

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Monday 20th December 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 David Bourn Cllr Andrew Rowswell
Cllr Sarah Brunt Cllr Ed Wakely

In attendance: Stella Davies (Clerk)

Members of the public: None

District/County Councillors in attendance: SCC Cllr Adam Dance (left at 8.25 pm)
SSDC Cllr Crispin Raikes sent his apologies

Cllr Dance reported that the Unitary elections will take place in May 2022. It is unlikely that planning will be dealt with by the community networks. It is being recommended that there are only four planning committees for the whole of Somerset (There are currently four in South Somerset). It is likely that the town and parish council elections will take place at the same time, but this has to be confirmed.

Ser Item

- 631. To receive apologies for absence and to approve the reasons given** (LGA 1972, s85(1))
Apologies were received from Cllr Joy (prior commitment) and Cllr Lillywhite (personal commitment).
Resolved. To accept and approve the apologies given.
- 632. 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)
Cllr Rowswell declared an interest in items 635 and 636 and was excluded from the discussion and the voting. Cllr Wylie-Carrick declared an interest in item 636 and was excluded from the discussion and the voting.
- 633. To approve as a correct record the minutes/decisions of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15th November 2021** (LGA 1972, sch 12, para 41(1)).
Resolved. That the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 15th November be signed as correct.
- 634. Planning Application 21/03059/HOU Carrick, Lambrook Road**
Change front door from aluminium and glass to oak with side light. Tile storm porch floor and apply brick slips to part of walls. Render the walls above the brick slips.
To review planning application submitted
Resolved. There were no objections. To submit a response by 21st December. **Action – Clerk/RFO**
- 635. Planning Application 21/03284/HOU Purbeck, Lambrook Road**
Demolition of rear lean-to extension and erection of two-storey extension.
To review planning application submitted
Resolved. There were no objections. It was noted that an amendment had been made to the original planning application to amend part of the extension from a flat roof to a pitched gable end to which there were no objections. To submit a response by 21st December. **Action – Clerk/RFO**

At this point Cllr Martin took over chairing the meeting and Cllr Wylie Carrick stepped down as chair.

636. Planning Application 21/03361/HOU Goodwin House, Love Lane

Demolition of lean-to attached to the house and a detached garage and carport. Erection of an extension to the house and a replacement garage.

To review planning application submitted

Resolved. There were no objections. To submit a response by 21st December. **Action – Clerk/RFO**

At this point Cllr Wylie Carrick re-joined the meeting and took the chair.

637. Bus Service Questionnaire

To approve the spend of up to £79 on the printing of Bus Service Questionnaires for distribution with the January 2022 issue of The Web

Resolved. That expenditure of up to £79 be spent on the printing of the Bus Service Questionnaires.

638. Afforestation Areas within the parish boundaries

To resolve how to proceed with potential hedge and tree planting areas within Shepton Beauchamp Parish boundaries.

Cllr Bourn mentioned that improving wildlife habitat was a significant area of importance in the results of the Climate Emergency questionnaire.

Unresolved. Although no decision was made, discussion took place on various areas within the village including the area between the allotments and Lethbridge recreation field, which the Parish Council own and the area where the proposed development at Piece Lane will be. Cllr Wylie Carrick and Cllr Bourn will discuss the Lethbridge area. **Action – Cllr Wylie Carrick / Cllr Bourn**

It was also suggested that one of the landowners be contacted to see if he would be interested in planting areas which would promote wildlife. **Action – Cllr Wakely**

639. Finance

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

To approve the schedule of payments totalling £831.24 (previously circulated)

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

640. Virements

To approve the list of virements (previously circulated)

Resolved. That the list of virements be approved.

641. Report from Clerk/RFO. For information only

The Clerk reported that SSDC will not be offering a Christmas tree collection again this year due to Covid-19 restrictions. She has put a mention of this in The Web.

Allotments – she has received a letter from one of the allotment holders, which the councillors discussed and answered, so the clerk will write to the allotment holder with the response. **Action – Clerk/RFO**

There is one new allotment holder, which will leave three spare plots from 1st January (although one is extremely small) and there are two people on the waiting list.

She also reported that she passed her CiLCA qualification on 30th November.

**642. Reports. For information only
Highways**

Nothing to report. It was mentioned that the position of the SID at the edge of the village going towards Hurcott was not ideal and it would be better nearer the crossroads. It was also mentioned that it would be useful to have the data produced. **Action – Clerk/RFO**

Lethbridge Recreational Ground Committee

Cllr Wylie Carrick reported that he had a meeting with the Chair of the Lethbridge Committee and an architect when the pavilion was discussed. Two drawings had been produced – one for refurbishment and one extending the pavilion slightly. The committee have lottery funding which is being held for improvements. A surveyor is coming down in the New Year to look at various alternatives including costings, which will be brought to the Parish Council, hopefully in January

Action – Cllr Wylie Carrick

Environment

Nothing to report.

Ranger

The Ranger was working on a different day this week. He has moved the SID location, although the battery will need to be changed. It was mentioned that when the drains at the top of Love Lane were cleared, the debris was left near 'Bobbins' so could the ranger will be asked to move this.

Action – Cllr Martin

Allotments

Nothing to report.

Cowleaze

Branstons have donated a cheque which matches the funding raised by the group at the Climate Emergency summer event.

Climate Emergency Working Group

A meeting was held a few weeks ago and will hold another meeting in January.

Footpaths

Nothing to report. Cllr Brunt agreed to be the new Parish Path Liaison Officer. The Clerk will inform SCC of the name change.

Action – Clerk/RFO

643. Code of Conduct v2

To approve and re-adopt the Code of Conduct v2

Resolved. That the Code of Conduct v2 be approved and re-adopted.

644. Standing Orders

To approve and re-adopt the Standing Orders

Resolved. That the Standing Orders be approved and re-adopted.

645. Information & Data Protection Policy v2

Resolved. To approve and re-adopt the Information & Data Protection Policy v2, with some minor typing changes and the addition of the clerk's address with a telephone number to be confirmed.

Action – Clerk/RFO

646. Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations 2022

To resolve whether to purchase a Gas Fuelled Jubilee Beacon for putting on the church tower, at a cost of £490 + vat

Resolved. That the Beacon be purchased in March at a cost of £490 + vat, which will be added to our asset register.

Action – Clerk/RFO

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

It was noted that a tree surgeon may only be required for very large Parish Council trees and so the Clerk will investigate further as there is a tree by the top of the allotment steps which may fall into that category.

Action – Clerk/RFO

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

It was noted that the free seedlings offered by e-forests a couple of months ago should be accepted and they could be planted temporarily in the small spare allotment plot / recreation field behind the leylandii.

Action – Clerk/RFO

Meeting closed: 9.00 pm