

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP PARISH COUNCIL – Council Minutes

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Monday 22nd October 2018 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall, Middle Street, Shepton Beauchamp, TA19 0LQ

Present Councillors: Jane Bishop (Chairperson)
Sarah Brunt
Clare Lillywhite
Ed Wakely
Innis Finlay
Andrew Rowswell
Clerk - Jane Brown

Others Present: Cllr Crispin Raikes District Councillor South Petherton Ward, Bruce Barton Chairman Lethbridge Recreation Ground Committee and four members of the public.

- 1. To receive apologies for absence and to approve the reasons given** (LGA 1972s85(1)). Apologies were received from: Angie Joy – Conflicting Engagement, Elizabeth England – Conflicting Engagement and Roger Cripps – Unwell
RESOLVED – To accept and approve the reasons given.
- 2. 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 2011 s33(b-e). (NB this does not preclude any later declarations)

None.
- 3. To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 17th September 2018** (LGA 1972 sch 12, para 41(1)).

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 17th September 2018 be signed as correct.
- 4. Lethbridge Recreation Ground** – To receive updated reports and discuss the planned refurbishment.

Bruce Barton - Chairman of the Lethbridge Recreation Ground Committee provided an update on the proposed refurbishment of the Lethbridge Recreation Ground giving a brief summary of the estimated costs and funding plan. He will send an email with a breakdown the Parish Council for their consideration at the next Parish Council meeting.
- 5. Planning Application** – Ref No 18/02850/S73A – 11/01887REM Variation of condition - Nigel Chapman, The Wilderness, Willow Drive, Shepton Beauchamp, TA19 0JZ.

RESOLVED – no objections were raised and the Clerk to respond to SSDC.

6. **Planning Application** – Ref No 18/02578/FUL – Mark Jennings, St Francis, Silver Street, Shepton Beauchamp, TA19 0JZ.

RESOLVED – to unanimously object to this planning application, councillors deemed this an over-development of the site and not in keeping with the surrounding area. The plans are very different from pre-application discussions held earlier in the year where the front bungalow was to be converted into two dwellings and not knocked down and rebuilt into two semi-detached houses. Concerns were raised as the building works namely footings are already underway. The Clerk is to relay the objection and concerns to SSDC.

7. **Actions from the previous meeting** – To review actions taken and receive updates.
Branstons – Highways review no recommendations to increase lay-bys

Discussed and noted.

8. **To receive written or oral reports** - From meetings attended by Councillors on behalf of the Parish Council.
Sport England – requested details of the playing field etc, is this bonafide?

Clerk to liaise with Chairman of the Lethbridge Recreation Ground and communicate if deemed correct. New councillor email addresses passwords and instructions were distributed to those present. There has been no news on the new Parish Council website.

9. **Finance** - to review income and expenses and approve and sign payments.
SALC Training Courses -Inv's CT 2018-279 T12018-254 & T12018-265 £110

RESOLVED – Cheque No 530 to SALC for £110 approved and signed by Cllr Bishop and Cllr Wakely.

10. **Land bequeathed to the Poor of Shepton Beauchamp** – To discuss land in South Petherton currently rented out.

Cllr Brunt advised that this parcel of land is administered by the Shepton Beauchamp Charity and further information could be obtained from Father Geoff Wade or Richard Martin who is Chairman of the charity.

11. **Chairperson's Report** – items of information.

The events team report all the necessary health and safety checks are underway in preparation for the Bonfire and Firework Display on the 3rd November.

There have been reports of damage to parked cars, a road traffic accident and a discarded caravan. There are also reports of suspicious characters in the village shop and on building sites within the village. The Clerk is to contact George Flynn the new local Police Beat Manager invite him to attend a future Parish Council Meeting.

12. **Items for the next agenda.**

Discuss the Lethbridge Recreation Ground refurbishment works and consider funding.

13. **Banking** – Items of information (i)

14. **Legal Advice** – Items for information (ii)

15. **To resolve to exclude members of the press and public – To agree that agenda item 13 & 14 be dealt with after the public (including the press) have been excluded as publicity would prejudice the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted. (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)**

RESOLVED – that the agenda item 13 & 14 be treated as confidential and dealt with after the public (including the press) has been excluded

Cllr Raikes, Bruce Barton and the four members of the public left the meeting.

Action Points:

- Clerk**
- Contact SSDC regarding the two planning applications**
 - Contact the new Local Police Beat Officer**
 - Circulate Bruce Barton's report on the Lethbridge Recreation Ground**
 - Seek legal advice concerning Lethbridge Recreation Ground**
 - Send change of detail form to the bank**
 - Arrange a meeting with a local bank to discuss opening a new account.**