

**SHIPHAM PARISH COUNCIL**  
**(Incorporating Rowberrow and Star)**

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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020 in Shipham Village hall  
at 7.30 p.m.**

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

**Apologies:** Cllrs K Hollis, C Mitchel, H Andrews and N Bisdee. SDCllrs Fineran, Methley and SCCllr Taylor

There were 9 parishioners present for part of the meeting

**35/20 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Riches declared a personal interest in 40/20 .

**36/20 Parishioners Discussion Time**

Parishioners made the following points:

- Concern regarding the number of break ins recently. Meeting advised that PCSO has been invited to Annual Parish Meeting. Previous PCSO stated in December meeting that police will not attend on a non-burglary offence. Noted that Shipham Shares facebook page is not a Parish council run facebook page
- Possible co-ordination of private CCTV and Neighbourhood Watch
- Lorries still illegally going up Longbottom. Parishioners urged to take numbers with photos and report to police. It was noted that there was no sign prohibiting lorries travelling up Longbottom.
- Concern raised regarding the state of the Miners. The wall has come down onto SDC land who have been out and confirmed it will be repaired by the owner. Meeting noted that enforcement action has been taken in the past but solicitors have indicated that magistrates are unlikely to enforce any court order due to the health of the owner.
- Concerns raised regarding the isolation of vulnerable and elderly people. Hansfords have indicated they will deliver to those in need. Rotary have advised help as well. Plenty of people have indicated willingness to help and it will be a matter of co-ordinating the lot.

**37/20 Minutes of the last meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

Minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2020 having been proposed by Cllr Chalk and seconded by Cllr Tratt were agreed as an accurate record

**38/20 Matters of Report from Minutes of 17<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

Nothing not on the agenda

**39/20 Planning:**

- (i) 44/19/00016/EC: Retrospective application for the alterations to access and excavation works at Great Hills, Longbottom, Shipham, BS25 1RN for Ms Green.  
Meeting noted various points and agreed to reiterate previous objections to include size, AONB and concerns with the stability of the bank.
- (ii) 44/20/00001/EC: Retrospective application for use of annex as holiday let/annex at Fernacre, Bristol Road, Star, Winscombe, BS25 1QB for Miss Smallwood  
Members had no comment to make on the application
- (iii) 44/19/00003/CM: Erection of single storey extension to rear ( West) elevation with terrace over at Thistlewell Cottage, Cuck Hill, Shipham BS25 1RD for Mr and Mrs Fitzpatrick  
Members supported this application as per previous comments
- (iv) 44/20/00005/CM: Erection of a two storey extension to North elevation, on site of existing garage (to be demolished), erection of a single storey extension to West elevation and relocation of the west facing dormer and erection of a lean-to extension to the South elevation at Rosewall, Comrade Avenue, Shipham BS25 1TP for Appleton and Eaton  
Members had sympathy with the objectors but were unable to object on planning grounds and resolved to make no comment on this application

#### **40/20 Finance**

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

|     |                                       |         |
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| (i) | <b>Accounts payable</b>               |         |
|     | Clerk wages                           | £258.96 |
|     | Office costs                          | £12.00  |
|     | Charlie Riches ( newsletter)          | £127.00 |
|     | Bristol Water ( cemetery water rates) | £53.00  |

#### **41/20 Open Spaces**

The gardening club will be having a stall on the green on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May.

#### **42/20 Highways**

- (i) **To consider SCC Climate change initiative to extend 20 mph signs for outside schools.**  
The initiative was noted and following a preliminary meeting with Gary Warren at SCC Highways, this is a definite possibility.  
Some councillors met with Gary and some preliminary proposals will be presented to Council in the near future for consultation initially with luck at the Annual Parish meeting.  
Meeting were advised of the pothole in Rowberrow Lane had been fixed and then almost immediately opened up again.  
Problems raised by a parishioner with regard to the hedge overgrown on New Road but this should be reported to SCC highways.

#### **43/20 Burial Ground**

- (i) **To consider plans for the new railings**  
Members noted that there was no indication of a drop bolt and latch on the plans. Clerk to ensure that these are included before confirming the works to be undertaken.

**44/20 To receive a report from SDC councillors**

Cllr Riches reported the following:

- Non-essential meetings have been suspended
- SDC precept up by 3.1%
- Internal Drainage Board costs being taken out of reserves and plans in place for the problems not to reoccur
- FOSS received the grant from SDC and all Small grants monies were spent
- RLT3 money allocated to Sharpham Road in Cheddar
- Unitary authority proposals will be going to the Secretary of State. Reasonable consultation will be undertaken
- The Sainsburys site proposals for residential properties in Cheddar were refused by SDC development committee which is in line with the Cheddar Neighbourhood Plan.
- PSPO proposals have been circulated. Members would like to add the playground next to the hall to prohibit dogs and the football field to have a restriction for dogs on leads. The relevant people to contact the Clerk.

**45/20 Chairmans/Clerks report**

Meetings in April and May may well be disrupted.

**46/20 Incident Log**

To add the spate of break ins on 7<sup>th</sup> March at Longbottom, Gloversfield, Barn Pool, Top Road and Fair Hill to the log.

**47/20 To receive an update from the Housing Needs Working Group**

This has morphed into a longer more detailed questionnaire to go to all parishioners as an update on the Parish Plan. The questionnaire needs to be typed up and Cllrs Harris and Read will have a look in the first instance. It was noted that the original plan was based on how it was to be analysed before the questionnaire was formulated

**48/20 To consider the logistics of funding for the Village Agent**

This is awaiting information from the Village Agents line manager

**49/20 To consider insuring the VE Day celebrations and to consider the application for the road closure**

Cllr Riches proposed that the Parish Council act as insurer to the VE celebrations, seconded by Cllr Read and carried. Clerk to produce a risk assessment.

**50/20 Matters of Report and Future Business**

Meeting noted that although not on the agenda, these are exceptional circumstances and resolved to do the following:

- Produce an information leaflet pointing people in the direction of help using the newsletter delivery network to circulate throughout the parish
- To establish contacts of people who are willing to help

To discuss action regarding the Miners Arms  
Update on Website Accessibility requirements

**51/20 Date of Next Meeting  
21<sup>st</sup> April 2020**

The meeting was closed at 10.00 p.m.

**Signed:**

**Date: 2020**