, Middle Street.

PLANNING

There were no objections to planning applications to:

Erect single storey dwelling, provide associated access and driveway on land north of Hill Farm House, Lambrook Road.

Demolish existing garage, erect dwelling, create access and parking area for existing dwelling at Little Meadow, Love Lane.

The Councillors considered an application for the erection of a bungalow on land to rear of 3 Aldonvale, Middle Street, and listened to the views of members of the public. They felt they could not support it unless satisfactory answers were received as to the following queries:

1. This land was designated EH10 in the Local Development Framework in 2006, so never to be built on. Does this still apply?
2. Is there an adequate turning and parking area on the site?
3. Concern was raised about drains which are thought to run across the site as part of a flood alleviation scheme.
4. Access to and from this narrow lane is difficult due to parked cars in Middle Street.

Adam Dance felt it may be possible to have yellow lines near the junction to deter parking but the majority of the village would need to be in favour of this.

ACCOUNTS

Cheques were drawn for:

South Somerset District Council – Parish Ranger	£301.92
Pinnacle Accountancy Services – Internal Audit & PAYE	138.00

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.25 pm.