

SHIPHAM PARISH COUNCIL
(Incorporating Rowberrow and Star)

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Minutes of the Shipham Parish Council Meeting held on 19th October 2020 in Shipham Village hall at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr Hollis (in the Chair), N Bisdee, K Chalk, S Harris, S Leader, C Mitchel, A Read, C Riches, I Shaw and P Tratt

Also Present: SDCllr L Methley, Sam Peake, Clerk

1 Parishioner in attendance

136/20 Apologies for absence

Cllr Andrews

137/20 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Leader on items 143/20 and 144/20

138/20 Parishioners Discussion Time

A parishioner made representations regarding the problem with Lorries at Longbottom. Meeting noted that there had been some confusion with Highways as to if the weight restriction was to be part of the Small Improvement Scheme. Details of the scheme need to be produced by Highways. The legal position needs to be clarified.

The next item was brought forward on the agenda

139/20 To set up a working group with reference to the problem of lorries along Longbottom and discuss further action

The quarry manager had indicated that sight of the legal agreement for the quarry to use Longbottom would be produced. Cllr Read will follow this up

Resolved: To set up a working group to consist of Cllrs Read, Bisdee and Riches, Mr Spencer (Resident), a representative from Callow Rock Quarry, Batts Combe Quarry and Cheddar Parish Council

The next item as brought forward on the agenda

140/20 To consider proposals for the Climate Change Emergency Fund

Projects were put forward for the Climate Change Emergency Fund to include a willow structure for an outside classroom for the school, a wild seeded meadow area at the school, a wildlife camera, larger water butts with a small solar panel, a bicycle shelter and funding for a Lollypop person

Resolved: to support this application for the Climate Change Emergency Fund
Cllr Read will help with the application

141/20 Minutes of the last meeting held on 19th October 2020

Resolved: Minutes of the meeting held on 19th October 2020 were agreed as an accurate record

142/20 Matters of report form minutes of 19th October 2020

None not on the agenda

Cllr Leader had no involvement in the following two agenda items

143/20 Planning:

To consider the following application:

44/20/00021/LR: Erection of 2 non illuminated billboard signs on land to the South of Bristol Road, Star, Winscombe, for Redrow Homes

Resolved: to object to this application on the following grounds;

- Adverts are in the AONB
- Urbanisation of an area of open countryside
- Out of keeping of the “street scene” obstructing views across the fields along the A38
- Adverts for a development outside Shipham Parish so of no benefit to the parish

144/20 Finance

(i) Accounts payable:	
Clerk Wages:	£265.92
Office Costs	£12.00
Postage	£7.80
Sam Peake (laptop)	£344.96
Simon Leader (burial ground and Rowberrow ground)	£175.00
Colin Busby (grasscutting)	£180.00
DJDors (September burial ground)	£404.61
Rebekah West (wildflower seeds)	£262.00
Royal British Legion	£70.00
Sedgemoor DC (bin emptying)	£250.85

Resolved: To pay the above invoices

145/20 Open Spaces

- (i) **To receive an update regarding the issues raised of the use of Rowberrow Woods/AONB**
Meeting were advised that Forestry England had a more robust approach to preventing access to wild trails.
Parking was identified as becoming more of a problem in Rowberrow and Mr Hardcastle from the AONB will be invited to the next meeting to discuss parking problems.
- (ii) **To receive an update with regard to the proposed bin outside Hansfords and consider alternatives**
Hansfords will advise Council of suggestions of where to put one.
- (iii) **To consider proposals to replace the tub on the Village green outside the Penscot**
There was discussion regarding the replacement the broken tub but flexible bollards were not seen as the way forward
Resolved: To replace all 5 tubs on the green
- (iv) **To consider action to be taken with regard to the Ash Trees bordering Shipham First School/top of Broadway and the quote for the removal of Ash trees at Cuck Hill**
One quote received for £5,000 and further quotes to be obtained for all the ash trees at Cuck Hill and Templars Way.
Meeting generally felt that the quote for £2,500 for the ash trees at the top of Broadway could not be pursued not being Parish Council land.
- (v) **To consider proposals for the Limestone Link Interpretation Board**
The proposal by Bath ramblers was considered not of benefit to Shipham
Resolved: Not to pursue this proposal
- (vi) **To consider the issue with the wall at the back of the Penscot**
Resolved: Unless the stones become an obstruction or dangerous, no further action to be taken

An update was received confirming that the potholes on football ground were capped off appropriately

Meeting noted that the work for the wildflower areas has started and there was some debate as to locations. Cllr Riches and Leader will confirm with the parishioner how the Burial Ground is to be planted.

An update regarding the potholes in the field at the bottom of the football field indicated that the caving club have not improved the safety of the potholes. The landowner is to be written to.

144/20 Highways

No new issues

145/20 Burial Ground

No new issues

146/20 To receive a report from SDC Councillors

Cllr Riches reported that the Government has formally invited councils to put forward proposals including BANES and North Somerset.

SDC will have a funding gap of £21/2 million due to Covid 19

147/20 Chairmans/Clerk report

Meeting noted a planning application for a 30 bed hotel and an extraordinary planning meeting will be held

148/20 Incident Log

Nothing new to report

149/20 To Discuss Remembrance Day services

Resolved: For the Chair to lay a wreath and the Parish Council to support the church in any further suggestions

150/20 To consider items to be put forward in the budget for 2021-2022

Suggestions included funding for a lollypop person

Cllr Hollis, Chalk, Mitchel and Harris with the RFO will bring budget proposals to be agreed at the next meeting

151/20 To consider initial proposals for using £10,000 received from SDC

Suggestions included funding for the village agent, removal of ash trees, use for post covid recovery for organisations, funding for youth worker, funding for shared office space. To be explored further

152/20 To consider how the Parish Council can facilitate shared office space

In the first instance, a note will be placed in the newsletter to establish demand. It is possible the Star room could be used in some form.

153/20 Matters of report and future business

Parking at the school in the morning

Signed:

Date: