

SHIPHAM PARISH COUNCIL
(Incorporating Rowberrow and Star)

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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16th September 2019 in Shipham
Village hall at 7.30 p.m.**

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

Also present: Cllr Taylor

Apologies: Cllrs Fineran and Methley

There were 7 parishioners present

75/19 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Leader declared a DPI on item no 80/19 (ii)

76/19 Parishioners Discussion Time

It was raised that there were problems with an increase in lorries using Longbottom and ruining the banks of properties along the road. There is a serious risk to life due to speed and difficulty of two large lorries passing each other. It has changed the character of the Mendips by making it unsafe for walkers, cyclists and horse riders. The discussion was reopened later in the meeting when Cllr Taylor joined the meeting

The issue of Climate Change was raised as targets are not being reached on carbon emissions and the Independent Committee on Climate Change stating that there are only 12 years before a massive catastrophe. The Parish Council may be best placed to encourage and adapt local communities to face climate change. Therefore a climate emergency should be declared in line with SDC and SCC.

77/19 Minutes of the last meetings held on 15th, 31st July and 22nd August 2019

Minutes of the meeting held on 15th July 2019 having been proposed by Cllr Hollis and seconded by Cllr Leader, minutes of the meeting on 31st July having been proposed by Cllr Riches and seconded by Cllr Bisdee and minutes of 22nd August having been proposed by Cllr Mitchel and seconded by Cllr Leader were declared correct and signed by the Chair

78/19. Matters Arising from Minutes of 15th July 2019

None not already on the agenda

79/19. Planning:

Certificate of lawfulness for proposed erection of a timber framed garden room at 15 Gloversfield was noted

Clerk reported that Planning enforcement had acknowledged the concerns raised regarding Great Hills but were short staffed and no action taken as yet.

80/19 Finance

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

(i)	Accounts payable (1)	
	Clerk wages	£517.92
	Office costs	£24.00
	Shipham Village Hall Trust	£56.20
	Colin Busby (grass cutting)	£180.00
	Charlie Riches (newsletter)	£127.00
	DJ Dors (June/July)	£473.80

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

(ii)	Accounts payable (2)	
	Simon Leader (Burial Ground)	£270.00
	Simon Leader (Rowberrow disused burial ground)	£25.00

81/19 Open Spaces

Clerk reported that the Penscot were happy for the Parish Council to take over the tubs outside the Penscot.

A final cut will need to be carried out on the parish greens

The wooden seat at the base of the Village sign needs to be repaired and Cllr Leader will carry out remedial repairs

82/19 Highways

The Shipham sign at the bottom of Broadway is the responsibility of the Parish Council and Cllr Read will get some quotes for repairing for the next meeting.

83/19 Burial Ground

(i) To consider works to the Burial Ground railings

It was noted that some CIL money will be apportioned to Shipham in the future once the builds have been started.

Cllr Chalk proposed that the quote from Churchill metalworks for @£7,000 be accepted and the works carried out on the basis of "like for like", seconded by Cllr Read and carried. It was noted that there may be an increase in the final cost due to the galvanising element

Cllr Taylor joined the meeting and parishioners raised with him the problem of lorries using Longbottom. He agreed to raise the problem with Highways and will speak to Aggregate industries and the Blockworks and also Mendip Shavings. He explained that speed restrictions were unlikely to be successful as it is not a built up area as would weight restrictions. The suggested route by SCC Highways from the quarry/Mendip Shavings is around is around a 50 mile trip so it is unlikely the lorries will take it. It was suggested that it may be worth investigating how much busier the blockworks are as clearly there are more lorries using the route when it is possible there are alternatives previously used. Parishioners were also asked for number plates and company names if possible.

Cllr Taylor also reported that the AONB had put in an objection to the Folly Lane development and that Natural England were going to re-do their observations. It was noted that Highways had no objections to the proposal.

84/19 Sedgemoor District Council Q & As

Cllr Riches reported the following:

- A frack free policy is to be adopted by SDC (although it was noted that such proposals are dealt with by Central Government)

- Delivery (or lack of) of S106 conditions has been referred to Corporate Scrutiny.
- A question has been asked at SDC regarding clarification of the Local Plan statement of “robust community engagement” in respect of planning applications outside village boundaries and the planning department will be issuing guidance
- Car charging points suggested in Bridgwater car park are not currently possible as Western Power do not have the capacity to service this
- 7 new build properties have been acquired by SDC
- Climate Emergency Task Force looking into carbon emissions note that 54% of emissions come from transport due to M5 and A38 etc, so unless there are serious Central Government policy changes in transport there is more limited scope for reducing carbon emissions as a Local Authority
- Small Grants available from SDC

85/19 Chairmans/Clerks report

Clerk advised that the ambulance service have cancelled the Defibrillator training. Joint Cluster meeting on 8th October and the Children’s burial fund is now up and running.

86/19 Incident Log

Meeting was urged to report the speeding vehicles through the village to the Avon and Somerset Police website. There is a meeting with the police on Friday primarily regarding the Gorge but Cllr Riches will raise the problems of speeding through the parish.

87/19 To Revisit Social Housing

Clerk to provide information for next meeting

88/19 To Consider funding the be-friending scheme

Chair will contact the Village Agent to establish how much would be needed. It was noted that the Village Agent is funded by medical centres in Somerset so other parishioners who do not use Somerset surgeries are not able to access the service.

89/19 To consider a response to the proposal regarding climate charge from Parishioners

Meeting generally felt the Parish council have made some efforts in respect to climate change e.g trees to be planted around the parish and membership of the PCAA and there other village initiatives such as the community allotment. Cllr Riches proposed the following: “Shipham Parish Council acknowledge the Declaration of Climate Change Emergency made by SDC and SCC and will continue to work collaboratively with the community and local government agencies to facilitate responses”, seconded by Cllr Andrews and carried.

90/19 To discuss allocation of grant from Cllr Taylor

Council intend to apply for this grant to fund the be-friending scheme

91/19 To discuss contributing to the appeal for funding to oppose the airport expansion

The PCAA membership will increase to £75.00. Council decided not to contribute but to publicise the crowd funding appeal for individuals to make donations

92/19 To discuss the new website accessibility requirements

All public authorities are to comply with the new accessibility requirements. The website that the Parish Council uses does not comply. Cllrs Hollis and Riches will make enquiries with people more knowledge in this area

93/19 To discuss public liability insurance

Meeting felt that council were largely covered but clerk to send gentle reminder tha

t sight of public liability insurance from contractors used by the PC would be needed.

94/19 Matters of Report and Future Business

To discuss request regarding Parish Council Land

To receive planning report from Cllr Hollis

95/19 Date of Next Meeting

21st October 2019

Signed:

Date: 21st October 2019