

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

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19<sup>th</sup> November 2019

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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019 in Shipham Village hall at 7.30 p.m.**

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

**Apologies:** Cllrs K Hollis, N Bisdee, Cllr Fineran, Cllr Taylor, Cllr Methley  
There was 1 parishioner present

**119/19 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Leader declared a DPI on item no 124/19 (ii)

**120/19 Parishioners Discussion Time**

A parishioner presented plans that will be going into Sedgemoor imminently.

**121/19 Minutes of the last meetings held on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019**

Minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019 having been proposed by Cllr Andrews and seconded by Cllr Mitchel were declared correct and signed by the Chair.

**122/19 Matters Arising from Minutes of 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019**

Cllr Read reported that he had contacted the parishioners who had raised concerns regarding quarry lorries in Longbottom

**123/19 Planning:**

44/19/00014/CM; Erection of two storey extension to side ( south east) elevation and single storey detached garage/workshop at 11 Comrade Avenue, Shipham BS25 1TP for Mr and Miss Bundy and Bale.

Members resolved to object to this application on the following grounds

- Plans indicate an integral garage but the application refers to a detached garage
- There appears to be inadequate parking as parking spaces are being removed and not replaced in an area which already suffers from a lack of available parking

**124/19 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	£258.96
	Office costs	£15.00
	Shipham Village Hall Trust	£55.80
	Charlie Riches ( Autumn planting)	£65.00
	Colin Busby ( grasscutting)	£180.00

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

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

**125/19 Open Spaces**

- (i) **To Consider cutting back vegetation from the footpath from Fairhill to Hollow Road**  
Meeting resolved to have this cut back.
- (ii) **To consider buying all weather table tennis bats**  
Chair will confirm prices with parishioners.
- (iii) **To consider buying a weatherproof plug for the Christmas Tree**  
Members resolved to buy a weatherproof plug for the Christmas Tree for around £23.50.

The trees have arrived from the Woodland Trust. Various places were identified for planting. Chair will check with the football club and Cllr Chalk will check with the Village Hall Trust for available sites. The trees will be planted in the Jubilee wood and the school.

**126/19 Highways**

It was reported that a number of drains are blocked. Clerk advised that these should be reported directly to Somerset County Council

**127/19 Burial Ground**

The Burial Ground committee will meet to discuss a number of issues on the burial ground including replacing/repainting the back door of the Burial Ground store and cutting back a Hawthorn tree

**128/19 To receive a report from SDC councillors**

Cllr Riches reported that SDC precept is being set. The Internal Drainage Board will be requesting a substantial increase having a knock on effect on the setting of the precept.

The Climate Emergency taskforce will be setting up a website, consulting with businesses and looking to tackle climate change within SDC.

Meeting noted the new PCSO, Sarah Dobbs can be contacted via the Shipham Facebook page. The recent break-ins at a garage and a van in Gloversfield were discussed and maybe to be raised at the North East Cluster meeting especially with regard to the lack of PACT meetings.

**129/19 Chairmans/Clerks report**

Chair will get some dates together to discuss the budget ready for the December meeting.

There is someone who may be interested in being c-opted as a councillor and she will hopefully attend the next meeting.

**130/19 Incident Log**

An attempted break in at a garage in Gloversfield and the van broken into in the same road will be recorded

**131/19 To Revisit Social Housing**

A local person has contacted the chair with a view to speaking to Council regarding social housing. Deferred to next meeting

**132/19 To discuss the new website accessibility requirements**

A number of options to be explored as a new website is likely to be needed. Cllr Hollis will be asked for any contacts that may be able to help.

**133/19 To agree the application for the Members Improving Lives grant**

The grant has been finalised by the Chair and the Village Agent and previously circulated. Cllr Leader proposed that the grant application for £832.00 be forwarded to Cllr Taylor, seconded by Cllr Andrews and unanimously agreed. Meeting noted that the applications are on hold until after the election.

Meeting further noted that funding should be considered in the future via the precept.

**134/19 Matters of Report and Future Business**

**For Future Business:**

**Website Accessibility requirements**

**Social Housing**

**Budget and precept setting**

**135/19 Date of Next Meeting**

**16<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

The meeting was closed at 8.45 p.m.

**Signed:**

**Date: 16<sup>th</sup> December 2019**