

SHIPHAM PARISH COUNCIL

(Incorporating Rowberrow and Star)

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 20th MAY 2019 IN SHIPHAM VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30P.M

Refreshments were served before the meeting

Present: Councillors I Shaw (in the Chair),K Hillis, C Mitchel, K Chalk, S Leader, H Andrews, S Adams and P Tratt

Minutes were taken by the clerk, S Peake

Also present: Cllrs P Fineran and L Methley and the Village Agent, Kirsten Rushby
9 parishioners were present

Apologies were received from Councillors N Bisdee, C Riches and A Read.

Minutes of the meeting held on 7th June 2018

Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on 7th June 2018 were offered to all parishioners present and noted

The Chair welcomed Kirsten to the meeting who gave a presentation on the role of the village agent. In brief, the role is funded by GPs surgeries in Axbridge, Cheddar and Wedmore so some people in Shipham will slip through the net not being registered at these surgeries. Around 90% of the cases are that of the elderly and the rest largely those suffering mental health issues. Kirsten outlined the support she is able to give including finance and support in the home and took a number of questions from those present.

Open Spaces Report

The Open Spaces in the parish are in good shape and make a significant contribution to both the character of the village and village life. Thanks should go to those who look after the village greens and other parts of the parish: Colin Busby who keeps the grass trimmed around the village and Charlie and Barbara Riches for the floral displays enjoyed through the summer months . Thanks also go to Daneswood for very kindly taking over maintenance of the tubs at Templars Way.

The trees at Cuck Hill have been inspected and trimmed as appropriate and the fingerposts have been repaired and painted.

Burial Ground Report

Cllr Riches sent in a report highlighting that planting has been carried out in the new part of the cemetery and the beech bushes survived the drought of last year. A memorial bench has been placed in the new part and the doors to the cemetery shed have been replaced. The shed now contains the bier renovated by Mel Smith.

The gates and railings need renovating which will be the next project. The bin area remains a challenge with people ignoring requests for removing their plastic. There were 7 burial interments and 1 ashes interment. The Chair thanked Simon Leader and DJ Dors for keeping the Burial Ground in good order and also to Charlie Riches for all the tidying up undertaken.

Hannah Moore Trust

The Chair advised the Trust bequeathed gifts to 10 female parishioners of £30.00 in the village and the Chair outlined what the Hannah More Trust was. There is around £8000 remaining. It was noted that the village agent could nominate recipients.

Quarry Liaison Report

Cllr Tratt gave a quarry report. The quarry are pretty pro-active in dealing with complaints. The extension of the quarry is underway but sadly no mitigation was received to improve the transport links.

It was noted that although Callow Rock do not supply rock to Hinkley, they have fulfilled other contracts that Batts Coombe had.

Sedgemoor District Council Report

There are three new councillors for the Cheddar and Shipham Ward and Cllrs Fineran and Methley introduced themselves.

The Chair thanked Cllrs Downing, Hill and Savage for all their work on behalf of Shipham.

The issue of anti-social driving in the gorge and the village was raised and a letter is to be submitted to the Somerset County Councillor Nigel Taylor copied to the cabinet member for Highways and the Traffic Engineer for the area, to look into this issue as a matter of urgency.

Chairs report

The Chair explained council finances and noted that currently they were healthy.

Any Other Business

The Churchill and Langford minibus society are in desperate need of drivers.

The Chair thanked everyone for coming

The meeting finished at 8.35 p.m.