

SHIPHAM PARISH COUNCIL
(Incorporating Rowberrow and Star)

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21st January 2020

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20th January 2020 in Shipham Village hall at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Iain Shaw (in the chair), H Andrews, K Chalk, A Read, S Leader, P Tratt, K Hollis, S Harris, N Bisdee, C Riches, and the clerk S Peake

Apologies: Cllr C Mitchel, SDCllrs Fineran, Methley and SCCouncillor Taylor

There were no parishioners present

01/20 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Chalk declared a DPI on item no 5/20 (ii)

02/20 To Co-opt a New Councillor

Cllr Andrews proposed Sarah Harris as a new co-opted councillor, seconded by Cllr Hollis and unanimously carried. Acceptance of office was signed.

03/20 Parishioners Discussion Time

No parishioners, no discussion

04/20 Minutes of the last meeting held on 16th December 2019

Minutes of the meeting held on 16th December 2019 having been proposed by Cllr Hollis and seconded by Cllr Andrews were declared correct and signed by the Chair.

05/20 Matters Arising from Minutes of 16th December 2019

Nothing not on the agenda

06/20 Planning:

(i) To discuss further action regarding Great Hills, Longbottom
Meeting noted that AONB have made some observations but until the planning application is determined no effective action can be taken by the Parish Council. It was reported that the applicant is intending to return the plot almost to its original state with only having hardstanding for a couple of cars and to no longer park lorries on the site. Members resolved to monitor the situation.

Cllr Chalk left the room whilst the following application was discussed.
(ii) 44/19/00020: Retrospective application for extensions to front (NW), rear (SE), and side(SW) elevations at Hilltop Meadows, Templars Way, BS25 1RB for Mr Chalk
Members noted that the application was smaller than the original proposed and therefore had no observations to make.

- (iii) 44/19/00014/CM: Erection of two storey extension to side (South East) elevation at 11 Comrade Avenue, Shipham BS25 1TP for Mr and Miss Mundy and Bale
- Members noted that the original concerns by the Parish Council have been addressed by the additional parking space and resolved to withdraw objections providing that the green verge is retained.

Clerk reported a planning appeal had been received for Sycamore Farm and an extraordinary meeting has been called by the Chair.

07/20 Finance

The following accounts, having previously been circulated were proposed to be paid by Cllr Read, seconded by Cllr Andrews and unanimously approved

(i) Accounts payable	
Clerk wages	£258.96
Office costs	£12.00
Shipham Village Hall Trust	£92.10

08/20 Open Spaces

Meeting noted the requests for Chair, Vice-chair and parish representatives for the AONB

It was reported that cars have been driving over the green because the track from the garage to Folly Lane is sometimes blocked. This is damaging the grass. Clerk to write to properties to refrain from driving over the grass.

09/20 Highways

There are continuing problems with lorries using Longbottom but there appears to be some debate as to the legalities regarding this road. Traditionally a "one way" type system was in place where lorries are permitted to go up towards Charterhouse but not come down the other way but this is not clear in regard to the signage. Clerk to contact SCC to clarify the position.

10/20 Burial Ground

- (i) To discuss painting the Burial Ground wall
- Meeting generally felt that this may not be necessary but will revisit after railings are replaced. This should be in February.

11/20 To receive a report from SDC councillors

Cllr Riches reported the following:

- SDC digitised and rebranded
- Unitary Council proposals put in motion
- On-going budget setting of SDC which should be less than 2%
- SDC Grants available for up to £500.00 for individuals e.g for sports funding and up to £2.500 for charitable organisations. Some restrictions apply.

12/20 Chairmans/Clerks report

Chair reported that the application to fund the Village Agent from the Improving Lives Grant was not successful. Also there has been no further action regarding the Small Improvement Scheme Grant which was awarded to Shipham some time ago. Clerk to chase up the latter.

The Village Christmas get together was well attended by a variety of people. Thanks to Cllrs Hollis, Leader, Tratt and Riches for helping.

Dog poo signs requested in Rowberrow. Clerk to supply.

Clerk reported that Sea cadets wished to attend the Annual Parish meeting but Council generally felt that this was not really appropriate.

A dead fox was reported on the burial ground path. Meeting noted that SDC will not remove from private land.

The Parish footpath Liaison officer is Charlie Riches

Some hedging will be removed from the A38 for essential utility maintenance reasons so no planning permission required.

Mendip Edge Federation sent an e-mail to advise that there are plenty of school places in the area.

13/20 Incident Log

There were reports of break-ins to cars and a shed in Top Road.

14/20 To discuss forming a working group to explore housing needs options

A working group consisting of Cllrs Read, Bisdee, Chalk and Shaw was formed

15/20 To discuss the new website accessibility requirements

Cllr Hollis has investigated and tested the current website and has identified a couple of tweaks that may be needed.

16/20 To consider a donation to Churchill and Langford Minibus society

Meeting noted that a sum had been budgeted for in this financial year. Cllr Hollis proposed a donation of £150.00 to be forwarded to the CLMS, seconded by Cllr Andrews and unanimously carried.

17/20 Matters of Report and Future Business

Cllr Andrews reported that some of the Woodland trust trees have been planted and some planted up to keep them alive. Thanks were expressed to Cllr Andrews for obtaining the trees and to Tudor for planting.

Cllr Riches name will be put forward for the Buckingham House Garden party for ex-chairs.

The new PCSO to be asked to the next meeting

Village get togethers to be on the next agenda

18/20 Date of Next Meeting

17th February 2020

The meeting was closed at 8.45 p.m.

Signed:

Date: 17th February 2020