

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Monday 20th February 2023 at 7.30 pm
In the Village Hall, Middle Street, Shepton Beauchamp TA19 OLQ

Councillors present: Cllr Nigel Wylie Carrick (Chairman) Cllr Sarah Brunt
Cllr Andrew Rowswell Cllr Angie Joy
Cllr Clare Lillywhite Cllr Ed Wakely
Cllr David Bourn Cllr Tim England
Cllr Nick Howard

In attendance: Stella Davies (Clerk)

Members of the public: There was one member of the public in attendance
Also in attendance was the agent from The Town & Planning Practice Ltd in respect of item 853.

District/County Councillors in attendance: SCC Cllr Jo Roundell Greene (arrived 7.30pm, left 7.55 pm)
SSDC Cllr Crispin Raikes sent his apologies

Open Session

The member of the public commented that his was opposed to any speed bumps within the village. He mentioned that all the dog waste bins in the village had not been emptied and most were overflowing. The Clerk said she had reported this to SSDC. SCC Cllr Roundell Greene said that this was a problem in Crewkerne and Ilminster and that she had taken photos which she had sent to SSDC. She asked that we let her know if the bins were not emptied this week.

Action – Parish Clerk

SCC Cllr Jo Roundell Greene said they had their budget meeting this Wednesday with a following meeting on 1st March. They now have a balanced budget, which has been difficult to achieve and they have not made any cuts to front facing services. The LCNs are realistically not going to be coming into being until possibly then end of the summer (we are in the Crewkerne and Ilminster LCN). Regrading planning, there will be four planning committees (North, South, East & West). We will be in the South area. There will be thirteen members on each committee. There will be one regulation committee for the whole of Somerset, which all councillors will sit on. There is a pilot taking place (of 2,000 properties) regarding waste disposal to see if flimsy plastic and cling film can be collected.

Ser Item

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

850. 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 Joy declared an interest in item 854 and signed the book

851. To approve as a correct record the minutes/decisions of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 16th January 2023 (LGA 1972, sch 12, para 41(1)).
Resolved. That the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 19th January be signed as correct.

852. Road Safety near the school

To resolve whether to support the request received from a resident concerning: -

- (a) the placement of a minimum of two 'sleeping policeman' speed ramps in Church Street.
- (b) the placement of a vehicle activated sign (SID) in Church Street

A discussion took place concerning the request received from a parent/parent governor at the school. He was requesting that at least two speed ramps be placed outside the school to slow down dangerously fast traffic and that speed activated signs be placed along church street.

He had written to his MP (for Somerton and Frome) concerning this and also to Marcus Fysh. SCC had also been contacted, who responded to say that there was a 30mph speed limit through the

village and that any placement of speed bumps would be in response to data concerning speed of traffic and road traffic collisions.

One of the councillors (who is a parent at the school) confirmed that currently parents walked across to the school to take or collect their children from school and that any children who were on their own were seen across the road by school staff. The parents meet outside the church and walk across in one mass. Some parents that had been asked were not concerned by the speed of traffic.

It was noted that neither the school nor the Governing Body had officially contacted the Parish Council with these concerns but that 20mph signs had been placed by the school. It was suggested that the council write to the school and Governors to ask for their views.

Action – Parish Clerk

The Chairman confirmed that we had 9 registered locations in the village for the placement of SID, one of which was on the advisory 20mph lamppost in Middle Street and one near Great Lane. The SID can only be in one place for 2 weeks and cannot be returned to that location until a month has passed.

SID had been placed on the lamppost in Middle Street on 7th February. The data extracted from 7th - 15th February showed one vehicle exceeding the 30mph speed limit (at 1300 hours). Cllr England asked that the Clerk extrapolate the data to show vehicles that were driving between 20mph & 30 mph.

Action – Parish Clerk

It was noted that the yellow zigzag lines on the road were worn and SCC Cllr Jo Roundell Greene said she would see if she could get them repainted.

Resolved.

- (a) Placement of speed humps. It was agreed any changes to the speed limit and requirement for speed humps must be evidence based.
- (b) Placement of SID in Church Street. It was decided to keep the SID placed near the school and monitor the speed until the end of the summer term, after which the situation would be reviewed.

The Parish Clerk is to write to the gentleman concerned of the action taken, with a copy to his MP.

Action – Parish Clerk

853. Planning Application 23/00192 FUL Kelly’s Farm, Lambrook Road

Construction of replacement access and new driveway to serve a new access.

Resolved. There was a unanimous decision to approve the application. The council wished to add that they would like the landowner to keep the existing pull in that is used regularly, as a hard verge passing point for traffic. The Clerk to respond to SSDC

Action – Parish Clerk

854. Grant Application

To review the grant application received from the Village Hall and resolve whether to give a grant of up to £500 towards the purchase of new chairs.

Resolved. The grant application of £500 was approved unanimously.

855. Electrical remedial action required at the pavilion

To review the recent Electrical Inspection Condition Report (EICR) previously circulated and:

- (a) To resolve to approve the amount of £1,856.53 + vat for carrying out the remedial work required to bring the pavilion up to adequate standards and to meet insurance requirements.
- (b) To resolve that the electrical contractor who carried out the EICR inspection carry out the remedial work in order to comply with insurance requirements that that work is completed within 2 months of the date of the EICR report (19/01/23) (as per Standing Orders 18(a)(v) and Financial Regs 11.1)

Resolved. Points (a) and (b) above were approved. (8 councillors were for and 1 against).

856. Recreational Field Advisory Committee meeting *For information only*

Cllr England updated the council on the meeting held on 30th January. There were conversations around the 100 club. The draw will take place at the council meetings with the exception of August, which will be held in the Duke of York. The Clerk mentioned that she had written to existing 100 club members to see if they wanted to remain in the club and given them until 3rd March to respond. There was a box in the village shop for their reply slips. There was an advert in The Web. Forms will be printed for new members and left in the shop. Of most concern was the grass cutting as the current contractor was stopping at the end of May and so we will need to put out to tender.

857. Somerset Statement of Community Involvement Consultation

To resolve whether to comment on the consultation document and what comments should be made. **Resolved.** The content was noted but it was decided that no comment was necessary.

858. Action Plan v4

To review and update the action plan and add additional objectives.

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

- (a) Add Recreation Field – update the electrical system to adhere to current regulations with a resource implication of £1,900 and a timescale of March 2023
- (b) Add Recreation Field – produce a survey to all villagers on the future of the Pavilion with a resource implication of £350 and a timescale of May 2023
- (c) To change the timescale of the Local Council Award Scheme accreditation to Sept 2023
- (d) To review the action plan every six months instead of three months

The Action Plan is to be updated accordingly

Action – Parish Clerk

859. Finance

To review the Bank Reconciliation as at 31st January 2023 (previously circulated).

To approve the schedule of payments totalling £2,596.02 (previously circulated).

Resolved. The bank reconciliation as at 31st January was approved and signed as correct by a non-cheque signatory. The payments were approved. (In accordance with Financial Regulations 6.6 these cheques had been signed outside the meeting due to the impending change of bank and were now reported to the council).

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

The Clerk reported that the change of banks was proving difficult as the switch process could not start until all cheques had been presented to our existing bank. She therefore proposed to pay £500 into the new bank account (which is now open) in order to pay HMRC should the switch process not start until mid-March.

She requested that all bank signatories who have not done so, register with the new bank.

Action – Cllr Joy & Cllr Wakely

She has applied for a small lottery licence from SSDC and is awaiting confirmation.

There is a meeting with the highways department and SCC Cllr Jo Roundell Greene on 28th February to discuss the flooding problems in the village. Cllr Wylie Carrick and Cllr Bourn have confirmed they will attend and Cllr Rowswell said he may also be able to. Cllr Roundell Greene has asked for a list of problem areas in the village and they were confirmed as:

- Crossroads at the top of the village
- Water coming off the fields running down Great Lane into North Street, Love Lane and Lambrook Road
- Water coming off the fields and running down Ash Lane into North Street, Love Lane and Lambrook Road
- Corner of Muckleditch Lane

The Clerk is to inform Cllr Roundell Greene of these areas

Action – Parish Clerk

861. Reports. For information only

Highways

Cllr Rowswell reported that the silt traps in Great Lane had been mended, although they had not removed the silt, so the drains were still blocked. The kerb stones outside the shop had been reset, but there were still some outside the hairdressers that had not been done. There are various potholes that had been reported. It was mentioned that the drains over Shepton Hill needed to be rodded as they were blocked.

Lethbridge Recreational Ground Committee

Nothing to report.

Ranger

The Ranger is going to be asked to look at Robins Lane in terms of vegetation at the sides of the road, SID will be changed tomorrow. It was noted that although the Ranger did a good job clearing the mud from North Street, there was still a lot left at the bottom of Great Lane and also near the entrance to Cowleaze House on Lambrook Road.

Allotments

We have 2 new allotment holders.

Cowleaze

All quiet at the moment, although they are expecting to start cutting the grass next month.

Footpaths

Cllr Lillywhite mentioned that she had been approached by a villager who was concerned about the amount of rubbish on the footpaths and in the hedges, who asked if the Parish Council could set up a litter picking group and supply high viz jackets and 'pick-up' equipment to pick up the litter. It was suggested that Cllr Lillywhite ask the person if they would be interested in publicising and managing the group if we purchased the equipment for them. **Action – Cllr Lillywhite**

Cllr Wakely said he had been approached by a resident who was concerned that some dog owners let their dogs run free in the fields and do not keep to designated footpaths or bother to pick up their dog poo. It was noted that all dog owners need to be respectful to other dog owners and walkers and this could be mentioned in the next newsletter and reported to the dog warden.

Cllr Wakely mentioned that the temporary footpath going to the farm at Compton Durville had been temporarily closed as the council were clearing and re-instating the original footpath.

862. Annex A – Deferred items register

This was reviewed.

Meeting closed: 9.00 pm