

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

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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> December 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, K Hollis and the clerk S Peake

**Apologies:** Cllrs Riches and Methley

**Also Present:** Alan Starling and Chris Herbert from Aggregate industries.  
Alistair Allender from Elim Housing Association

There were 19 parishioners present

**136/19 Declarations of Interest**

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

**137/19 Parishioners Discussion Time**

Nothing raised.

**138/19 Minutes of the last meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

Minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019 having been proposed by Cllr Mitchel and seconded by Cllr Andrews were declared correct and signed by the Chair.

**139/19 Matters Arising from Minutes of 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

Nothing not on the agenda

**140/19 Planning:**

SCC/3674/2019: Variation of condition 8 ( hours of operation ) of planning permission 1/17/16/083 to allow the 24 hour operation of the secondary processing plant at Callow Rock Quarry for Aggregate Industries.

Meeting noted that the original quarry application had permission for 24 hr operation but the subsequent extension had not requested this and the quarry were seeking to reinstate it in order to have flexibility to meet urgent orders. A number of concerns were raised by parishioners particularly following the disruption and noise created by the extension.

Members resolved to send the following to Somerset County Council:

- There is no proven need for the proposed 24 hour operation given that in the past it hasn't been used and the quarry has plenty of flexibility to carry out works during the daytime hours.
- The extension has proved to be disruptive and detrimental in terms of noise to neighbours of the quarry and further noise and disturbance is not to be encouraged
- There appears to be other options for flexible working without recourse to a 24 hour

operation.

- Further concerns were raised as to the light pollution, extra traffic movements and disruption to wildlife.

The meeting at this point welcomed the PCSO Kim Wriston. Kim advised the meeting that 3 non-dwelling burglaries were reported in the last month in Shipham. It appears that this is an area-wide problem possibly due to dark nights and stealing to order. She confirmed that police would not attend a non-dwelling burglary.

Current problems of speeding through the village were sort of being addressed by attempting to curb the boy racers in Cheddar Gorge. Meetings have been held but the most recent without Somerset Highways who failed to attend. Longleat have also not been proactive in helping by managing Longleat owned car parks. Kim will also investigate when the police cameras will be attending in Shipham.

Meeting thanked Kim for attending.

44/19/00015/CM; Erection of dwelling on site of existing dwelling to be demolished at Gruffyground. Rowberrow Lane, Shipham, BS25 1SP for Mr Stretton-Pow

Members resolved to support this application on the grounds that it is an improvement to the plot.

44/19/00016/EC: Retrospective application for the alterations to access and excavation works at Great Hills, Longbottom, Shipham, BS25 1RN for Ms Green

Concerns were raised by parishioners and members resolved to send the following to SDC:

- No proven need to add a large hardstanding surface in the AONB. Cars can be parked in the smaller layby at the bottom of the drive.
- Visually detrimental to the area.
- Disproportionately large for car parking with HGVs permanently using the space.
- There are concerns regarding the stability/structural integrity of the development
- Gradient should be returned to its original form

Members also noted that HGVs are operating out of this site without a licence.

## 141/19 Finance

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

(i)	<b>Accounts payable (1)</b>	
	Clerk wages	£258.96
	Office costs	£12.00
	Mr A Andrews ( weatherproof plug)	£22.99
	Charlie Riches ( Newsletter)	£127.00
	DJ Dors ( Burial Ground)	£216.90
	Mrs M Hares ( electricity for Xmas lights)	£25.00
	Sally Hansford ( Christmas Tree)	£150.00

Cllr Leader left the room

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

- (ii) **Accounts payable ( 2)**  
Simon Leader (footpath) £30.00

Cllr Leader re-joined the meeting.

#### **142/19 Open Spaces**

- (i) **To consider buying all weather table tennis bats**

Cllr Andrews proposed the bats be bought, seconded by Cllr Read and unanimously carried.

#### **143/19 Highways**

Chair reported that a number of lorries had been spotted through the village and will put a note on social media for people to get a registration number and report to the police.

#### **144/19 Burial Ground**

Nothing to report this month

#### **145/19 To receive a report from SDC councillors**

Cllr Riches submitted a report highlighting the following:

- Wedmore have been awarded 50% of RLT3 funds
- SDC have approved the purchase of 33 new build dwellings to provide new rented homes
- Meeting with police regarding speeding and anti-social driving has taken place but Somerset Highways failed to attend. Figures from Highways suggested that there was no problem with speeding but the data was skewed as only taken in the day when there was less of an issue.

Cllr Fineran added the following:

- Corporate Scrutiny committee has been formed to examine the effectiveness of S106 enforcement
- Design and Design Principle documents have been deferred pending some anomalies to be addressed

The precept for the Internal Drainage Board has not yet been set.

#### **146/19 Chairmans/Clerks report**

Chair welcomed a potential co-optee to the meeting.

Chair would like to organise an informal drop in event for local people to get together over the Christmas period particularly those on their own. Although not on the agenda Cllr Hillis proposed that the Parish Council fund the cost of the hall to hire seconded by Cllr Mitchel and unanimously passed.

#### **147/19 Incident Log**

Nothing this year

#### **147/19 To approve the Budget for 2020-2021**

The chair went through the budget previously circulated explaining various items.

#### **148/19 To agree the precept**

Cllr Chalk proposed acceptance of the budget as presented and a precept increase of 2%, seconded by Cllr Andrews and carried unanimously. This puts the cost of the precept to £24.45 per year on a Band D property, up by 36 pence p.a.

#### **149/19 To Revisit Social Housing**

Mr Allender suggested shared ownership would be the best way forward in terms of affordable housing. The first step would be to identify a suitable plot which may be subject to a Rural Exception Site status which is sometimes the only route to getting planning permission. A Housing Needs survey would also be a good starting point to include the possible need for smaller properties. Meeting noted that S106 notices

and a local lettings policy should ensure any affordable housing would be allocated to local people.

Chair suggested forming a committee to push forward these ideas.

The meeting thanked Mr Allender for attending

**150/19 To discuss the new website accessibility requirements**

Deferred to next meeting

**151/19 To discuss the parish newsletter**

There have been some issues with fitting all the articles into the 4 pages but council felt that the newsletter needs to remain in its current form.

**152/19 Matters of Report and Future Business**

Cllr Hollis attended a Village Hall Trust meeting

The budget committee was thanked for their work on the budget

**For Future Business:**

The formation of Housing needs committee

To co-opt a new parish councillor

**153/19 Date of Next Meeting**

**20<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

The meeting was closed at 10.05 p.m.

**Signed:**

**Date: 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020**