



SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP PARISH COUNCIL

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Defibrillators

We have been asked why the code to access the defibrillator is not shown by the defibrillator. If we show the code it will negate our insurance. However, the code is available from the Duke of York pub and the village shop. It can also be obtained by dialling 999.

Lethbridge Recreation Field – future developments

At the September Parish Council meeting, the councillors reviewed the results of the recent survey and decided the priorities for the recreation field. We will publish these in our next newsletter.

Old Parish Council records

The very first Parish Council meeting was held in December 1894. Records of all meetings have to be kept in perpetuity and have previously been held by the Parish Clerk. As we have no office this means that they have been kept at their home. We have just taken all records that we hold to Somerset Heritage Centre in Taunton, where they are stored in a fire-proof area. The records will be reviewed and documented by an archivist at the centre, which will take a few weeks or so and they will then be accessible by any member of the public who wishes to view them in person. They do make interesting reading – the minutes in particular go back to the very first meeting in December 1894. If anyone wants to look at the records then they should contact the Heritage Centre on 01823 278805 and make an appointment. Once the records are available to view, they will be listed on their website:
<https://swheritage.org.uk/somerset-archives/visit/somerset-heritage-centre/>

Allotments

One of our allotments has become vacant. If anyone is interested in taking this, please contact the parish clerk.

Volunteer drivers

We have been contacted by Somerset Council as they are looking for volunteer drivers to take residents in the community who have no transport of their own to medical appointments. If you are interested, then more information can be found at:
<https://volunteering.somerset.gov.uk/drive/>

Platinum Jubilee Garden

As you will no doubt have seen on the village Facebook page, the garden is now fully planted.

Our thanks go to the sterling efforts by Bridget, Dorothy, Peter and helpers.

Recreation Field Gates

Following a trial period of leaving the recreation field gates open, we have not received any complaints about cars using it late at night and so have decided that they should remain open. If we receive complaints in the future, we will review the situation.

Memorial Bench for Roger

The volunteers who work on Cowleaze Meadow have clubbed together and between them have purchased a bench made from recycled material in memory of Roger Cripps. It bears the inscription "Roger enjoyed this space" and is a fitting tribute to a villager who did so much towards the creation and maintenance of the meadow.



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 Unitary Authority 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.

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