

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP PARISH COUNCIL - AGENDA

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Monday 21st February 2022 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 Angie Joy
Cllr Clare Lillywhite Cllr Ed Wakely
Cllr Tim England

In attendance: Stella Davies (Clerk)

Members of the public: One member of the public attended in relation to item 665

District/County Councillors in attendance: SCC Cllr Adam Dance (arrived at 8.15 pm & left at 9.00 pm)
SSDC Cllr Crispin Raikes sent his apologies

Cllr Dance reported that there was a full SCC meeting on Wednesday 23rd February. The opposition are putting in a request for the County Council to give funding towards unpaid carers, as there was currently no funding available, which he would be supporting. The phosphate issue was still a problem at District level and this is holding up planning across Somerset. They are trying to get the MPs on board. The worst treatment plants in this area are Hazelbury, Crewkerne and Merriott. There should be another briefing in March. The Somerset River Authority have done work to prevent further flooding in the area. Local elections are on 5th May (Parish Council & Unitary). Covid restrictions are changing. Business Support scheme will only take applications up to 28th February. A resident has contacted him about speeding on Lambrook Road.

Ser Item

662. To receive apologies for absence and to approve the reasons given (LGA 1972, s85(1))
There were no apologies.

663. 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.

664. To approve as a correct record the minutes/decisions of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 17th January 2022 (LGA 1972, sch 12, para 41(1)).
Resolved. That the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 17th January 2022 be signed as correct.

665. Proposed planting/landscaping of the slope
To discuss the proposed design and planting of the slope and to resolve to spend up to a maximum amount of £1,500

The proposed design and planting of the slope was discussed and we have some volunteers from the village who will do the planting of the area and help with the upkeep, together with input from the Parish Ranger. This will initially mean there is an attractive area of flowers, which can be seen when walking through the village, particularly if the hedge is lowered slightly. Further work on the area (for example access from the road and siting of benches) can be discussed after the initial work has been completed.

Resolved. That the proposed design be approved and the maximum spend of £1,500 was approved unanimously for this first stage.

666. Purchase of Air Quality Sensor and joining of Community Air Quality Network

To resolve whether to purchase an Air Quality Sensor at a maximum cost of £90 and to join the Community Air Quality Network

Resolved. The purchase of an Air Quality Sensor and the joining of the Community Air Quality Network was not approved (3 councillors voted in favour, 5 voted against and 1 abstained).

667. Bus Service Questionnaire results

To report on the findings of the SBPC Bus Service Questionnaire and to resolve to agree to the following recommendations:

1. That the Parish Council endorse the findings
Resolved. It was agreed that the Parish Council endorse the findings.
2. That the Parish Council should distribute a summary of the results with the next issue of The Web magazine at a maximum cost of £100
Resolved. That the Parish Council distribute a summary of the results in The Web at a maximum cost of £100.
Action – Parish Clerk
3. That the Parish Council share their findings with relevant authorities as detailed in the report of the findings
Resolved. That the Parish Council share their findings with the relevant authorities.
Action – Parish Clerk
4. That the Parish Council should add the findings to the Climate Emergency page of the website
Resolved. That the Parish Council add the findings to the website.
Action – Parish Clerk
5. That the Parish Council consider promoting a Shepton-Beauchamp based Car share arrangement to Ilminster, South Petherton, Yeovil and Taunton
Resolved. That the Parish Council promote car share arrangements in The Web and on Facebook. This would be the responsibility of individuals and not organised by the Parish Council.
Action – Parish Clerk / Cllr Martin

668. Promoting better house insulation proposal

To review the proposal and resolve to agree to the following recommendations:

1. That the Parish Council request the demonstration and loan of a thermal imaging camera from SSDC for use in Shepton Beauchamp to show where heat is being lost from houses
Resolved. That the Parish Council request a demonstration and loan of a thermal imaging camera from SSDC. (Request for October/November)
Action - Parish Clerk
2. That the Parish Council invite the Retrofit Officer for Bruton Town Council to provide guidance on retrofitting home Insulation in the village.
Resolved. That the Retrofit Officer for Bruton Town Council be invited to provide guidance when we receive the camera (October/November)
Action – Parish Clerk
3. That the Parish Council include displays/presentations of thermal imaging and improving home insulation to coincide with the scheduled Parish Council's Saturday surgeries in April, May, June and July
Resolved. That the Parish Council include a display board to coincide with the Councillor surgeries.
Action – Cllr Bourn

669. SID Data. *For information only*

The Clerk presented the SID data for the period 1st – 7th February in Silver Street. The councillors thought that the graphs showing how much the traffic slowed down after passing SID would be useful to publish, together with the data on the percentage of cars that exceeded the speed limit and did not

reduce their speed. Cllr Dance said that his clerk sent him a list of how many cars had exceeded the speed limit (over 30 mph, 35 mph and 40mph) rather than a graph, plus information on the fastest speed and the time of day that occurred. It was suggested that the data be published in The Web and on the website, as graphs could not be published in The Web.

Action – Parish Clerk

670. Action Plan

To review and update the action plan.

Resolved. The action plan was reviewed and need to be updated as follows:

- (a) The Slope Phase 1 - The resource implication for the slope is to be amended to £1,500.
- (b) Vehicle Electric Charging Point - the Clerk at Seavington is to be contacted as they received a quote (although they decided against going ahead with it as it cost about £2,000 plus a £20 per week charge) and may be willing to share that information. Cllr Dance said he may be able to get us funding from SSDC. He suggested that we contact Sarah Dyke at SSDC to see what they were considering for South Petherton. The Parish Council would be responsible for the cost of electricity used as this facility would be for visitors to the village and not residents.
- (c) Newsletter – amend to a three-monthly newsletter
- (d) Website improvement – amend the timescale to May 2022.
- (e) General Power of Competence – this has now been achieved.

Action – Parish Clerk

671. Double yellow line in the village

To resolve whether to proceed with the application for double yellow lines, following the response from the highways department concerning the positioning of bollards at the bottom of Shells Lane.

Resolved. That the application is not proceeded with as the situation appears to be self-monitored. This was a unanimous decision.

672. Councillor Surgery Saturday 9th April

To resolve which councillors will attend the surgery on Saturday 9th April

Resolved. Cllr Wylie-Carrick and Cllr England offered to attend the surgery being held from 10.30 – 11.30 am on Saturday 9th April.

673. Finance

To review the Bank Reconciliation to 31st January 2021 (previously circulated).

To approve the schedule of payments totalling £2,241.13 (previously circulated)

Resolved. The Bank Reconciliation to 31st January was approved and signed as correct by a non-cheque signatory. The payments were approved and cheques issued.

674. Report from Clerk/RFO. *For information only*

The Clerk reported that the pay award for 2021 had not yet been agreed and so this may result in the amount being paid in the financial year 2022/23.

She also confirmed that the Parish Council elections will take place on 5th May. Nomination Forms will be posted to her in due course and they must be completed and returned to SSDC by 5th April.

Following the election, we have to hold our first Parish Council meeting between 9th May & 23rd May. Ours is scheduled for 16th May, so is within that timeframe.

675. Reports. *For information only*

Highways

Nothing to report. It was mentioned that the condition of the pull-in on Boxstone Hill was not good.

Lethbridge Recreational Ground Committee

Cllr Wylie-Carrick will speak to the chair of the Lethbridge Committee about the refurbishment.

Environment

Nothing to report.

Ranger

The Ranger is carrying out his normal tasks. He has cut back the overhanging branches in Buttle Lane. He moves the SID every two weeks. Cllr Wylie-Carrick has details of where and when SID is moved and will forward this information to the Parish Clerk. **Action Cllr Wylie-Carrick**

Allotments

Another allotment has now been taken and so there is only one vacant allotment, which the Clerk has emailed the person at the top of the waiting list about.

Cowleaze

The Committee is organising a quiz night this Saturday to raise funds for the new lawnmower.

Climate Emergency Working Group

Nothing further to report.

Footpaths

Nothing to report.

676. Policy on recording of council meetings v2

To approve and re-adopt the Policy on recording of Council meetings v2

Resolved. That the Policy on recording of council meetings v2 be approved and re-adopted.

677. Complaints procedure v2

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Resolved. That the Complaints Procedure v2 be approved and re-adopted.

678. Health and Safety Policy Statement v1

To approve and re-adopt the Health and Safety Policy Statement v1

Resolved. That the Health and Safety Policy Statement be approved and re-adopted.

679. Equality and Diversity Policy v1

To approve and re-adopt the Equality and Diversity Policy v1

Resolved. That the equality and Diversity Policy v1 be approved and re-adopted.

680. Annex A – Deferred items register

The deferred items were updated.

681. Annex B – Official correspondence received

This was reviewed.

OPEN SESSION

Meeting closed: 9.05 pm