



**SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP PARISH COUNCIL**

**NEWSLETTER NO 4**

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### Road closures

Our Parish Council noticeboard outside the church is very small and can't hold much information other than minutes of meetings and Agendas, but please note that we do have information on imminent road closures on our website news page:

<https://sheptonbeauchamppc.org.uk/news/>

### Phone Box Library

The phone box library has now been repaired and is open for use. Our lovely volunteer Lesley has spent a lot of time putting all the books into categories, so please if you put books back, try and keep them in the correct place.

The floor space was getting full of donated books, but we do need space for people to stand and peruse the books! There is a box for donated books on the floor, so once that is full do not leave anymore. Any children's books left should preferably be the size that can fit onto the shelves.

Also please remember this is a book exchange, so when you leave a book, please take one to read. Lastly, please do not leave magazines as we cannot accept them.

### Councillor Surgeries

We have now held three councillor surgeries on a trial basis on a Saturday morning in the village hall.

As we have only had two members of the public attending these, we have decided not to continue with them.

### Allotments

We have an allotment coming up for rent from the 29th September. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Clerk.

## The Platinum Jubilee Garden

The Platinum Jubilee Garden is located on the piece of land opposite the church and next to the school. For many years this area was used as a play area for the school children but in July 2020 Somerset County Council informed the Parish Council that they no longer required the area for the school children to use and so for some time the area has just been kept tidy by the Ranger.

This year, being Platinum Jubilee year, seemed an ideal opportunity to develop the area into something more pleasing to look at and a group of volunteers are doing sterling work designing and transforming it.

The hedge has been trimmed so the garden can now be viewed from the pavement by the church and extra ground is being dug to accommodate more roses.

This is the first phase of the development with more exciting things to come.

## Points raised at councillor surgeries and action taken

A couple of points were raised at our councillor surgeries:

- We were asked if anything could be done with regards to road safety at the Love Lane/Lambrook Road junction and if a mirror could be placed at the junction, so drivers coming onto Lambrook Road could be aware of approaching traffic.

We contacted Somerset County Council who said they do not place mirrors on the Public Highway as they are regarded as "unauthorised signs" and can give a misleading impression of vehicle movements, particularly motorcyclists who will be inconspicuous in a mirror. If not positioned correctly, they can also cause dazzle to approaching motorists, they also require regular maintenance to keep them clean and are ineffective during bad weather.

They said the junction warning sign located on Lambrook Road on the approach to the east of its junction with Love Lane, to warn traffic travelling west is the most appropriate highway sign to warn traffic of possible emerging vehicles.

- It was mentioned that the metal grate covering the gully by the Duke of York needed to be repaired as it was causing excessive noise to the residents when cars drove over it.

We have contacted Somerset County Council about this and they have said they will replace all the covers in October/November this year.

## Grants available

The Parish Council does offer grants to organisations in the village who are in need of funds. We can give these grants to local groups whose existence benefits some or all of the residents.

The only criteria that the group must meet are: -

- It must be a 'not for profit' or charitable organisation
- It must be based in and/or serve residents of the Parish
- It must enhance the quality of life or improve the local environment

If you are a local group who is struggling at the moment and feel that a grant would help you to keep going, then please contact the Parish Clerk for more information.

## Proposed Piece Lane Development



West of England Developments Ltd are at the initial stage of preparing a planning application for 16 new homes on land off Piece Lane. They have asked us to let you know that they will be holding an open public event at Shepton Beauchamp village hall, to give residents of the village to comment on the proposed plans, layout and design. It will give residents the chance to comment on the proposals ahead of the final submission of the planning application to South Somerset District Council. This open public event is a pre planning application event which does not preclude any member of the public formally commenting on the planning application once it has been submitted to the local authority.

The event will be held at the village hall on 31<sup>st</sup> October between 4.00 and 6.30 pm

## Councillors

For those of you who are new to the village, your Parish Councillors are:

Nigel Wylie Carrick  
Chairman



Sarah Brunt  
Vice-Chairman



Ed Wakely



Andrew Rowswell



Clare Lillywhite



Angie Joy



David Bourn



Tim England



Nick Howard



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](mailto:clerk@sheptonbeauchamppc.org.uk)