



SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP PARISH COUNCIL

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What we have achieved since last January

- Phase 1 of the Platinum Jubilee Garden (the slope area opposite the church) has been started
- The white lines around the MUGA at the recreation field have been repainted
- The removal of the west leylandii windbreak at the recreation field has been completed, giving the native trees behind room to develop
- We continue to liaise with the highways department to ensure pot holes are filled and drains cleared and flooding reporting
- Used the services of the SSDC ranger on a regular basis to keep the village tidy
- Produced a quarterly newsletter which is distributed to every household
- Trialled some councillor surgeries in the village hall – these are not being continued due to poor attendance
- Given a grant to Cowleaze volunteers to help with the ongoing maintenance
- Given a grant to the Events Team
- Given a grant to the village hall

Our plans for the future

- Issue a survey to all households on the future development of the Lethbridge Memorial Recreation Field
- Continue with the development of the Platinum Jubilee Garden
- Purchase sandbags for use when the village floods
- Continue to give grant support to local organisations
- Look at road safety in the village, particularly around the school entrance
- Look at the viability of installing an electric charging point in the village

Recreation Field

The recreation field committee has become part of the Parish Council with the transfer of all administration to be completed by 1st April. This will include the administration of the 100 club, with proceeds still going towards the upkeep and development of the facilities.

Improving Home Insulation - Update

In our July newsletter we mentioned that South Somerset District Council had purchased two infra-red cameras which will allow people to see where heat is escaping from their homes and are lending out this equipment. We have received an update and this equipment will be available to borrow in February from South Petherton Library. We had originally been told that only Parish Councils could borrow the equipment, but it seems that anyone who is member of the library service can do so free of charge for up to one week. More details are on the News page of our website: <https://sheptonbeauchamppc.org.uk/news>

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.

Parish Council meetings

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.

Our local County and District Councillors also attend our meetings and update us on what is happening in the area. Notification of meetings and minutes are pinned on our notice board outside the church and also published on our website

Allotments

We have some allotments available. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Clerk.

The Parish Council can be contacted via the Parish Clerk on 07541 537681 or by emailing clerk@sheptonbeauchamppc.org.uk