

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

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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019 in Shipham Village hall at 7.30 p.m.**

**Present:** Iain Shaw ( in the chair), H Andrews, K Chalk, A Read, S Leader, K Hillis, C Mitchel and the clerk S Peake

**Also present:** Cllrs Taylor, Fineran and Methley

**Apologies:** Cllrs Riches, Tratt and Bisdee

There were no parishioners present

**96/19 Declarations of Interest**

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

**97/19 Parishioners Discussion Time**

There were no parishioners present

**98/19 Minutes of the last meetings held on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

Minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019 having been proposed by Cllr Leader and seconded by Cllr Read were declared correct and signed by the Chair

**99/19. Matters Arising from Minutes of 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

Meeting noted that the Shipham sign in Star has been straightened and the tubs on the green outside the Penscot have been tidied up.

Cllr Taylor reported the following:

- He has raised the problem with lorries along Longbottom with the quarry who are encouraging the lorries to only access Longbottom going up but will come down the other way. It was later noted by the meeting that this is a voluntary agreement. Cllr Taylor will also be approaching Mendip Wood Shavings. Chair will forward details of parishioner concerns to Cllr Read to respond to their concerns as Cllrs Read and Bisdee attended the quarry liaison meeting
- Improving Lives grants available

Cllr Methley identified problems with cyclists using Shipham Hill

**100/19 Planning:**

Clerk reported that the Folly Lane development has been withdrawn and permission has been granted for the Swan development.

**101/19 Finance**

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

(i)	<b>Accounts payable (1)</b>	
	Clerk wages	£323.70
	Office costs	£15.00
	Stamps	£7.32
	Paper and envelopes	£7.34

Colin Busby ( grass cutting)	£180.00
Royal British Legion ( wreaths)	£70.00
DJ Dors ( August)	£108.45
DJ Dors ( September)	£325.35
Sedgemoor CAB ( see later minutes)	£200.00

Cllr Leader left the room for item no 101/19 (ii)

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

(ii) <b>Accounts payable ( 2)</b>	
Simon Leader ( Burial Ground)	£135.00

### 102/19 Open Spaces

(i) **To discuss the problem of dog fouling in the village**

Meeting noted the ongoing problem caused by a minority of people and that signs generally do not work. Some investigation has been done regarding CCTV by the football club but this was not feasible. The dog warden has been contacted numerous times and has patrolled but in the absence of catching offenders has not been overly effective. A note could go again in the newsletter and further problems highlighted on social media.

Cllr Andrews advised that the trees from the Woodland Trust are to be delivered soon. Places to plant include the jubilee wood on the football field, the burial ground and the school.

### 103/19 Highways

The Clerk reported a parishioner had contacted the PC regarding speeding problems at Broadway. Cllr Chalk advised that Speedwatch can catch people at the top of Broadway from where Speedwatch are situated at the bottom of North Down Lane and will point the speedgun in that direction. The incident will be recorded on the Village incident log.

There are copper beech trees overhanging the Shipham sign in Star sign and the landowner will be contacted for permission to cut back.

The snow clearance contractor needs to be contacted for a price per hour.

### 104/19 Burial Ground

(i) **To consider works to the Burial Ground walls**

After some discussion meeting resolved to monitor the cracks with a view to action if they get any worse.

Clerk reported that works on the railings will be carried out in the New Year

### 105/19 Sedgemoor District Council Q & As

Cllrs Methley and Fineran reported the following:

- Some guidance and information for Brexit will be issued by SDC
- SDC are working on staffing levels to cope with the expected increase in queries
- SDC has declared Frack Free status
- SDC has declared a climate emergency and has employed a member so staff to review Council policies
- Bloor Homes north in Cheddar has been granted permission and it is unlikely that a Judicial Review would be successful

### 106/19 Chairmans/Clerks report

Chair reported that Cllr Andrews attended the Axbridge Blackberry Fair. Sarah Adams has resigned from the PC and the election process has been started.

Clerk highlighted planning training and SALC AGM

**107/19 Incident Log**

The incident reported at Broadway will be added

**108/19 To Revisit Social Housing**

Deferred to next meeting

**109/19 To Consider funding the be-friending scheme**

Chair to provide further information to the next meeting after contacting the Village Agent

**110/19 To consider a proposal to buy a strip of Parish council land**

A request had been received to buy a small piece of parish land. Clerk took some (free) legal advice and determined that any Parish Land can be sold but the key issue is that the land has to be sold at the best possible price which means it has to be marketed. The parish land is not registered at Land Registry as far as the clerk is aware so clerk will make a start in doing so.

Meeting resolved with regret not to sell the land as it is a community asset and it could lead to further requests for Parish Land.

**111/19 To discuss the new website accessibility requirements**

Deferred to next meeting

**112/19 To consider a donation to Citizens Advice Bureau**

Meeting noted that £200.00 had been allocated in the budget for CAB so resolved to make this donation

**113/19 To appoint a Parish council Trustee representative to the Village Hall Trust**

Cllr Hillis was nominated as representative to the Village Hall Trust and unanimously accepted.

**114/19 To consider applying for the Members improving Lives Grant fund**

Cllr Chalk proposed that an application be made to the Improving Lives Grant fund to make funds available for for the Village Agent to benefit parishioners, seconded by Cllr Andrews and unanimously carried.

**115/19 To consider a response to the Wedmore RLT3 application**

Members resolved to object to the RLT3 money going to Wedmore as it would not be of benefit to this part of the Cluster area and Wedmore have been allocated RLT3 funds previously.

**116/19 To agree a new signatory on the bank account**

Cllr Andrews proposed Cllr Read as a new signatory, seconded by Cllr Mitchell and carried.

**117/19 Matters of Report and Future Business**

**(i) To receive planning report from Cllr Hollis**

A report was received from Cllr Hollis. Meeting noted that responses should either object or support, a Village Design statement would be appropriate for Shipham and if Shipham had a Neighbourhood Plan, the Parish council would receive 25% of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

Cllr Andrews advised the meeting that a waterproof plug is needed for the Christmas Tree

**For Future Business:**

**Website Accessibility requirements**

**Social Housing**

**118/19 Date of Next Meeting**

**18<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

The meeting was closed at 9.00 p.m.

**Signed:**

**Date: 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

