

SHIPHAM PARISH COUNCIL
(Incorporating Rowberrow and Star)

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16th April 2019

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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15th April 2019 in Shipham Village hall
at 7.30 p.m.**

Present: Iain Shaw (in the chair), H Andrews, N Bisdee, K Chalk, P Downing, S Leader, J Popham, C Riches, P Tratt, M Watson and the clerk S Peake

Apologies: Cllrs Savage, Hill and Taylor

1/19 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Downing declared an interest in the planning item
Cllr Leader declared a DPI on item no 6/19 (ii)

2/19 Parishioners Discussion Time

None present

3/19 Minutes of the last meetings held on 18th March 2019

Minutes of the meeting held on 18th March 2019 having been proposed by Cllr Andrews and seconded by Cllr Popham were declared correct and signed by the Chair

4/19. Matters Arising from Minutes of 18th March 2019

None not on the agenda

5/19. Planning:

Cllr Downing left the room for this item
44/19/00002/LR: Erection of an agricultural storage building on Land to the North of, Shipham Lane, Star, Winscombe, Somerset, BS25 for Mr Hole

Council discussed this and had some reservations but had no planning grounds to object so resolved to make no observations.

6/19 Finance

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

(i)	Accounts payable (1)	
	Clerk wages	£256.22
	Office costs	£12.00
	Stamps	£7.32
	Shipham Village Hall Trust	£54.00
	Colin Busby (grass cutting)	£90.00

Cllr Leader left the room for this item

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

(ii)	Accounts payable (2)	
	Simon Leader (Burial Ground)	£67.50

7/19 Open Spaces

(i) To note further problems with dog mess in the village

Clerk reported that further reports had been made of mess at the back of the Penscot and a notice had been put up requesting that people take home their bags

Council resolved to contact the dog warden again to patrol and put up more notices. Cllr Riches suggested that the Parish Council employ someone for a couple of hours a week with the power to issue fines.

The issue will also be raised at the Annual Parish Meeting

Cllr Riches reported that the Daneswood has taken over the upkeep of the tubs on Templars Way

Clerk reported that she had spoken to the owner of the fields below the football field regarding a concern raised to Cllr Watson about the safety of a cover of a mine shaft.

8/19 Highways

The dumpy bag of grit on the corner of North Down Lane is leaking and clerk to contact SCC to remove

Cllr Tratt reported cars speeding through the village on Sunday evenings and has contacted the PCSO who will try to patrol and request his colleagues to do the same.

Clerk advised the meeting that there is a police website to log complaints and will circulate. It is on the Shipham website

9/19 Burial Ground

The bier is now in the Burial Ground store and will need some kind of covering. Sheets to be sourced

Cllr Riches proposed that the bier be chained to the floor for security, seconded by Cllr Andrews and carried. The clerk noted that this was not on the agenda

(i) To consider works to the Burial Ground railings

Clerk still working on this

Clerk has had contact from a funeral director with a request for a double ashes plot be allowed to contain three sets of ashes. Council agreed that this could be possible if the plot is dug down enough but a charge for the plot will be made

10/19 Sedgemoor District Council Q & As

There were none raised

11/19 Chairmans/Clerks report

Chair reported that all council vacancies have been filled and it is an uncontested election. He gave a huge thanks to Cllrs Watson, Popham and Downing for all their support, work and experience on the council.

Chair has been invited to the mayor making at Axbridge and will send round the details should another councillor wish to attend.

12/19 Incident Log

None to report this month

13/19 To approve exemption from external audit under the audit arrangements for smaller authorities

Cllr Chalk proposed that the Parish Council apply for exemption from external audit, seconded by Cllr Andrews and unanimously carried.

14/19 To approve Section 1 of the Annual Governance Statement- previously circulated

Clerk explained the part one section

Cllr Watson proposed approval of section one of the Annual Governance Statement seconded by Cllr Riches and unanimously carried

15/19 To approve Section 2 of the Annual Governance Statement- previously circulated

Clerk explained the variances in expenditure from last year and highlighted that there were substantial reserves

Cllr Andrews proposed approval of section two of the Annual Governance Statement seconded by Cllr Bisdee and unanimously carried

16/19 Matters of Report and Future Business

Cllr Andrews reported that he had been successful in obtaining trees for the parish. There will be 105 wild wood and 105 working wood available plus 30 hedges. Meeting thanked him for his work.

Future business: to consider a charge for using the bier

To discuss where to put the Woodland trust trees

Cllrs to liaise with cleaning up the road signs

17/19 Date of Next Meeting